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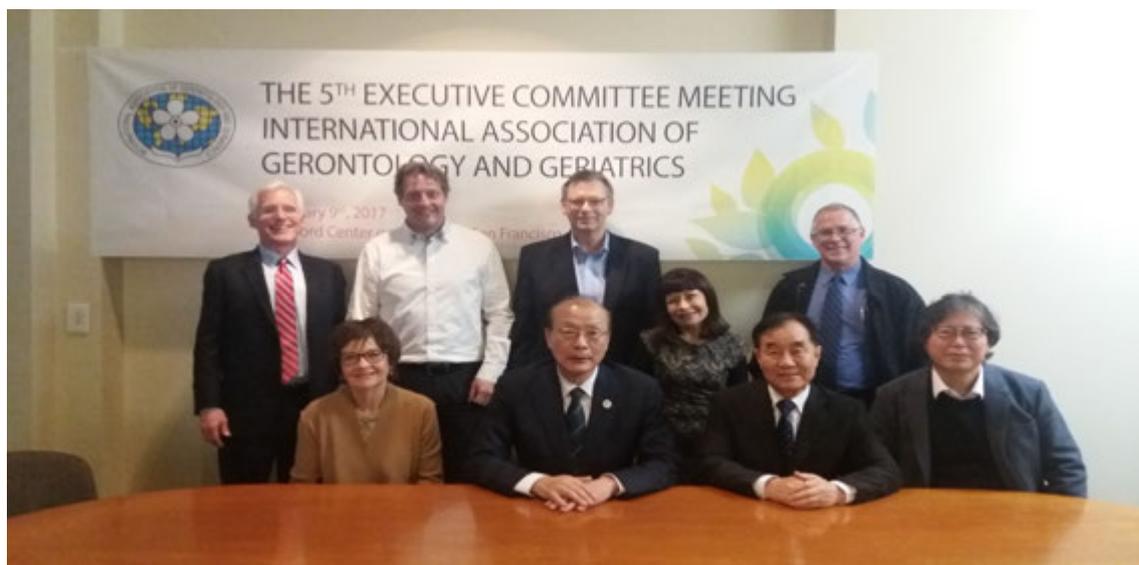
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5TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SAN FRANCISCO, USA, FEBRUARY 9, 2017



The 5th Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Stanford Center on Longevity, San Francisco, USA on February 9th, 2017. The agenda of the meeting included: 1) Reports from IAGG Regions, Headquarters, and Sub-Organizations, 2) Report on the 21st IAGG World Congress, 3) Re-proposal of the IAGG Structure (WAA & DIRA), 4) Selection of a Tentative Agenda for the next Council Meetings, 5) Selection of Winners of Presidential Awards, 6) Appointment of Directors to GARN & WAA, and 7) Others.

To present the progress of the planning for the 2017 IAGG World Congress, Executive Director Mr. James Appleby and Rachel Puffer from the Gerontological Society of America joined the discussion. The meeting was meaningful as most delegates were highly engaged in discussion.

IAGG would like to take this opportunity to thank all the executive members as well as delegates from the GSA for their valuable presence as well as active participation.

IAGG PARTICIPATES AT UNITED NATIONS 55TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, 1 - 10 FEBRUARY 2017



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IAGG President Prof. Heung Bong CHA and IAGG Secretary-General Prof. Sung Jae CHOI, accompanied by IAGG Representatives to the UN Prof. Martha BIAL and Prof. Hans STÖHRER, represented our organization IAGG at the Fifty-Fifth Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD55), which was held 1 to 10 February 2017, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The priority theme for the 2017-2018 CSocD55 review and policy cycle is “Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all”.

IAGG has participated in and contributed to the work of all annual Sessions of the Commission for Social Development over many years, as summarized in the Four-Year Report of IAGG Activities at the UN in the IAGG Newsletter of December 2013 (Vol. 20, No. 1), and as noted in the IAGG Newsletters since then.

The Fifty-Fifth Session of the CSocD, held 1-10 February 2017, brought together 40 official State Members of CSocD, 98 Member States of the United Nations represented by observers, 7 intergovernmental organizations with standing invitation to participate as observers, 6 United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, and 3 United Nations Regional Commissions. The CSocD55 organization of work consisted of several high-level panel discussions on the priority theme, on poverty and youth, and on poverty and disability.

