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# LET US ACT TO ENHANCE RESEARCH AND AWARENESS IN AGEING ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE

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## *IAGG Global Ageing Research Network*

With the support of the World Health Organization, IAGG launched the construction of a large network to foster scientific development of gerontology and geriatrics worldwide. The aim is to build an international research capacity in Ageing and to involve 500 Centres of Excellence dedicated to social gerontology, basic sciences and clinical gerontology.

Experts will be invited to:

- exchange information about all types of topics related to Ageing,
- set up contacts between all actors in these fields: specialists, academics, industry, health authorities, other scientific networks etc,
- be involved in highlighting the importance of Gerontology in the world.

The first milestone was reached in August 2010 with the identification of 1200 potential candidates. This work was provided by IAGG members: national scientific societies from each country, regional presidents and current collaborating centres. We take this opportunity to thank all those involved in this action.

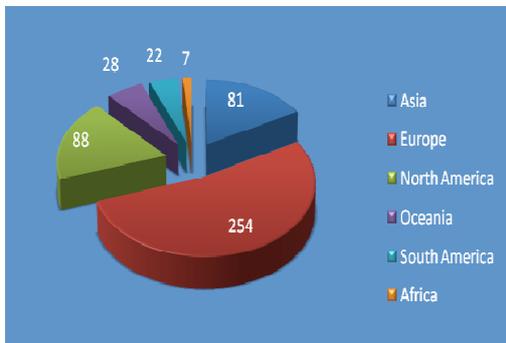
The 1200 potential candidates came from:

- Europe 634
- North America 385
- South America 30
- Asia/Oceania 151
- Africa 11

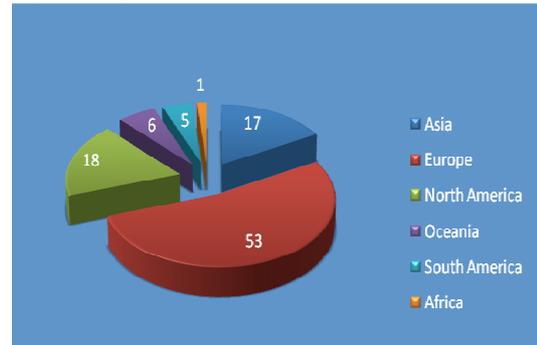
The validation process began in September 2010. To be fully eligible, the potential candidates were invited to register on a dedicated website (<http://www.celsius-exhibition.com/iagg>) and to complete a questionnaire to validate their expertise: details of their organization, works and publications were requested.

Today, we can announce having received a total of 480 registrations from six different regions:

In number



In percentage



For your information, we give you a short analysis (see page 4) of the questionnaires sent by Centres applying for Network membership. All these datas are now being recorded, sorted out, analysed etc.

Selection criteria are also being defined and once validated, the selection process will begin. A candidate can then be selected to become full member of the Network after final approval of the Scientific Committee. Of course, you will be informed of the global outcomes in our next Newsletter or through our website <http://www.iagg.info>.

Should other Centres want to become member of this Network, please address queries and candidacy to Constance de SEYNES ([seynes@cict.fr](mailto:seynes@cict.fr)) from our Executive Board Office.

In the meantime, we are happy to inform you that the IAGG Global Ageing Research Network will launch a series of International Research Conferences throughout the world. (For more details read page 3).



## ***IAGG's Research Network organizes its 1st International Conference on Sarcopenia Research (ICSR2011)***

The Research Network's first Conference will concern Sarcopenia research (ICSR2011) and will be organized on June 8-9, 2011 in Toulouse, France.

All aspects will be studied including biological, clinical, social sciences related to Sarcopenia research.

The International Conference on Sarcopenia Research (ICSR2011) will focus on:

- Biological aspects
- Animal models
- Preclinical studies
- Clinical trials
- Functional assessment
- Biomarkers and imaging
- New drug developments
- Physical exercises
- Nutrition intervention
- Epidemiology of Sarcopenia
- New treatments
- Social aspects

Keynote speakers will feature:

- Matteo CESARI (Toulouse, France)
- William EVANS (North Carolina, USA)
- Roger FIELDING (Boston, USA)
- Bret GOODPASTER (Pittsburgh, USA)
- John MORLEY (St Louis, USA)
- Marco PAHOR (Florida, USA)
- Yves ROLLAND (Toulouse, France)
- Stéphanie STUDENSKI (Pittsburgh, USA)
- Bruno VELLAS (Toulouse, France)

Abstracts:

You are invited to present oral communications or posters. You can submit your abstracts on-line at <http://icsr-sarcopenia.com/abstract.htm>

Deadline for abstract submission: May 1st, 2011.

