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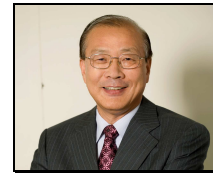
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Editorial from Professor Heung-Bong CHA



Population ageing is one of the most critical issues that many nations, particularly those in Asia, are facing today. It is accompanied with overwhelming health, social and economic problems. As fertility and mortality rates continue to drop and population grows old, many countries in the region are forced to re-examine their key social and economic policies. In addition to this critical issue, filial resources on which Asian elderly traditionally relied in old age has become uncertain in many sub-regions of Asia, as extended family networks wane and more modern ideas about marriage and family, and individualism take hold. Only a small number of developing nations in Asia currently have institutions to which the older persons can turn for support.

Reforming policies and creating new programs to address these immense challenges is a huge undertaking. The consequence of taking up the challenge will have a significant impact not only on the wellbeing of the nations in Asia with a half of the world's population, but also on that of other nations of the world.

The Madrid Declaration which was adopted in the United Nations World Assembly on Ageing in 2002 in Madrid pointed out critical needs to commit ourselves to promote cooperation among all nations to enhance the quality of life of older people, particularly that of the older persons of developing nations. To this end, the declaration emphasized the importance of international research on ageing and age-related issues as an instrument for the formulation of policies on ageing.

In compliance with the spirit and principles prescribed in the declaration, we are organizing for the next IAGG World Congress in Asia, professionally rewarding scientific programs which address the aforementioned critical needs of old persons of developing nations, as well as developed ones. The next IAGG World Congress will be the second World Congress held in Asia 35 years after the 11th Congress held in 1978 in Tokyo, Japan. Significant changes have taken place during this period in the region and the world, and in the areas of gerontology and geriatrics.

The 20th IAGG World Congress is to be held during June 23-27, 2013, Seoul, Korea. In consideration of the growing challenge of population ageing in the world, particularly in its developing nations, holding the World Congress in Korea, which has experienced transition from a developing nation to a developed one during the last half century, would have special implications for gerontologists and geriatricians.

The theme for the 2013 IAGG World Congress 'Digital Aging: A New Horizon for Health Care and Active Aging' is chosen to emphasize the international relevance and significance of health care and active aging for old persons. Many of the older people with such problems fall behind of younger generations in utilizing information, new knowledge and resources needed to improve their health and quality of life, to reduce gaps in using resources, and to facilitate worldwide communication in the globalized socio-economic environment. The theme for the Congress symbolizes the growing concern for providing these indispensable conditions for the older people. I believe this concern is directly associated with active aging which promotes the healthy lifestyle of older people.

I expect that researchers in biology, medicine, and social and behavioural sciences from all over the world will present at the 2013 World Congress their scientific findings in gerontology and geriatrics which can be shared by participants from all regions of the world. Your active participation in the exchange of ideas and information and in networking with people from different countries and disciplines will advance our personal knowledge and the fields of gerontology and geriatrics. I sincerely hope all of you will be able to join us at the 20th IAGG World Congress in Seoul. I look forward to having valuable exchanges with you on 'Aging and Digitalization' along with many other important issues of our common concern.

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Korea will organize IAGG's 20th World Congress on June 23-27, 2013 at the Seoul Convention and Exhibition Centre. The main theme of the congress, "Digital Ageing: A New Horizon for Health Care and Active Ageing". The importance of research findings on Biological Science, Health Science and Geriatric Medicine, Behavioural and Social Sciences, Social Research, Policy and Practices will be highlighted throughout the congress.

Keynote lectures will handle topics covering hot issues and major concerns in ageing societies:

- Health care through gerontechnology • Informatization and digital divide in ageing society •
- Mental health issues in old age: coping against increasing burden of dementia and suicide •
 - Population ageing issues in developing countries • Stem cell in ageing • Anti-ageing •
- Changes in family structure and care of older persons • Active ageing and the third age •

The scientific program will be organized with a variety of other academic events:

- Presidential & submitted symposia
- Oral paper & poster sessions
- Satellite symposia sponsored by industries
- Award lectures
- Workshops, roundtables and other special sessions.

A call for submitted symposia has been launched on September 1st, 2011. To upload the related guidelines, to note the important dates and to submit online, go to <http://http://www.iagg2013.org/>. A call for oral and poster abstracts will be announced between January 2012 and October 2012 and a prize will be awarded to encourage participation in poster sessions.

For more information about this major event, you can contact: seoul@iagg2013.org or see their dedicated website: <http://www.iagg2013.org>



IAGG's 2nd Intensive Course on Ageing

IAGG will organize the **2nd Intensive Course on Ageing on June 21-22, 2012** at the Institut de l'Envellement of the University Autònoma of Barcelona. The future program will be dedicated to social gerontology, biological aging and clinical gerontology and will be presented with the framework of sessions and workshops. It will take into account the comments and remarks forwarded in the last evaluation forms filed out by this year's attendance.