A message statement from the new United Nations Secretary-General Mr. António GUTERRES to CSocD55 focused on the prevalent inequality and unequal distribution of progress in the world. A statement from the Director of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) Ms. Daniela BAS, focused on disability, youth, and ageing, in regards to the third review cycle of the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA), adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid in April 2002, and as called for in the agenda of CSocD55 in follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly.

The first five-year MIPAA review and appraisal concluded in 2008 with a global review at the Commission for Social Development at its forty-sixth session. The second MIPAA review and appraisal process started in 2011 and concluded in a global review in 2013 at the Commission for Social Development at its fifty-first session. The mandated timeline for the third review and appraisal of MIPAA is scheduled to conclude in 2018 at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, following a participatory “bottom-up” process, involving civil society and older persons themselves, national reviews, regional reviews coordinated by the 5 United Nations Regional Commissions, and global review.

Contributions of Member States to CSocD55, following the prescribed priority theme and agenda, focused on youth, the disabled, and on ageing. Older persons are recognized as a vulnerable group, with the need for inter-generational solidarity, and the people-centered approach to development advocated in the 1995 Copenhagen Declaration. Older persons are recognized as a key population in implementation of the 2030 United Nations Development Agenda. Several Member States also emphasized the need to discuss a legally binding international instrument on the rights of older persons, stressing that measuring the protection of older persons, in the reviews of MIPAA and the Social Development Goals (SDGs), will be a key to measuring the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda.

The IAGG delegation, contributing during discussion of the agenda item on MIPAA, delivered an Oral Statement to the Fifty-Fifth Session of the Commission, read by Prof. STÖHRER on 7 February 2017. In its statement, in regards to the priority theme, IAGG recommended and urged Member States to implement three strategies for eradicating poverty among older persons, which strategies are called for in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA): encouraging employment of older persons; institutionalizing universal pensions; and increasing education and training of geriatric health care

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providers.

Concluding its fifty-fifth session on 10 February 2017, the Commission for Social Development approved three draft resolutions for adoption by the Economic and Social Council that addressed issues of African development, youth and the rights of persons with disabilities.

IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

NORTH AMERICAN REGION

THE 37TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (ASM) OF THE CANADIAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA FROM APRIL 20TH TO 22ND

The 37th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Canadian Geriatrics Society will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada from April 20th to 22nd. The theme of the 2017 ASM is "Integrating Care, Making an Impact". Some of the topics that will be explored at the meeting this year include:

- Medical Cannabis
- Physician-Assisted Death
- Innovative Use of Technology
- Chronic Disease Management
- Substance Misuse
- End of Life Management
- The Future of Geriatrics

THE 46TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION ON GERONTOLOGY, OCTOBER 19-21, 2017 IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

The 46th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology will be held on October 19-21, 2017 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The theme will be "Evidence for Action in an Aging World."

JOIN GSA AT THE IAGG 2017 WORLD CONGRESS IN JULY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Join GSA at the IAGG 2017 World Congress in July in San Francisco, California! Registration is now open and the submission deadline for late-breaker posters is February 15. (Please note there will be no GSA Annual Scientific Meeting in November 2017.)

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IAGG-GARN (GLOBAL AGEING RESEARCH NETWORK)

AN OVERVIEW OF IAGG GARN PAPERS PUBLISHED SINCE 2011

WORKING GROUPS AND THEIR RELATED PUBLICATIONS

1. Conference: "Nursing home research: The first IAGG research conference" November 22-23, 2013, Saint Louis, USA. Publication: **"Nursing home research: the first IAGG research conference"**. Authors: Rolland Y et al. J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2014 May;15(5):313-25.

2. Consensus group: "Cognitive Frailty" on April 16, 2013, Toulouse, France. Publication: **"Cognitive frailty: rational and definition from an (IANA/IAGG) international consensus group"**. Authors: Kelaiditi E et al. J Nutr Health Aging. 2013 Sep;17(9):726-34.

3. Taskforce: "Implementing Alzheimer's Disease prevention into clinical practice" on April 22-23, 2013, New York, USA. Publication: **"Dementia prevention: Optimizing the use of observational data for personal, clinical, and public health decision-making"**. Authors: Penny A Dacks et al. J Prev Alz Dis 2014;1(2):117-123.