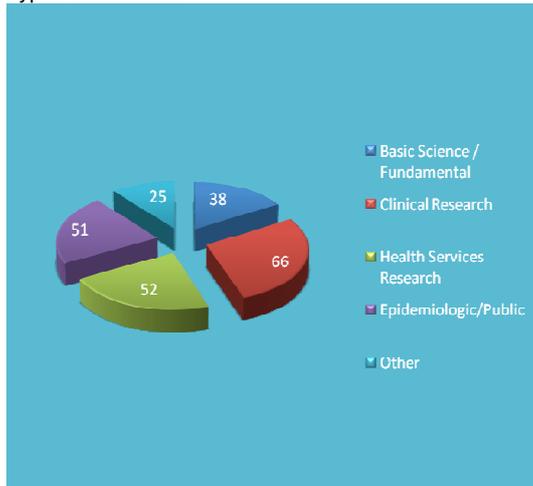
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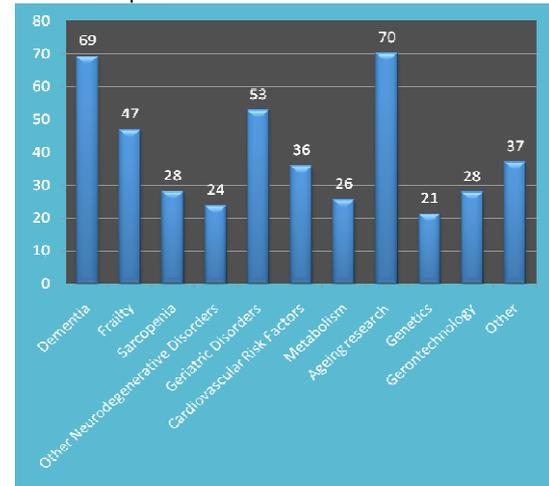
## QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS OF THE 480 CENTERS APPLYING FOR NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

➔ Investigations undergone by the Centres are dedicated to:

Types of research



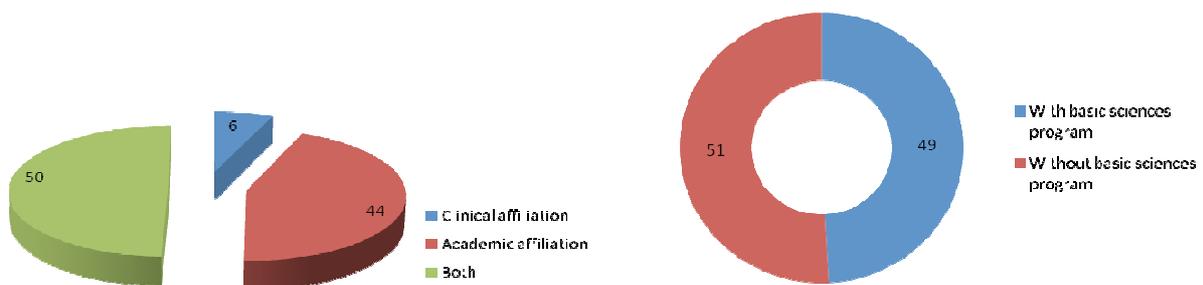
Research topics



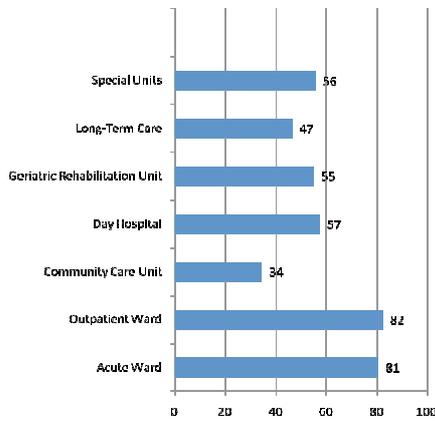
➔ Number of investigators reported in each Centre:

- ➔ on ongoing positions
  - less than 5 investigators (35%)
  - from 5 to 10 investigators (30%)
  - more than 10 investigators (34%)
  
- ➔ funded by specific projects
  - 1 to 3 investigators (30%)
  - 4 to 5 (21%)
  - more than 5 (39%)

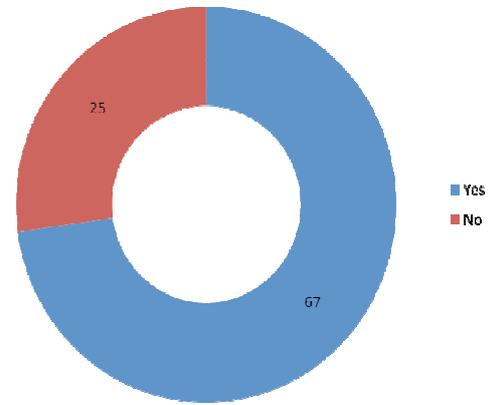
➔ Affiliations and programs reported by Centres:



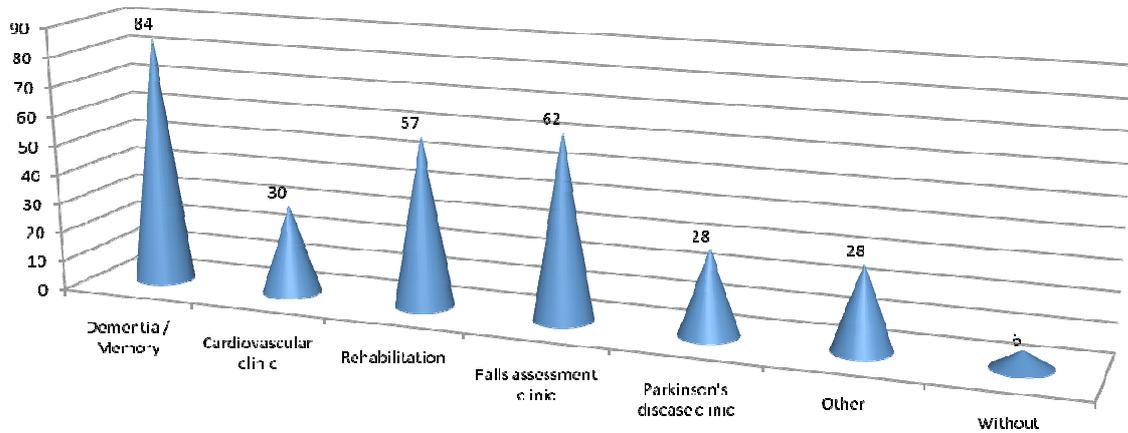
⇒ 221 Centres are affiliated to a Geriatric department and they manage:



⇒ Number of Centres that cooperate with supervising clinical trials:



⇒ 127 Centres detail their day hospital specificities:



⇒ Information related to the management of Centres:

- 85% of the Centres benefit from funded grants
- 82% of the Centres will shortly begin investigation projects
- 56% are existing national or government recognized medical research Centres
- 44% collaborate on trials funded by pharmaceutical companies



## *IAGG Global Social Initiative on Ageing*

The IAGG Executive Committee is proud to announce the creation of the Global Social Initiative on Ageing (GSIA). IAGG's North American Chair, Norah KEATING, has accepted to conduct this group and to lead its actions.

As a new activity of IAGG, GSIA's mission is to foster collaborative, trans-national approaches to the creation and transfer of knowledge at the intersections of global trends and population ageing. The GSIA will address critical challenges arising from these global trends including:

- The sustainability of older rural populations who face increased poverty and out-migration of young people arising from the impact of climate change.
- The ability of families to sustain intergenerational support in the face of poverty, pandemics, and changing family structures and beliefs.
- Global shifts in world economies toward the individualization of risk that have led to increasing income disparities, older adults who are left behind in migratory transitions, and widening north-south divides.
- The erosion or absence of social welfare provisions that have resulted in increasing social and economic costs of care.

A Strategic Planning meeting was held on March 29-31, 2011 at the Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. Its purpose is to launch the GSIA and to create an international research agenda and implementation plan. This invited meeting got together twelve world-renowned social scientists from sociology, social policy, social welfare, family studies, human ecology, political science, demography and human geography.

Twelve members of the Strategic Planning Council at the Edmonton meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
(Missing from the photo: Isabella ABODERIN who joined by Skype telephone call)



Members of the GSIA Strategic Planning Council are:

Norah **Keating** is Professor and Co-director, Research on Aging, Policies and Practice, University of Alberta. Chair of the North American Region of IAGG and mentor to the International Council of Gerontology Student Organizations (ICGSO), she conducts national and trans-national research on social exclusion of older adults, family relationships and care.

Isabella **Aboderin** is Senior Research Fellow, Oxford Institute of Ageing and co-coordinator, African Research on Ageing Network. She is Regional Chair for Africa of the IAGG and conducts research on ageing, health, intergenerational relationships and development in sub-Saharan Africa.

Heung Bong **Cha** is President-elect, IAGG. He is a former Minister of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea; and Dean, Faculty of Social Welfare, Hallym University. He is known for his leadership in planning for social needs of ageing populations.

Peng **Du** is Director and Professor of the Gerontology Institute, Renmin University. He is Vice-President, China Gerontological Society; Chair, Asia/Oceania Region, IAGG; and board member, UN International Institute on Ageing and HelpAge International. He conducts research on demography of ageing in China.

Xiao Tian **Feng** is Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Nanjing University. He conducts research on the impact of China's one-child policy on intergenerational family relationships.

Monica **Ferreira** is President, International Longevity Centre-South Africa, Cape Town University. She is director, Age Consult Africa, and board member of the African Research on Ageing Network. She conducts research on development agendas, ageing policies and poverty among older adults in Africa.

Gyounghae **Han**, is Professor and Director, Translational Gerontology & Retirement Research Center, Seoul National University. She is past-President, Korea Association of Family Relations, and conducts research on family relationships and support in Asia.

Hal **Kendig** is Research Professor, University of Sydney and Chief Investigator, Centre of Research Excellence on Population Ageing. Dr. Kendig serves on the Editorial Boards of Ageing and Society and the Journal of Population Ageing and leads an international program of research on productive ageing.

Ariela **Lowenstein** is Professor and Head, Center for Research and Study of Aging, Faculty of Welfare, University of Haifa. She chairs an advisory committee to the Ministry of Senior Citizens, is board member of the International Federation on Aging and conducts research on global aging and families.