In the meantime, we remind you that the last Course was considered to be a success with a total attendance of 180 persons from 41 different countries. Participants to the first Course were students (30%), medical doctors MD (30%), professors PhD (15%), others (15%).

More news will be disseminated within the next months.



News from the United Nations

Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG on Ageing) for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons

Reminder: The Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing was established by the General Assembly by resolution 65/182 on 21 December 2010 and is currently chaired by Ambassador Jorge Argüello (Argentina). The working group will consider the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and identify possible gaps and how best to address them, including by considering, as appropriate, the feasibility of further instruments and measures.

1/The First Working Session of the Open-ended Working Group on strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons convened from April 18-21, 2011 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. 80 delegations attended the first session, as well as several United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations. It focused on understanding the current situation of the human rights of older persons around the world. At the end of the first session the working group started to identify possible gaps and measures to address them. You can upload the Chair's summary on [IAGG website](#)

2/The Second Session of the OEWG on strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons was held on August 1-5, 2011 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. IAGG signed a statement whereby it urges for the creation of a special rapporteur at the UN to contribute to strengthening older persons' rights and to support its creation provided that the mandate clearly allows for the creation of new international rights instruments.

For more details on participation, agendas, documents, general updated information etc, see the dedicated website <http://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/index.shtml>

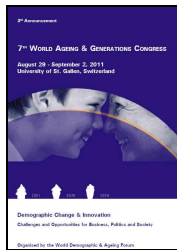
United Nations' high level summit on Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) September 2011

Global ageing is recognized by the World Health Organisation as the first of four drivers of non-communicable disease (NCD) predominance in developing countries. Older people are at especially high risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke and diabetes, as well as Alzheimer's and other dementias. People over 60 accounted for 75% of the 35 million deaths from NCDs worldwide in 2004, with the majority in the low- and middle-income world. Many older people who suffer from hypertension also experience co-morbidities such as diabetes and heart disease but these often remain undetected.

Alzheimer's Disease, and other dementias, should be NCD priorities. The numbers of people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are set to increase in line with the increased longevity of populations worldwide.

A "Call for the recognition of Ageing, Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias in the 2011 UN Summit on NCDs" is launched by Alzheimer's Disease International, AARP, the Global Coalition on Ageing, HelpAge International, International Longevity Centre UK and IAGG". During ADI's annual International Conference last March, the 1200 delegates had reported the notable absence of Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias on the agenda of the High Level Summit on Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) to be held on 19-20 September 2011 at the United Nations' headquarters, in New York. Read the considerations and recommendations presented on the website.

Contact: info@alz.co.uk **Website:** <http://www.alz.co.uk/news/ncd-declaration>



7th World Demographic and Ageing Forum (WDA Forum2011)

Laura MACHADO, IAGG's International Coordinator, and Alexandre KALACHE, IAGG's representative to the UN and member of the WDA Forum Advisory Board were present at the event that was held from August 29 to September 2, 2011 at the University of Saint Gallen, Switzerland. The organization brings together world specialists every year to overview the demographic status of the world.

The WDA Forum promotes an integrated approach to develop sustainable solutions to an ageing population by giving emphasis on the societal, economic, health and educational-political impacts to these foreseeable changes. This permanent annual event offers the possibility for a worldwide coordination of efforts and activities on a range of topics and questions related to ageing and generations.

For added information, you can visit their website at: <http://www.wdaforum.org> or contact them at info@wdaforum.org



IAGG's Global Social Initiative on Ageing (GSIA)

The Global Social Initiative on Ageing was launched in March 2011 in response to an interest among social science members of IAGG in highlighting regional and international issues in social, cultural and humanist aspects of aging. At the strategic planning meeting held earlier this year, three main themes of the GSIA were determined: Liveability, Families and Care. Each of these have three priority areas which will provide the focus for GSIA research and capacity building activities over the next few years. See [IAGG website](#) for details on key issues within each of these themes.

As part of its commitment to scholars across all areas and disciplines in aging, IAGG will develop an international network of centers of excellence dedicated to social aspects of aging. The future members will become part of IAGG's Global Ageing Research Network that aims to promote Gerontology and Geriatrics worldwide. It provides a forum for the exchange of information, and encourages contacts among researchers whose goal is to highlight the importance of Gerontology in the world. In the past 3 months, GSIA members have undertaken two tasks:

1/ Identification of centers of excellence: to date 3500 researchers have been identified and will be invited to fill out the application file. The GSIA is grateful for the financial support from the IAGG secretariat for this activity. If you wish to have your name added to this GSIA network, please contact Constance de Seynes (seynes@cict.fr) at IAGG headquarters.

2/ Drafting of the relevant documents for the selection process: the application form has been revised to be more inclusive of social science researchers. The updated application form will be available shortly.

Upcoming activities include further strategic planning and capacity building in IAGG world regions; development of research collaborations on care giving and employment, on laws related to housing for older people and on age-friendly communities.