4. Consensus meeting: "Frailty screening" in 2013. Publication: **"Frailty screening comes of age"**. Author: John E. Morley. J Nutr Health Aging. 2014 May;18(5):453-4.

5. Survey: "An international definition of Nursing Home in 2013. Publication: **"An international definition for nursing home"**. Authors: Sanford AM et al. J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2015 Mar;16(3):181-4.

6. Meeting n°1: WHO/IAGG GARN "Knowledge Network on Frailty and Sarcopenia" on October 8-9, 2014, Geneva, Switzerland. Publication: **"Frailty: An emerging public health priority"**. Authors: Matteo Cesari et al. J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2016 Mar 1;17(3):188-92.

7. Conference: "Screening for cognitive frailty" on March 07-08, 2015, St Louis, USA. Publication: **"Brain health: The importance of recognizing cognitive impairment: an IAGG consensus conference"**. Authors: John E. Morley et al. J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2015 Sep 1;16(9):731-9.

8. Workshop: "Frailty prevention in residential and nursing homes: A mission for the future" on December 2, 2015 in Toulouse, France. Publication: **"Prevention of functional decline by reframing the role of nursing homes?"**. Authors: Laffon de Mazières C et al. J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2017 Feb 1;18(2):105-110.

9. Taskforce: "Physical exercise in nursing home settings: Looking for recommendations" on December 1st, 2015, in Toulouse, France. Publication: **"Recommendations on physical activity and exercise for older adults living in long-term care facilities: A taskforce report"** Authors: P. de Souto Barreto et al. J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2016 May 1;17(5):381-92. & Jour Nursing Home Res 2016;2:7-20.

10. Workshop: "Aeroaging" on November 7, 2016, in Toulouse, France. Paper submitted for publication.

11. Meeting n°2: "WHO/IAGG GARN "Knowledge network on Frailty and Sarcopenia" on December 1-2, 2016, in Geneva, Switzerland. Paper submitted for publication.

NEXT SCHEDULED EVENTS

12. Working group: "Frailty and Diabetes" on April 27, 2017, in Barcelona, Spain. A consensus paper is expected to be submitted for publication.

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14. IAGG GARN special event: on July 25, 2017, during the IAGG2017 World congress in San Francisco, USA. Lecture on "Raising awareness on intrinsic capacity and on the need for implementation in local settings worldwide" addressed by John BEARD, MBBS, PhD, Director of the Department of Ageing and Life Course (ALC), WHO, Geneva, Switzerland.

A TOTAL OF 26 POSITION PAPERS PUBLISHED FROM 2011 TO DATE

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2. Tolson D et al. Advancing nursing home practice: the International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology recommendations. *Geriatr Nurs.* 2011 May-Jun;32(3):195-7.

3. Rolland Y et al. Identification of the main domains for quality of care and clinical research in nursing homes. *J Nutr Health Aging.* 2011 May;15(5):410-24.

4. Inzitari M et al. Nutrition in the age-related disablement process. *J Nutr Health Aging.* 201 Aug;15(8):599-604.

5. C. Lafont et al. Reducing "Iatrogenic disability" in the hospitalized frail elderly. *J Nutr Health Aging.* 2011 Aug;15(8):645-60.

6. Andrieu S et al. IAGG workshop: health promotion program on prevention of late onset dementia. *J Nutr Health Aging.* 2011 Aug;15(7):562-75.

7. Tolson D et al. Improving nursing home practice: an international concern. *Nursing Older People,* Nov2011, 23(9):20-21.

8. Vellas B et al. Implementing frailty into clinical practice: we cannot wait. *J Nutr Health Aging.* 2012 Jul;16(7):599-600.

9. Sinclair A et al. Diabetes mellitus in older people: position statement on behalf of the International Association of Gerontology & Geriatrics (IAGG), the European Diabetes Working Party for Older People (EDWPOP), & the International Task Force of Experts in Diabetes. *J Am Med Dir Assoc.* 2012 Jul;13(6):497-502.

10. Berrut G et al. Promoting access to innovation for frail old persons. An IAGG, WHO and SFGG workshop. *J Nutr Health Aging.* 2013;17(8):688-93.

11. Morley JE et al. Frailty consensus: a call for action. *J Am Med Dir Assoc.* 2013 Jun;14(6):392-7.

12. Tolson D et al. An international survey of nursing homes. *J Am Med Dir Assoc.* 2013 Jul;14(7):459-62.

13. Kelaiditi E et al. Cognitive frailty: Rational and definition from an (IANA/IAGG) international consensus group. *J Nutr Health Aging.* 2013 Sep, Vol. 17 Issue 9, p726.