Anita Liberalesso **Neri** is Professor of Gerontology and Psychology, Faculty of Medical Sciences and Faculty of Education, State University of Campinas, Brazil. She conducts a national research on frailty in older adults, with a main focus on socioeconomic and psychological variables.

Judith **Phillips** is Professor of Gerontology and Social Work, Swansea University, She is co-director, Ageing Research and Development Network; past-president, British Society of Gerontology; and series editor for Ageing across the Lifecourse. She directs a program of research on employment and care.

Merril **Silverstein** is Professor of Gerontology and Sociology, University of Southern California and Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences. He is Principal Investigator, Longitudinal Study of Generations, and conducts research on international perspectives on aging families.

Sue **Yeandle** is Professor of Sociology and Co-Director, Centre of International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities, University of Leeds. She conducts policy research on support needed by carers of working age and has expertise in engaging post-graduate students in international programs of research.

We wish them all the best for the future.



## *1st IAGG International Intensive Course on Ageing*

The 1<sup>st</sup> Intensive Course on Ageing will be organized on June 30th and July 1st, 2011 in Barcelona, Spain, under the auspices of the IAGG. Internationally recognized specialists will share their knowledge on topics on main aspects of social gerontology, biological aging and clinical gerontology.

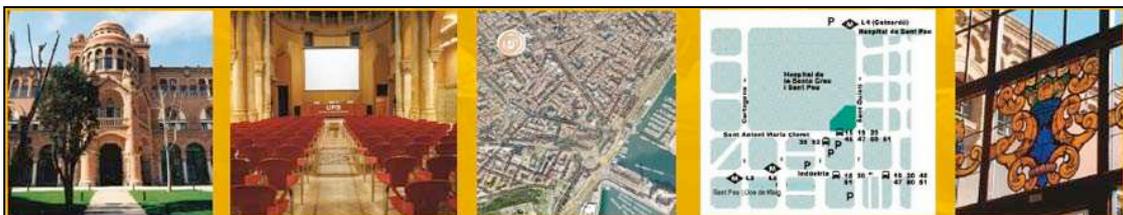
We will welcome the following Course Directors:

- Jaime FITTEN (USA), Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the David Geffen School of Medicine of the University of California (UCLA) in Los Angeles, and Director of Geriatric Psychiatry at the Greater Los Angeles (GLA) Veterans Administration, Sepulveda.
- Norah KEATING (Canada), Professor and Co-director of Research on Aging, Policies and Practice at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.
- Antoni SALVA (Spain), Director of the Institut de l'Envel·liment of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- Alan SINCLAIR (UK), Professor of Medicine, Director of the Institute of Diabetes for Older People (IDOP) at the University of Bedfordshire.
- Bruno VELLAS (France), Professor of Medicine, Chief Department of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Chief of Alzheimer's Disease Clinical Research Centre at the Toulouse University Hospital, and President of the International Association for Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG).

Regularly updated, you can go to the dedicated [website](#) to

- view the preliminary program
- obtain information on the event and on Barcelona
- [register directly](#)
- keep contact with the organizers
- make hotel bookings at a special rate

In the meantime, feel free to disseminate the information to your fellow colleagues, members of organizations, students etc.





The preliminary program of the 1st Intensive Course on Ageing will feature:

<b>June 30, 2011</b>		<b>Alzheimer's disease: from basic science to quality of life</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
Session 1.1	Treatment for Alzheimer's disease. What's new ?		Pr Bruno Vellas (Toulouse, France)
Session 1.2	Biomarkers in AD		Pr Teresa Gómez Isla (Barcelona, Spain)
Session 1.3	Management of behaviour disorders in long-term care		Pr Jaime Fitten (Los Angeles, USA)
Session 1.4	Support the autonomy and wellbeing of dementia patients in long-term care		Pr Norah Keating (Vancouver, Canada)
		<b>Alzheimer's disease: from basic science to quality of life</b>	
Workshop 1.1	Psycho-social interventions in dementia		Pr Norah Keating (Vancouver, Canada)
Workshop 1.2	Preventive trial in AD		Pr Sandrine Andrieu (Toulouse, France)
		<b>Nutrition and ageing</b>	
Session 2.1	Psycho-social interventions to decrease risk of malnutrition		Pr Jean-Pierre Poulain (Toulouse, France)
Session 2.2	Vitamin D: implications in geriatrics		Pr Heike Bischoff-Ferrari (Zurich, Switzerland)
Session 2.3	Obesity and ageing		Pr Patrick Ritz (Toulouse, France)
		<b>Nutrition and ageing</b>	
Workshop 2.1	Managing CV risk in nursing homes		Pr Athanase Benetos (Nancy, France)
Workshop 2.2	Caloric restriction in ageing		Pr Patrick Ritz (Toulouse, France)