IAGG / WHO / SFGG Workshops

The IAGG, WHO (World Health Organization) and SFGG (French Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology) joined to organize four different international workshops from 2010 to 2013, involving major age-related issues.

Workshop n°1 on “Nursing Homes” - Toulouse, France

Held in Toulouse on June 4th, 2010, this meeting was dedicated to the “**Identification of the main relevant domains for clinical research and quality of care in nursing homes**”. Chaired by Professor John MORLEY of St Louis (USA) and Professor Yves ROLLAND of Toulouse (France), it highlighted the latest developments and consensus was sought on priority actions and future research. The presentations and article of the resulting recommendations was published in the March 2011 issue of the JAMDA. You can upload them at <http://www.iagg.info/education-research/papers>

The Nursing Home Care Courses organized in Hong Kong on May 4-5, 2011 and Chengdu in China on May 5-7, 2011 and their related certificate were also based on these recommendations.

Workshop n°2 on “Dementia” - Geneva, Switzerland

On January 13th, 2011, a group of ten international experts and fifteen observers got together at the WHO headquarters in Geneva. Chaired by Prof Laura FRATIGLIONI, Director of the Aging Research Center at the Karolinska Institutet of Stockholm, Sweden, the participants made presentations and worked to define recommendations on “**Health promotion program on prevention of late onset dementia**”.

You can upload the related papers at <http://www.iagg.info/education-research/papers> as well as the article published in the JNHA Vol 15, N°7, 2011.

Workshop n°3 on “Frailty” - Athens, Greece

The third international encounter will be dedicated to “**Promoting access to innovation and clinical research for frail old persons**”. This workshop is scheduled on January 20 & 21, 2012 and will take place in Athens, Greece.

The main issues will concern:

1. A simple tool for frailty assessment: what model, for what use?
 2. Relevance of frailty for evaluation purposes: new geriatric treatments, heavy and costly healthcare procedures, social and medical practices for a global population
 3. Frailty and prevention: Can frailty help identify potential disability? Can frailty be used as a tool in prevention campaigns and screening (pneumococcus vaccination, physical activities, vitamin D...).
- More information will be given later.

Workshop n°4 on “Human rights” - 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 during the African Regional congress, 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 NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

9th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress



Melbourne, Australia is the host for IAGG's 9th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics. This event will be held at the Melbourne Convention Center from October 23-27, 2011. This year, the Australian Association of Gerontology, in collaboration with the New Zealand Association of Gerontology have chosen the conference theme of "Ageing well together: Regional perspectives". It integrates the broad perspectives of ageing well from this diverse region, focusing on the key areas of health, function, psychological, social and spiritual well-being. Critically, as these ageing issues affect everyone - family, friends, the broader community and those working in the area - the different approaches, discussions and learnings from the conference will inspire to reflect on current practices and systems.

Invited keynotes from within and outside the Asia/Oceania Region have accepted to share their knowledge.

INVITED SPEAKERS:

John Beard is Director of the Department of Ageing and Life Course at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Professor John Campbell is Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the Dunedin School of Medicine, University of Otago and a consultant physician at Dunedin Hospital, New Zealand.

Professor Iris Chi was installed as the Chinese-American Golden Age Association/Frances Wu Chair for the Chinese Elderly in 2004 and currently directs the China Program. She also has a joint appointment in the University of Southern California Davis School of Gerontology, USA.

Professor Sung-Jae Choi is Professor of Social Welfare at Seoul National University, Korea.

Professor Kuo-Chin Huang is Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, College of Medicine at the National Taiwan University, Taiwan.

Professor Graeme Hugo is ARC Australian Professorial Fellow, Professor of the Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies and Director of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographic Information Systems at the University of Adelaide, Australia.

Yun-Hee Jeon is Associate Professor of Nursing at the Sydney Nursing School of the University of Sydney, Australia.

Dr. Dilip V. Jeste is Estelle and Edgar Levi Chair in Aging, Director of the Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging, and Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Neurosciences, University of California, San Diego, USA.

Professor Jian Li is Director of the Beijing Institute of Geriatrics and Dean of the National Center for Elderly Health Care of China.

Professor Colin Masters is a world leader in research into Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases, including Creutzfeldt-Jakob and other prion diseases. Professor Masters is currently the Director of the Mental Health Research Institute, and Laureate Professor at the University of Melbourne.

Professor Sang Chul Park is Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Seoul National University Medical School, and Director of The Aging and Apoptosis Research Center sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology, and Director of Institute on Aging, Seoul National University and also the Director of WHO collaborating center for Physical Culture and Aging Research for Health Promotion.

This conference draws together a diverse range of researchers, practitioners, service providers, policy and planning representatives, educators and others working in all areas of ageing, to discuss the latest findings in the field of ageing. The broad scope of the conference is reflected by the four main themes - clinical medicine, biological sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and social research and planning.