14. Woods AJ et al. Cognitive frailty: frontiers and challenges. *J Nutr Health Aging.* 2013 Sep;17(9):741-3.

15. Buchman AS et al. Cognitive frailty. *J Nutr Health Aging;* 2013 Sep, Vol. 17 Issue 9, p738.

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17. Dacks PA et al. **Dementia prevention:** optimizing the use of observational data for personal, clinical, and public health decision-making, J Prev Alz Dis 2014;1(2):117-123.
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19. Rolland Y et al. **Nursing home research:** the first International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) research conference. J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2014 May;15(5):313-25.
20. Rolland Y et al. **The International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) nursing home initiative.** J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2014 May;15(5):307-8.
21. Sanford AM et al. **An international definition of "Nursing Home".** J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2015 Mar;16(3):181-4.
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24. de Souto Barreto P et al. **Recommendations on physical activity and exercise for older adults living in long-term care facilities:** A taskforce report. J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2016 May 1;17(5):381-92 and in the Jour Nursing Home Res 2016;2:7-20.
25. Laffon de Mazières C et al. **Prevention of functional decline by reframing the role of nursing homes?** J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2017 Feb 1;18(2):105-110.
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IAGG-CSO (COUNCIL ON STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS)

News from the IAGG Council of Student Organizations (IAGG-CSO)

President: Claudia Meyer, PhD, MPH (Royal District Nursing Service, Australia)

Vice President: Shannon L. Freeman, PhD (University of Northern British Columbia, Canada)

Secretary-Treasurer: Katherine S. Hall, PhD (Veterans Affairs/Duke University Medical Centers, USA)

WORKSHOP FOR INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A GERONTOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The IAGG-CSO is offering a web-based workshop, "Establishing a gerontology student organisation: a how-to workshop." This interactive workshop will provide knowledge and skills for people either establishing a gerontology student organisation within their own country, or for people who wish to build the capacity of an existing student organisation. Topics covered will include: reasons for establishing a student organisation; getting started; building a strong organisation; and keeping up the momentum. We will be offering this workshop on three separate occasions (March-April) to maximize access across the global IAGG regions. Deadline to register for these workshops is March 30, 2017. Please use this link to sign up for this free workshop:

https://duke.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9N6q1AqvheqRiSN

[Exciting new opportunity to connect with other IAGG-CSO members](#)

An IAGG-CSO group has been set up via LinkedIn as a discussion forum for IAGG-CSO members.

If you would like to join, ensure that you first have a LinkedIn profile (www.linkedin.com).

Then search "IAGG – Council of Student Organizations" and join up – it is that simple.

Looking forward to having many conversations with you leading into the World Congress in San Francisco.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: VOLUNTEER LEADERS NEEDED TO JOIN THE IAGG-CSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that nominations for the 2017-2021 IAGG-CSO Executive Committee leadership positions are now being accepted. Briefly, the primary goals of the IAGG-CSO are to: 1) advance the creation and support of student sections in association with IAGG member societies; 2) unite gerontology/geriatrics students worldwide by fostering regional and international networking; and 3) actively contribute to IAGG Regional and World Congresses.

As a student or junior scholar (post-doc or trainee) you have the opportunity to play an active role in IAGG-CSO's governance. This provides emerging scholars with a unique opportunity to become more involved with gerontology and geriatrics societies and their student sections around the world, to network and collaborate with colleagues and senior scholars, and to enhance their curriculum vita. Serving as an IAGG-CSO leader is an important step in building your professional portfolio and establishing yourself as an active member and future leader of your home gerontology/geriatrics organization.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO FILL 3 POSITIONS ON THE IAGG-CSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. If you are interested in becoming involved and taking advantage of these wonderful opportunities, please take the time to self-nominate for the position that fits you best.

To be eligible to serve in one of the IAGG-CSO leadership positions you must be a current member of an IAGG member organization. A full list of eligible gerontology/geriatrics societies can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zof2c4w>. If appointed to a position you must maintain your society membership throughout the term of your position, be committed to attending IAGG Regional and World Congresses, and attend regular virtual meetings of the IAGG-CSO Executive Committee.