<b>July 1st, 2011</b>		<b>Frailty</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
Session 3.1	Gerontechnology: moving from disease to function paradigms		Pr Alain Franco (Nice, France)
Session 3.2	Sarcopenia		Pr Yves Rolland (Toulouse, France)
Session 3.3	Diabetes and Frailty: how are these related and what interventions are available?		Pr Alan Sinclair (Bedfordshire, UK)
		<b>Frailty</b>	
Workshop 3.1	Frailty vs active ageing		Pr Alan Sinclair (Bedfordshire, UK)
Workshop 3.2	Diagnosing sarcopenia and frailty		Pr Yves Rolland (Toulouse, France)
		<b>Metabolic &amp; cardiovascular diseases</b>	
Session 4.1	Prescribing physical activity for older persons		Pr Daniel Rivière (Toulouse, France)
Session 4.2	Epidemiology and pathogenesis of diabetes in older people		Pr Alan Sinclair (Bedfordshire, UK)
		<b>Metabolic &amp; cardiovascular diseases</b>	
Workshop 4.1	Basic science		Pr Angelo Parini (Toulouse, France)
Workshop 4.2	Diabetes management: the place of insulin, oral hypoglycemic agents and new drugs		Pr Alan Sinclair (Bedfordshire, UK) Pr H�el�ene Hanaire (Toulouse, France)



## **The IAGG / WHO / SFGG Workshops**

As you are already aware, in 2009 [IAGG](#), [WHO \(World Health Organization\)](#) and [SFGG \(French Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology\)](#) decided to join efforts for the organization of four different international workshops in the next 4 years involving major age-related issues.

### **Workshop n°1 in Toulouse, France**

A 1st meeting took place in Toulouse on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 dedicated to the “Identification of the main relevant domains for clinical research and quality of care in nursing homes”. It was chaired by Professor John MORLEY of St Louis (USA) and Professor Yves ROLLAND of Toulouse (France). The meeting drew on the latest evidence and mindful of the international development agenda and specific regional challenge. Consensus was sought on priority actions and future research. The resulting recommendations have been published in an article in the March 2011 issue of the JAMDA. Another outcome concerned the development of a certificate in nursing home care based on these recommendations made by a group of 30 experts. See our article on page 11 related to the Course organized in Hong Kong on May 4-5, 2011 and Chengdu in China on May 5-7, 2011.

### **Workshop n°2 in Geneva, Switzerland**

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, a group of ten international experts and fifteen observers got together at the WHO headquarters in Geneva. They were welcomed by John BEARD, Director of the Department of Ageing and Life Course (ALC), and Director (ad interim) of the Department of Gender and Women's Health, within the World Health Organization.

Attendees worked to define recommendations on “**Health promotion program on prevention of late onset dementia**”. They took into account the large intervention studies that are currently undergone and the related findings recently announced. The prevention of late dementia being multidomain, the topics dealt with different aspects such as social, physical and cognitive activities.

Chaired by Laura FRATIGLIONI, Director of the Aging Research Center at the Karolinska Institutet of Stockholm, Sweden, the participants presented their works entitled:

*“State of the art of life-course epidemiology in dementia” by Laura FRATIGLIONI (Sweden)*

*“The global burden of dementia worldwide” by Peng DU (China)*

*“Why life-course epidemiology is a barrier to randomized prevention trials set-up” by Sandrine ANDRIEU (France)*

*“Lessons from therapeutic preventive trials (Adapt, GEM)” by Lon SCHNEIDER (USA)*

*“Moving from randomized trial to public health intervention” by José LUCHSINGER (USA)*

*“Implementation Research and Innovation in Public Health” by Deborah GUSTAFSON (Sweden)*

*“Multidomain intervention: Finger Study” by Alina SOLOMON (Sweden)*

*“Multidomain intervention: MAPT Study” by Bruno VELLAS (France)*

*“Post-stroke dementia prevention - a strategy worth pursuing?” by Michael BRAININ (Austria)*

*“Patient Registry and Worldwide Preventive Initiative” by Ara KACHATURIAN (USA)*

You can read the related articles on the IAGG [website](#). The final recommendations will be distributed to IAGG members, WHO networks, UN organizations and national health authorities. A large distribution will be ensured by IAGG, so that all around the world you can make the most of this high level work.

We take this opportunity to thank once again John BEARD and the WHO teams, as well as the workshop guests for their involvement. All accepted to give their time, their energy and their expertise for the benefit of all, making this event rewarding and enlightening.

### **Workshop n°3 in Athens, Greece**

The third international encounter will be dedicated to “**Promoting access to innovation and clinical research for frail old persons**”. The work will include social innovation, such as home program and technology innovation, such as biomarkers. This workshop is scheduled on January 12, 2012 and more information will be given later.

### **Workshop n°4 in Cape Town, South Africa**

To treat the important issue of “**Human rights for older persons**”, Cape Town, South Africa was chosen by our Executive Committee to welcome the last IAGG Workshop. Programmed in October 2012, this event will help understand and raise awareness of the need for a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. It has become a reality today and a challenge for tomorrow.