Symposia, papers, and posters of the latest advances will be presented, along with pre and post conference workshops on specific issues.

CONFIRMED INVITED SYMPOSIA:

Dr E. Leung & Professor L. Flicker Development of geriatric services (I)

Professor M. Michikawa & Professor D. Ames Dementias

Professor J. Woo Community education for healthy ageing

Professor Y. Ouchi Oxidative stress

Professor C. Cunningham & Dr L. Pulver Jackson Indigenous ageing

Professor H. Yoon & Professor H. Kendig Successful retirement, mature aged work and social change

Professor Z. Qiu and Professor C. Browning Learning from cross-cultural comparison in ageing, health and behaviour

Dr E. Leung & Professor J. Byles Research evidence for the development of policy and practice in successful ageing

ACCEPTED SUBMITTED SYMPOSIA:

Dr K. Sargent-Cox The value of cross-national comparison in health and well being to enhance understanding of ageing well

Dr L. Flicker Development of geriatric services (II)

Professor I. Shimakawa Signals regulating aging of cells and organisms

Professor D. Laliberte Rudman Insights about "Ageing well" from studying everyday doing

Professor S. Biggs Work, social inclusion and ageing well: a critical examination of risk in Western and Chinese contexts

Dr J. Sims Where does healthy ageing sit in contemporary primary health care reform? An international perspective

Dr T. Henwood Sarcopenia, functional ageing and the benefits of exercise

Dr H. Radermacher Intergenerational familial support in ethnic minority communities: Implications of ambivalence for future service delivery to promote ageing well

Dr M. Carroll Intergenerational learning

Professor R. Nay Changing aged care workforce and practice

You can see the last version of the scientific program and register on the dedicated website:

<http://www.ageing2011.com> or contact the organisers at: info@ageing2011.com



4th Pan-America Regional Congress

Canadian Association on Gerontology... **October 21-23**

Welcoming the IAGG Pan Am Congress

Association canadienne de gérontologie... **Du 21 au 23 octobre**

Nous accueillons le Congrès

Pan Am de l'IAGG

Ottawa 2011



The North American and Latin American & Caribbean Regional Committees of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics are pleased to announce the 4th Pan-American Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics.

This event is hosted by the Canadian Association on Gerontology, the preeminent association in Canada for persons who work with or on behalf of Canada's aging population. It will take place on October 21-23, 2011 at the Ottawa Westin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario.

The meeting will feature exciting discussions which contribute to the meeting's theme of "New Directions for Aging". Professionals from North America, Latin America, the Caribbean and other parts of the world will address critical issues that impact physicians, health care professionals, researchers, academics, health and community administrators, government representatives, national organization executives, industry partners, students, and seniors. This international conference is a dynamic forum that will provide ground-breaking information relevant to today's ageing population.

The Congress will be held in conjunction with the 40th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology. It also features posters, symposia, workshops and oral sessions covering subjects such as transitions of care, art and aging, the economic cost of health care, age-friendly communities and more.

Keynotes speakers will include:

- **Howard Giles** from the University of California, Santa Barbara
- **Luis Miguel Gutiérrez-Robledo** from the National Institute of Health of Mexico
- **Richard Hammon** from Cornerstone Architecture Incorporated
- **Alex Jadad** from the University of Toronto
- **Kimberlyn McGrail** from the University of British Columbia
- **Kenneth Rockwood** from Dalhousie University
- **Jeremy Walston** from Johns Hopkins University

For more details about this event, please feel free to contact: srocan@bruyere.org or visit the dedicated website: <http://www.cagacg.ca/>

1st Africa Regional Congress



IAGG is proud to announce, the organization of the 1st Africa Regional Congress “Ageing Africa: Beyond Madrid +10” that will take place on October 17-20, 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa. This event will mark ten years since the Second United Nations World Assembly on Ageing was held in Madrid, Spain in 2002, and the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and the African Union Policy Framework and Plan of Action on Ageing (AU Plan) were adopted by the governments of African countries.

The conference will bring together researchers, policy makers, geriatric medicine and care practitioners, civil society role players, and other relevant stakeholders from across Africa and further abroad,

- 1) to assess progress in implementation of MIPAA and the AU Plan implementation in Africa, and
- 2) to forge directions for advancing African gerontology, geriatrics and policy action on ageing in the coming decade.

Key outcomes of the Conference deliberations will be incorporated in a framework of strategic directions for African research, training, policy and practice on ageing in the coming years.

More generally, it will be an opportunity to overview the current situation and perspectives of ageing Africa, to raise awareness on regional needs and expectations, and to promote involvement in all aspects of ageing issues in this part of the world.