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Interested applicants should submit the following:

- Complete biographic information including:
 - a) Degree(s)
 - b) Position/title
 - c) Institution
 - d) Membership in gerontology/geriatrics professional societies
- A current curriculum vitae (limit 4-5 pages max)
- A brief explanation (maximum 250 words) describing:
 - a) Your top choice of leadership position (President, Vice President, or Secretary-Treasurer)
 - b) What you hope to get out of the governance experience
 - c) New ideas that you would like to implement if appointed/elected
 - d) Past experiences that you have had that will help you if appointed/elected

All materials must be submitted to iaggcso@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for taking advantage of this opportunity. We look forward to receiving your applications.

UPCOMING EVENTS: THE IAGG WORLD CONGRESS 2017

Registration for the World Congress is now open, and includes reduced fees for student members. Discounted registration is available to individuals who are citizens of or reside in a country found on the United Nations list of least developed countries (<http://tinyurl.com/zuzaloe>). E-mail info@iagg2017.org to receive a special comp code to register at this rate.

Student members may also look to save on the cost of lodging for the World Congress by sharing a room with another student attendee. A "2017 IAGG Roommate Matching" document has been created by the GSA student organization, ESPO, to help link individuals who are looking for a roommate to share the costs of lodging. Details can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/jtp3gsn>

The IAGG-CSO has partnered with the IAGG and ESPO to offer several exciting and informative program offerings during the 2017 IAGG World Congress. Detailed information (date, time, location) of these events is available on the 2017 World Congress website (www.iagg2017.org/program/student-and-emerging-scholars). Some notable highlights include:

- **Pre-conference workshop on July 23, 2017 (12:30-16:30): "Crossing Geographic and Disciplinary Boundaries: Professional Development for Emerging Scholars."** Registration for this event is required, and is processed separately from the conference registration. Keynote speakers include Dr. Ken Covinsky, Dr. Dana Bradley, and Dr. Gloria Gutman.

- **Symposium on July 24, 2017 (08:00-09:30): "Collaborative Networks for Emerging Scholars: Local, Regional, and International Perspectives."**

- **Student lounge:** there will be a dedicated space for students to network, enjoy refreshments, check e-mail, and participate in several professional development chats. Building off of the symposium, the IAGG-CSO will be facilitating a discussion about establishing a gerontology student organization in this space on **July 24, 2017 (17:30-18:30)**.

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IAGG-GSIA (GLOBAL SOCIAL ISSUES ON AGEING)

REPORT TO THE IAGG EXECUTIVE, FEBRUARY 2017

The mission of the GSIA is to consolidate and extend knowledge of population ageing in the context of global economic, environmental and structural changes. We are mindful of the power of contexts of ageing in shaping regional discourses; and that these discourses are important in determining uptake and use of the data we create.

GSIA principles and activities are based on the belief that the IAGG should be the global voice for evidence-based policies and that will foster “the highest quality of life and well-being of all people as they experience ageing at individual and societal levels” (IAGG mission statement). There is much to be done. Inequities are increasing both across and within nations. Marginalization, social exclusion and isolation of older persons remain far too common.

GSIA KEY PRINCIPLES AND ACTIVITIES.

The purpose of this briefing note is to highlight key GSIA principles and examples of recent activities and to present an agenda for moving forward.

Principle 1. Knowledge about social issues in global contexts requires input from all world regions.

The GSIA does not seek to duplicate the fine scholarship in social gerontology occurring in most world regions. Rather it seeks to foster establishment of collaborative and critical thinking; and knowledge creation and dissemination at the interfaces of regional issues and global trends.

Principle 2. Capacity building is needed to enhance knowledge about regional commonalities, to foster collaborative linkages among emerging and established scholars, to enhance skills in creating these linkages, and to model the advantages of such collaboration.

Principle 3. Elitism in global scholarship must be challenged. Especially in developing countries, scholars face considerable barriers in their access to the resources needed to create sound scholarship and to gain access to international debates and collaborations. The IAGG must be proactive in ensuring that voices of all of its constituents are valued and heard.

Representative Activities. In the first phase of the GSIA activities, three global social issues were identified. They are described below along with a small number of activities that illustrate research, capacity building and dissemination activities around these thematic areas.