IAGG’s Master Class on Ageing aims to train geriatricians to develop their research potentials. The 3-day course is planned on November 22-24, 2011 at the Taipei Chien Tan Activity Centre. Eight international tutors have accepted to transmit their know-how:

	<b>ALAIN FRANCO</b> VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS.		<b>HIDENORI ARAI</b> PROFESSOR, KYOTO UNIVERSITY, JAPAN.
	<b>BRUNO VELLAS</b> PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS.		<b>JEAN-PIERRE MICHEL</b> PRESIDENT, EUROPEAN UNION GERIATRIC MEDICINE SOCIETY.
	<b>LIANG-KUNG CHEN</b> CHAIRMAN, ASIA PACIFIC LEAGUE OF CLINICAL GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS.		<b>JOHN BEARD</b> DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF AGEING AND LIFE COURSE, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.
	<b>KYUNG-HWAN CHO</b> PROFESSOR, DIVISION OF GERIATRICS, DEPT. OF FAMILY MEDICINE, KOREA UNIVERSITY, SEOUL, KOREA.		<b>PIU CHAN</b> PROFESSOR, XUANWA HOSPITAL OF CAPITAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY.

You can upload the program for more details on the IAGG website or at <http://www.aplccg.org/mca>



## ***IAGG collaborates in two Nursing Home Care Conferences in Asia***



### **Prince of Wales Hospital in Hong Kong on May 4-5, 2011**

The IAGG, in association with the S. H. Ho Centre for Gerontology & Geriatrics of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the Shatin Hospital will organize an international conference on Institutional Care of Older Adults. This event is scheduled on May 4-5, 2011 at the 1/F Auditorium of the Prince of Wales Hospital (New Block), Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong. It aims to pilot the international certificate in nursing home care to be developed based on the recommendations of the IAGG/WHO Workshop n°1 on nursing homes held in Toulouse, France in June 2010. International speakers such as Prof John MORLEY (St Louis), Prof Debbie TOLSON (Glasgow, UK) and Prof Matteo CESARI (Toulouse, France) have been invited to share their experience and know-how.

Participants will include: Administrators, nurses, physicians, and staff involved in elderly care in the institutional setting.

#### **OUTCOMES**

1. To increase awareness of the importance of quality nursing home care;
2. To improve esteem of persons working in nursing homes;
3. To increase knowledge of those in nursing home leadership positions;
4. To help develop an international network of potential nursing home researchers;
5. To foster interdisciplinary interactions between workers in the nursing home.

#### **CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

A 16-hour course held during two full days, with lectures given both by international and local experts

1. IAGG recommendations
2. Administrative issues
3. Continuous Quality Improvement
4. Common clinical care issues
5. Ethical issues

Registration deadline: April 21, 2011

For more details please contact Ms Dora PANG of the S. H. Ho Centre for Gerontology and Geriatrics

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### West China Hospital in Chengdu, China on May 5-7, 2011

The West China Hospital, situated in Chengdu, will host the second Course. Organized by the IAGG and the West China Medical School, will feature speakers such as: Prof. Birong DONG (Sichuan University, China), Prof. Biao CHEN (Capital University, China), Prof Kazuko ISHIGAKI (Chiba University, Japan), Prof John MORLEY (St Louis), Prof Debbie TOLSON (Glasgow, UK), Prof Matteo CESARI (Toulouse, France) and many others. They will give lectures and make presentations on updated research issues that will concern:

- Development and Management of Nursing Home - an International Point of View
- Recognizing and Managing Geriatric Syndrome
- Focus on Clinical Problems in Elderly

See the latest program on our [website](#)



### IAGG's 3rd Executive Committee meets at WHO headquarters

The ten members of the Executive Committee got together on January 12, 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland to work on IAGG's actions and perspectives.



Left to right: Sung-Jae CHOI (Seoul 2013 Organizing Committee), Isabella ABODERIN (Africa Regional Chair), Heung Bong CHA (President Elect), Renato GUIMARAES (Past President), Bruno VELLAS (President), Athanase BENETOS (Treasurer), Jean-Pierre BAEYENS (Europe Regional Chair), Norah KEATING (North America Regional Chair), Alain FRANCO (Secretary General & Vice-President), Fernando GOMEZ (South America & Carribean Regional Chair). Missing from the photo: Peng DU (Asia/Oceania Regional Chair).



## *An award for Human Rights*



IAGG's International Coordinator for the United Nations, Ms Laura MACHADO received the Prize Award on Human Rights from Brazilian President LULA and from Minister of Human Rights, Maria do Rosario in recognition of her major work to promote the rights of old people in Brazil and outside. The ceremony was held on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Presidential Palace in Brasilia. It was attended by almost all Ministers of State including the past Minister of Human Rights, Paulo Vanucchi, the current Minister of Health, Jose Gomes Temporão and the Secretary of Human Rights, Lena Peres. IAGG's Past-President Dr. Renato Maia GUIMARAES represented our organization during this event. We are happy that today Ms MACHADO leads and coordinates a team of NGOs to promote a future Convention on the Rights of Older Persons within the United Nations. We take this opportunity to congratulate her for her global involvement towards human rights, her country and IAGG.



## *News from INPEA (IAGG Standing Committee)*

**The INPEA** (International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse) organizes the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual INPEA International Commemoration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**. The event will be held on June 17, 2011 at the Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, UK EC2A 2HS. Conference program and registration will be coming soon.