The Conference programme will:

- Appraise existing policies on ageing in African countries
- Consolidate knowledge on ageing in Africa and pinpoint key evidence gaps
- Identify approaches for advancing Geriatric Medicine and old age care services in Africa
- Establish frameworks for developing gerontological and geriatric training and research in Africa
- Foster North-South and South-South comparisons and exchange
- Connect stakeholders working on ageing in Africa and other world regions

The program will be structured around plenary sessions, panels, paper sessions and symposia and will treat many aspects of old age, such as:

Ageing Africa: Key Perspectives

- Demographic and development contexts
- Policy action on ageing: barriers and drivers
- Human rights and older persons
- Gender and generational dynamics

Participation and Development

- Poverty and economic security
- Inclusion and contributions of older persons
- Migration and rural and urban ageing
- Intergenerational cohesion

Health and Health Care

- Health and wellbeing in old age
- Health systems and services
- Geriatric medicine in Africa
- Older persons and HIV/AIDS

Environments and Communities

- Housing, transport, design and technology
- Emergencies, conflict and climate change
- Caregiving (formal and informal)
- Elder abuse

The 2nd conference announcement will be available in October 2011, and will include a Call for Abstracts, and information on registration and hotel reservations. For added information, contact deidre.raubenheimer@uct.ac.za or visit the dedicated website at <http://www.iagg.cmc-uct.co.za>



A Master Class on Ageing

Trainees are invited to join IAGG's Master Class on Ageing scheduled on November 22-24, 2011 at the Taipei Veterans General Hospital, in Taiwan. This 3-day course is held for the first time in Asia.

This prestigious class aims to train geriatricians to develop their research potentials. General discussions will concern posters and presentations and group discussions will treat 4 different clinical cases illustrating and completing the previous teaching activities.

Eight international tutors have accepted to transmit their knowledge:

Hidenori ARAI Professor of Human Health Science, Kyoto University, Japan
Piu CHAN Professor, Xuanwa Hospital of Capital Medical University, China
Liang-Kung CHEN Chairman, Asia Pacific League of Clinical Gerontology and Geriatrics; Director, Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan
Kyung-Hwan CHO Professor, Division of Geriatrics, Korea University, Seoul, Korea
Leung-Wing CHU Honorary Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine, LKS Faculty of Medicine, the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Alain FRANCO Secretary General & Vice President, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG)
Jean-Pierre MICHEL President, European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS)
Michael Clifford WOODWARD Head, Aged & Residential Care Services, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Austin Health, Melbourne, Australia

The preliminary program includes:

- Critical presentation of the world epidemiology of dementia and intercultural perspectives
- Is it possible to prevent or delay Alzheimer's disease? Physiopathology, risk factors & possible interventions
- Updated definitions and classical clinical presentations of dementias
- Daily management of demented patients: how to cope with depression and BPSD?
- Importance of biomarkers in the early diagnosis and follow-up of AD and its treatment
- Classic treatments and new therapeutic approaches
- Socio-economic considerations on dementia care importance of the natural caregivers

The program reflects the joint cooperation between the following organizations:

- Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology Taipei Veterans General Hospital
- National Yang Ming University School of Medicine
- International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG)
- Asia Pacific League of Clinical Gerontology and Geriatrics (APLCGG)
- Taiwan Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (TAGG)
- Taiwan Medical Association

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



International Conference on Frailty Research

The International Conference on Frailty Research 2011 will be held in Taipei from November 25-27, 2011 at the GIS Convention Center of the National Taiwan University (NTU). This conference is setup within the framework of IAGG's Global Ageing Research Network (GARN) and will focus on issues of frailty affecting seniors in order to advance the clinical study of this condition.

The objective of the conference is a comprehensive, interdisciplinary discussion about the definition, scope, and concomitant issues relating to frailty. This event is organized by the Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology of the Taipei Veterans General Hospital, the Taiwan Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (TAGG) and the Asia Pacific League of Clinical Gerontology and Geriatrics (APLCGG). They will work in close collaboration with EUGMS and IAGG to host this global event.

Currently, the following Keynote speakers have confirmed their participation:

- Hidenori ARAI** - Kyoto University, Japan
- Howard BERGMAN** - McGill University & Jewish General Hospital, Canada
- Liang-Kung CHEN** - Taipei Veterans General Hospital, National Yang Ming University, Asia Pacific League of Clinical Gerontology and Geriatrics, Taiwan
- Shih-Hwa CHIOU** - National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan
- Jean-Pierre MICHEL** - European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS), Switzerland
- John MORLEY** - Saint Louis University School of Medicine, USA
- Kenneth ROCKWOOD** - Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Ting-Fen TSAI** - National Yang Ming University, Taiwan
- Jeremy WALSTON** - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA

Topics of interest related to frailty will include:

- Skeletal muscle & bone
- Immunology & inflammation
- Degenerative disease
- Neurologic system
- Cognitive function
- Geriatric endocrinology
- Social welfare, policy
- Behavioural & psychological sciences
- Geriatric rehabilitation
- Health promotion & preventive services
- Biological, stem cells & genetic sciences
- Pharmacological & nutritional intervention
- Assessment tools
- Geriatric syndrome
- Frailty & terminal illnesses

Register now !!! (Deadline: October 31, 2011)