For further information, please contact INPEA SECRETARIAT  
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## IAGG NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

(By country, in alphabetical order)



**ARGENTINA - April 6 - 9,**

**2011:** The VIth Latin American and Caribbean congress (COMLAT) will take place at the Panamericano Buenos Aires Hotel and Resort. This event is organized by the Sociedad Argentina de Gerontología y Geriatria for its 60th anniversary.

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**AUSTRALIA - October 23 - 27, 2011:** The

Australian Association of Gerontology will host IAGG's 9th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Focus will be made on "Ageing well together: regional perspectives". More than 1200 delegates are expected to attend: researchers, practitioners, academics and policy makers, working within the field of ageing.

Call for abstracts (oral papers and posters): Closing February 15, 2010  
Registrations open: May 2010

**Contact:** [info@ageing2011.com](mailto:info@ageing2011.com) **Website:** <http://www.ageing2011.com>



**CANADA - April 14 - 16, 2011:** The 31st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Geriatrics Society will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel of Vancouver. Highlights will include:

- active international participation from Pacific Rim countries
- educational and networking opportunities through keynote presentations, plenary lectures, symposia, interactive workshops, and panel discussions.

**Contact:** [cpd.info@ubc.ca](mailto:cpd.info@ubc.ca)

**Website:**

[http://www.ubccpd.ca/Events/CPD\\_Conferences/Canadian\\_Geriatrics\\_Society\\_31st\\_Annual\\_Scientific\\_Meeting.htm](http://www.ubccpd.ca/Events/CPD_Conferences/Canadian_Geriatrics_Society_31st_Annual_Scientific_Meeting.htm)



**IAGG PAN American Congress 2011**  
 New Directions For Aging  
 Ottawa, Canada  
 October 21-23, 2011

**CANADA - October 21 - 23,**

**2011:** The 4th PanAmerican Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics will take place at the Ottawa Westin Hotel, Ottawa. Organized by the Canadian Association on Gerontology, it will be dedicated to “New directions for Ageing”. More information will be available soon.

All abstract submissions deadline (symposia and presentation): April 30, 2011

**Contact:** [cag2011@bruyere.org](mailto:cag2011@bruyere.org)    **Website:** <http://www.tafeta.ca/cagpanam.html>



21st NORDIC CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY

June 10 -13, 2012  
 Copenhagen, Denmark

**DENMARK - June 10 - 13, 2012:**

The 21st Nordic Congress of Gerontology is organized by the Danish Society of Gerontology and the Danish Society of Geriatrics in Copenhagen and is entitled “Dilemmas in Ageing Societies”.

The congress theme points to challenges of aging societies and questions that arise from theory and empirical studies about aging and older people’s lives. Main dates:

- Call for symposium proposals: Open
- Deadline for symposium proposals: May 1, 2011
- Abstract submission opens: June, 2011
- Abstract submission deadline: January 31, 2012
- Notice of acceptance: March 15, 2012
- Registration opens: June, 2011
- Early registration deadline: April 10, 2012

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**ESTONIA** - Doctor Jelena LEIBUR was recently elected President of the Estonian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (EGGA). We take this opportunity to thank Past President Dr Kai SAKS, for her involvement and to congratulate Dr LEIBUR for accepting this new task IAGG’s Executive Committee looks forward to working with her and her team to promote Gerontology and Geriatrics in her country and worldwide.

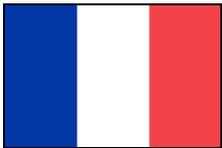
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**EUROPE - April 14 - 17, 2011:**

The 7th IAGG European Regional congress will be held in Bologna, Italy. This year's theme will be "Healthy and active ageing for all Europeans". The congress will provide a unique opportunity for scientific interdisciplinary dialogue among experts in biological, biomedical, chemical, clinical, engineering, nursing, psychology, social sciences, public health and policy.

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**FRANCE - October 4-6, 2011:**

The French Society of Geriatrics & Gerontology organizes its 31st annual scientific meeting, the JASGFF, at the CNIT in Paris, the heart of Europe's biggest business district.

Deadline for abstract submission (oral communications & posters): May 31, 2011  
Deadline for registration at special rate: July 31, 2011  
Deadline for hotel reservation: July 31, 2011

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**AUSTRALIA - October 23 - 27, 2011:**

The Australian Association of Gerontology will host IAGG's 9th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Focus will be made on "Ageing well together: regional perspectives". More than 1200 delegates are expected to attend: researchers, practitioners, academics and policy makers, working within the field of ageing.

Call for abstracts (oral papers and posters): Closing February 15, 2010  
Registrations open: May 2010

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**NETHERLANDS - June 26 - 29, 2011: ISG-ISARC2012:**

The 8th World Conference of Gerontechnology will be organized by the International Society for Gerontechnology (ISG). Held jointly with the International Symposium for Automation and Robotics in Construction (ISARC), it will take place at the Eindhoven University of Technology. The conference aims at work, leisure and robotics for the aging to answer the question “Who is afraid of aging?” and participation will include engineers, architects, ICT experts, computer scientists, gerontologists, health care providers, social service professionals, leisure and recreation specialists, planners, housing developers and managers, as well as people responsible for purchasing decisions in aging-related industries such as assisted living, care facilities and hospitals.