For more information, please contact Ms. Winnie Huang / Secretary, APLCGG (winnie@aplchg.org) or visit the dedicated website at <http://www.frailty2011.com/index.html>

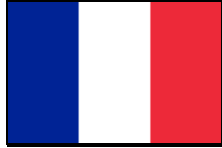


Papers of the International Conference on Sarcopenia Research

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, the International Conference on Sarcopenia Research (ICSR2011) took place in Toulouse, France on June 8, 2011. A total of 127 participants came from 29 countries and benefited from high level work that also included 31 posters. Upload the abstract book at http://www.iagg.info/sites/default/files/JNHA_-_Sarcopenia_Conference_ABSTRACTS.pdf

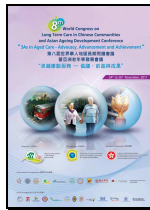


OTHER IAGG NEWS



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.

Contact: info@jasfgg2011.com **Website:** <http://www.jasfgg2011.com>



HONG KONG - November 24-26, 2011: 8th World Congress on Long-Term Care in Chinese Communities and Asian Ageing Development Conference will be held at the Auditorium, 5/F, Kowloonbay International Trade and Exhibition Centre (KITEC). International keynote speakers have been invited by the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology, in collaboration with the Association of Long Term Care in Chinese Communities, to treat topics such as: Changes in the Ageing Population, Long Term Care, Dementia, Home and Community Care, Quality in Aged Care, Health and Ageing. This conference draws together a diverse range of researchers, practitioners, service providers, policy and planning representatives, educators and others working in all areas of long term care.

Contact: lrc@hkag.org **Website:** <http://www.8ltcc.org>



INDIA - February 25-29, 2012: The 2nd International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine (ICGGM2012) is organized in New Delhi by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and University College of Medical Sciences (UCMS) of New Delhi and the Indian Academy of Geriatrics (IAG). Targeted audience will include: doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, social workers, dieticians, psychologists, psychiatrists, healthcare workers and managers.

Main themes will include:

- Sarcopenia and the Frailty Syndrome
- Compassionate and evidence-based emergency care of elderly (with special focus on needs of special populations during disaster situations)
- End of Life Care and Dignity of Death
- Proteomics, biomarkers and nanobiogenomics in diseases of the elderly

Abstract submission deadline: October 31, 2011

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IRELAND - 2015 - IAGG's European Congress: The Irish

Gerontological Society (IGS) will host IAGG's next European congress in Dublin in 2015. More information will be available in the future.



MEXICO - November 21-23, 2011: The Sociedad de Geriatria y

Gerontologia de Mexico (GEMAC) will hold its 15th National Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology at the congress center XXI del IMSS OF Mexico City The following areas of interest will be treated: geriatrics, biology of ageing, social gerontology, psychological gerontology, related practices and policies.

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Website: <http://www.sociedadgemac.org.mx>



NETHERLANDS -

June 26-29, 2012: 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 theme "Who is afraid of aging" will treat topics such as: quality of life with leisure and pleasure, home care, life-long working, retrofitting existing buildings and infrastructures, and the associated new technologies, such as ICT, automation and robotics. Participation will include engineers, architects, ICT experts, computer scientists, gerontologists, healthcare 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.

Call for Papers deadline: February 1, 2012

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TURKEY - April 2-4, 2012: The Turkish

Geriatrics Society is organizing Turk Geriatrics 2012 "5th National Congress of Elderly Health" in Antalya-Spice Hotel. The target population of the congress will be mainly composed of medical doctors all related to elderly health and also of other health and social professionals. More news soon...

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SPECIAL NEWS WORLDWIDE



The 6th Cachexia Conference

The Society on Sarcopenia, Cachexia and Wasting Disorders (SCWD) is organizing the 6th Cachexia Conference on December 8-10, 2011 in Milan, Italy. As an international and multidisciplinary organization, the SCWD seeks to further research on cachexia and bring practical solutions to healthcare teams worldwide.

Since the first Cachexia Conference that took place in Berlin in 2000, over 1500 physicians from over 20 countries have attended their educational sessions. This year, over 60 international speakers will join together in Milan. The conference will be a unique forum for all medical professionals dealing with cachexia in their disciplines.

The three-day program is dedicated to all aspects of cachexia research and will treat different topics, such as:

- Cachexia in many illnesses • Cachexia versus sarcopenia • Clinical trial data •
- Physiology and biochemistry of cachexia • Experimental treatment studies •

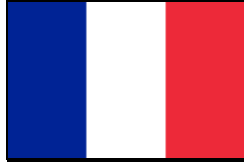
It has been designed in order to include both clinical and basic science tracks. Parallel sessions will permit various facets of cachexia to be explored. All will be able to contribute to general discussions in plenary sessions.

Participants who **register before September 30, 2011 can benefit from special rates**. Go directly to [IAGG website](#) and follow instructions. Click on the button "IAGG Members Click Here" and provide username "iagg2011milan" and password "iagg2011milan".

Please contact scwd@mededgs.com or go the website <http://www.cachexia.org> for other details.



OTHER NEWS WORLDWIDE (in chronological order)



France: Twenty five countries are currently participating in the IDAS3 study, an international study focused on geriatric oral and dental nursing practices. Carried out by the Nursing Research Laboratory (LaRI) of the French EHESP School of Public Health, it aims:

- to assess the diversity of nursing practices for oral hygiene which exist for disabled elderly in nursing home care all around the world,
- identify innovations to improve the quality of practices for elderly people's oral hygiene.

The LaRI team is looking for nurses or associations of nurses specialized in geriatrics/gerontology working in

- geriatrics / gerontology societies
- private or public hospitals specialized in geriatrics/gerontology
- old people's homes

Should you have an expertise about geriatric oral and dental nursing practices in your country, you are invited to participate in this study and fill out the English, French or Spanish questionnaire made available directly on the IDAS3 website (<http://lari.ehesp.fr/idas3/>)

If you know any other organizations that could be included in the study, please feel free to supply contact details to jerome.fernandes@ehesp.fr or christophe.debout@ehesp.fr



September 28-30, 2011 -

Dublin, Ireland: The 1st International Conference is being jointly hosted by the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities®, Ireland's Age-Friendly Counties Programme & the International Federation on Ageing.

Experts come from a diverse range of perspectives including spatial planning, leadership studies, social gerontology, anthropology, transport, city transformation, psychology, architecture, health, technology, city administration, education, and evaluation studies. The conference will also capture geographically diverse age-friendly initiatives from the developed and developing world.

400 leaders and senior managers from existing members of the Age-friendly Cities Global Network, CEOs and senior managers of municipal authorities including planners, architects and elected representatives will share insight on age-friendly city initiatives.

As the conference brings together experts involved in a broad range of age-friendly initiatives internationally, it provides a forum to meet people actively implementing age-friendly programmes at the Global Village exhibition. Participants will include senior professionals across the public, private and voluntary sectors in areas such as transport, health care and housing, research and academia, and key older people's organizations. Registration is now open!

Contact: info@afc-internationalconference.ie

Website: <http://www.afc-internationalconference.ie/>



September 28-30, 2011

- Málaga, Spain: The 7th Congress of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS) is hosted by the Sociedad Española de Geriatría y Gerontología (SEGG). The event will take place at the Trade Fairs and Congress Center of Malaga. The theme of the Congress - New therapies for an ageing Europe - refers to the right of older people to benefit from therapeutic advances. The Congress will also feature EUGMS initiatives in areas such as nutrition and sarcopenia, appropriate use of drugs, cardiovascular risk factors or palliative care.

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November 2-3, 2011 - Dublin, Ireland: - CARDI (Centre for Ageing Research & Development in Ireland) is hosting its first international Conference at Croke Park, Dublin. Pension reform, later retirement, longer but often unhealthier lives, changing family structures, new models of welfare and care: across the world today, governments, businesses and civic society are searching for policies and answers in these areas to get to grips with one of the most profound social transformations in history.

Featuring a host of international experts as well as leading researchers and professionals from the ageing sector in the island of Ireland, this event will explore a number of issues including how different countries address challenges and opportunities of population ageing, why global ageing matters to us all, and how policy makers, business and service providers can best plan for changing demographics. Themes to include:

- Health and Well Being • Work, Retirement and Pensions • Inequalities in Later Life •
- Changing Family Structure & Intergenerational Transfers • Environments of Ageing •
- Welfare and Care Systems • Technology & Innovation • Longevity and Planning •

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November 3-5, 2011 - San Diego, USA: the 4th Conference Clinical Trials on Alzheimer's Disease (CTAD) is programmed at the US Grant Hotel. It aims at bringing together today's worldwide leaders and international teams in clinical trials on Alzheimer's Disease to discuss new results, drugs in development, and future methodological issues.

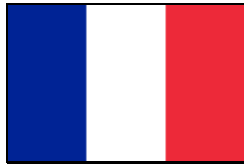
This year's topics of discussion include:

- ★ preliminary or new results concerning drug discovery,
- ★ clinical trials of new therapies in development,
- ★ methodological issues relating to disease modifying treatments
- ★ outcome measurements
- ★ biomarkers validation
- ★ health economics

Early bird registration ends September 13, 2011

Contact: ctad@ant-congres.com

Website: <http://www.ctad.fr>



January 25-27, 2012 - Dijon, France: The REIACTIS Network (International Research on Age, Citizenship and Socio-Economic Integration) will organize its next international symposium on the theme "The Right to Age - Citizenship, social inclusion and political participation of older people".

After Santiago de Chile in 2010, this new edition will take place on January 25-27, 2012 in Dijon, France and will cover - social and political rights - from formal rights to social relations - an ethical approach to the right to freedom and dignity. It will be an opportunity to show the importance of empowerment and advocacy towards an age friendly environment. It's also an outstanding moment to promote ethics on professional intervention in gerontology (medical but also in social work), amongst other topics.