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**KOREA - June 23 - 27, 2013: IAGG's next 20<sup>th</sup> World Congress**

will be hosted by Korea. The IAGG Council has validated its choice for the organization of this event that will take place at the Seoul Convention and Exhibition Centre. Facing the challenges of global aging and the increasing need for digitalization, the organizing committee led by Professor Heung Bong CHA, has chosen “Digital Aging: New Horizon for Health Care and Active Aging” as the main theme for the Congress. We wish them all our best for a successful organization.

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**TURKEY - April 1 - 4, 2011:**

The Turkish Geriatrics Society will organize its 5th National Congress of Elderly Health “Turk Geriatric 2012” at the Spice Hotel of Antalya.

**Website:** <http://www.turkgeriatri2012.org> (currently under construction)



**UNITED STATES - July 2017:**

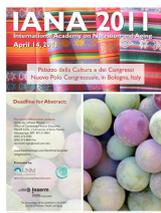
As member of IAGG's North America Region, the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) presented a bid to host IAGG's 21st World Congress in San Francisco, USA. The Council voted unanimously in favour of this candidacy in view of GSA's long experience in organizing major events and of the city's important conference facilities. The theme of this future milestone will be “Global Aging and Health: Bridging Science, Policy, and Practice”. Best wishes to the organizing committee...

**Website:** <http://www.geron.org>



## NEWS OF OTHER WORLDWIDE EVENTS

(in chronological order)



**April 14, 2011 - Bologna, Italy:** The 6th meeting of the International Academy on Nutrition and Aging will be held at the Palazzo della Cultura e dei Congressi, Nuovo Polo Congressuale, in Bologna, Italy. More information will come soon.

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**May 4-6, 2011 - Auckland, New Zealand:** the ANZSGM Annual Scientific Meeting 2011 will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and will concern issues on dealing with “Pathways to learning”. Keynotes speakers will include:

- Prof. Stephanie Studenski (Pittsburgh, USA) who will speak about one of our core topics: staying upright and keeping moving
- Prof. Tim Wilkinson (Christchurch, New Zealand) who will present: principals of adult learning, how to apply them and how we can teach ‘on the run’
- Prof. Stephen Illiffe (London, UK) who will talk on dementia, particularly from a community and primary care perspective.

Call for Abstracts: Closes on 28th January 2011  
Registration: Opens on 12th November 2010

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**June 5-8, 2011 - Toronto, Canada:** FICCDAT 2011, the Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology will bring together six important and different conferences all focused on enhancing the lives of seniors, persons with disabilities and their family caregiver. During the four days, rehabilitation, social and health service providers, government policy makers, researchers, family caregivers, students, seniors and persons with disabilities from around the world will gather to explore issues facing aging populations, the implication for healthcare systems and service providers, the roles and responsibilities of each actor and how new research findings and technologies are leading to new and practical solutions.

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**May 28 - June 1, 2012 - Prague, Czech Republic:** The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) will organize its 11th Global Conference on Ageing from May 28th to June 1st 2012 in Prague, Czech Republic. The conference will be held under the auspices of the Dagmar and Václav Havel Foundation VIZE 97 and will treat 5 main themes:

- Older Persons and Development
- Advancing Health and Well-being into Old Age
- Ensuring Enabling and Supportive Environments
- Connected Technologies
- Documentaries on Ageing

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## **ABOUT IAGG: A QUESTION ? AN ANSWER**

### ***How many persons can represent a member-organization at the IAGG Council?***

According to Article 14 of the IAGG By-Laws

a) Council members are designated by each member-organization in good standing according to the following system: representative(s)

Organizations having:

- from 50 to 500 members - 1 representative
- from 501 to 1500 " - 2 representatives
- from 1501 to 2500 " - 3 representatives
- from 2501 to 4000 " - 4 representatives
- from 4001 to 6000 " - 5 representatives
- from 6001 to 8000 " - 6 representatives
- from 8001 to 10,000 " - 7 representatives

No country can have more than 10 council members, independently of the numbers of society's members of IAGG in his country. The responsibility of the distribution of the council members between the different societies is the responsibility of these societies of the country.



## OUR WEBSITE

<http://www.iagg.info> is dedicated to our Organization's activities, actions, news etc.



We would like this tool to become the showcase of our involvement in Gerontology and Geriatrics throughout the world. For this reason, we should communicate, participate, share, support actions and experiences. So, as actors of IAGG, please feel free to send information that you think would interest our international community. It will be a pleasure to insert it on our website.

It should also reflect the current set-up of our Organization. So IAGG members should update membership data as regularly as possible. To be fully proactive, you can send texts in a ".doc" format, attached documents in a ".pdf" version and photos/logos in a ".jpeg" extension.



## REMINDER FOR ALL IAGG NATIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

In order to keep contact with your organization and to communicate efficiently with you, please do not forget to update the information related to your membership (name of council member(s), name of contact, e-mail & postal addresses, phone number & fax)

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