Visit the dedicated website for more information and read the announcement in three different versions: english, french and spanish.

Contact: soukey.ndoye@gmail.com **Website:** <http://www.reiactis.org/>



May 2-4, 2012 - Sydney,

Australia: The Australian and New Zealand Society of Geriatric Medicine (ANZSGM) Annual Scientific Meeting 2012, will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Sydney. This premier conference for Geriatric Medicine in Australasia will be titled "Dementia - Managing not to Forget". This theme aims to nurture the management of future Dementia care. Leading researchers, industry professionals, and pharmaceutical suppliers will journey through the stages of Dementia from prevention, early symptoms and diagnosis to current and emerging treatments and managing advanced disease.

Registrations Open: October 3, 2011
 Abstract and Poster Submission Open: October 3, 2011
 Abstract Submission Deadline: January 23, 2012
 Sponsorship Finalisation: February 10, 2012
 Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 9, 2012
 Accommodation Booking Deadline: April 2, 2012

Contact: marnie@conceptevents.com.au **Website:** <http://www.anzsgm2012sydney.org.au/>



May 9-12, 2012 - Stockholm, Sweden:

The 12th International Stockholm/Springfield Symposium on Advances in Alzheimer Therapy will be organized at the City Conference Centre (Folkets Hus), Stockholm, Sweden by Ezio Giacobini and Gabriel Gold (Geneva, Switzerland), Agneta Nordberg (Stockholm, Sweden). It will have a strong focus on new and future pharmacological therapies of Alzheimer disease. Particular emphasis will be given to new therapeutic targets, discovery of new drugs and outcomes of clinical trials.

Contact: ahamilton@siumed.edu **Website:** www.ad-springfield.com



May 17-19, 2012 - Chicago, USA:

The International Society of Advance Care Planning and End of Life Care is hosting its 3rd annual conference at the Navy Pier Convention Center. After Australia and the UK, this event is reflective of the increasing importance that the international healthcare sector is placing on this pertinent area of patient care. The aim is to provide an ever-increasing high standard of care to patients. A wide range of international speakers will present the latest developments and practices in advance care planning, end of life care, and its associated disciplines.

Abstract Submissions Open: September 6, 2011

Abstract Submissions Close: January 6, 2012

Contact: acpelconference@acpelsociety.com

Website: <http://www.acpelsociety.org>



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 4 main themes:

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

Early registration deadline: December 1, 2011

Abstract submission deadline: December 1, 2011

Contact: ifa2012@guarant.cz

Website: <http://www.ifa2012.org/>



June 10-13, 2012 -

Copenhagen, Denmark: 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.

Registration opens June 2011

Abstract submission deadline: January 31, 2012

Notice of acceptance: March 15, 2012

Early registration deadline: April 10, 2012

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Website: <http://www.21nkg.dk>



About IAGG: A question? An answer

How are membership dues calculated?

According to IAGG by-laws, Title IV, Article 8

★ “Each member organization shall pay each year to the Treasurer of the Association membership dues based on the size of its membership. The fee is limited to a maximum of five US dollars per member of each society.

A list of organizations (societies) and of individual members of the Association shall be maintained by the Secretary General and will be available to members of the Association upon request. Member organizations are required to pay dues annually.

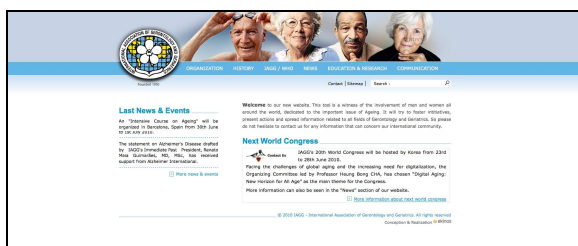
New organizations (societies) must pay one-year's dues before they are admitted to voting membership in the Council.”

★ During the last Council meeting held on July 7th, 2009 in Paris, the IAGG Council approved by a majority vote the following:

- a minimum fee of \$100 per member society will be applied to societies with less than 182 members (ie: $182 \times \$0.55 = \100.10)
- beyond, societies will remain with their annual due (ie: \$0.55 per member)



OUR WEBSITE <http://www.iagg.info>



Facts & figures:

June 2010 7 802 visits were reported coming from 109 countries.

June 2011 15 075 visits were reported coming from 96 countries.

June 2010 Registered peak of 2 904 visits and 2 498 visitors in May 2010

The main countries of origin during that month: USA (367), France (312), Canada (215), Brazil (158).

June 2011 Registered peak of 3 297 visits and 2 550 visitors in April 2011

The main countries of origin during that month: France (315), USA (298), Italy (229), Canada (221).

These figures are encouraging and show that our information is appreciated. This tool should 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.

Thank you for your past, present and future input....



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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