• Families. There is much discussion and considerable evidence of flows of family support up and down generations. Yet there is rising concern about the abilities of families to sustain such support in the face of poverty, civil disruption, migration and changing family structures. Objectives in this theme are to identify global trends in discourses and realities of family strengths and obligations, toward creating strategies for strengthening and supporting them.

-Canadian Journal on Aging (2015). Special issue on Families and Aging in Global Context. N. Keating (Canada) and J. de Jong Gierveld (Netherlands) (Eds).

- N. Keating, Director (2016). Challenges in developing LTC systems that acknowledge, understand and support families. GSIA Master Class on Families, Ageing and Care, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi.

-Development of the Families Africa research and policy agenda. Dr. Isabella Aboderin and other scholars from Africa.

- A. Lowenstein, Convenor. (2016). International Workshop: Cross-Cultural and Cross-Societal Contexts of Elder-Care: Research, Policy and Practice Implications, Israel.

• Liveability. Global shifts in world economies toward the individualization of risk have led to increased disparities

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within and across regions in living situations of older adults. Liveability concerns the influence of economic, social, cultural and community contexts on older people's quality of life. Objectives in this theme are to identify key elements in liveability of older persons toward increasing their survival and citizenship.

-Journal of Community and Social Psychology (2014). Special issue on Ageing and Community. V. Roos (South Africa), C. Provencher, (UK), J. Warburton (Australia) & N. Keating (Canada) (Eds).

-J. Fast, Director (forthcoming 2017). Population Ageing and Liveable Environments for Older Persons. GSIA Master Class, IAGG World Congress.

-Walsh, K., Scharf, T. & Keating, N. (in press). Social exclusion of older persons: A scoping review and conceptual framework. European Journal on Aging.

• Care. Population ageing and the erosion or absence of social welfare provisions have resulted in increasing social and economic costs experienced by family carers, paid carers, workplaces and governments arising from caring for frail older adults. In turn, older adults are the mainstays in their families, often serving as the main carers to grandchildren and to family members with disability. Objective of this theme is to document amounts and types of care and support by and to older adults and the needs for support in these caring activities.

-Journal of Cross Cultural Gerontology, (forthcoming, 2017). Special issue on Older Workers and Caregiving in a Global Context. J. Phillips (UK) & K. O'Loughlin (Australia) (Eds.).

- S. Yeandle, Director. (2015) Population Ageing and the Challenges of Integrating Paid Work and Family Care Work. Global Social Initiative on Ageing Masterclass, Dublin, Ireland.

A GSIA AGENDA FOR 2017-2021

1. Change the name from Global Social Initiative on Ageing (GSIA) to Global Social Issues on Ageing (GSIA) to reflect the maturity of the GSIA.
2. Solidify the master class program, underpinned by the principle of inclusion of scholars from developing regions.
3. Build the evidence on emerging, critical global issues that affect the lives of millions of older people.
4. Create outlets for timely, ongoing, widespread and active knowledge mobilization with key regional and international organizations and governments.

ISG (INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR GERONTECHNOLOGY)

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ISG SYMPOSIUM AND CONFERENCE

The International Society for Gerontechnology is preparing a symposium for the IAGG 2017 conference. Several members of ISG will attend IAGG 2017. Furthermore, preparations are being made for the ISG 2018 World Conference to be held in St Petersburg, Florida. The conference theme is "Evolving Designs for our Future Selves". More information can be found [here](#).

We would love to stay in touch with you. Find us on [Twitter](#), [FaceBook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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IAGG MEETS TO DRAFT IAGG QUADRENNIAL REPORT TO UN ECOSOC FOR YEARS 2013-2016

The IAGG delegation, convened by IAGG President Prof. Heung Bong CHA and IAGG Secretary-General Prof. Sung Jae CHOI, met together to continue an iterative exercise to draft the IAGG Quadrennial Report submitted to United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the reporting period of years 2013-2016. The last IAGG Quadrennial Report submitted to UN ECOSOC was for the reporting period 2009-2012. IAGG is an NGO in General Consultative Status with ECOSOC from 1978 to 2008 and in Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC since 2009.

Under ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, NGOs in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council must submit to the Committee on NGOs a brief report of their activities every 4 years, known as the Quadrennial Report, which includes information about contributions of the NGO to the work of the United Nations.

The consultative relationship is a reciprocal one. NGOs are granted the privilege of participating in a wide variety of United Nations-sponsored events, meetings and activities. In return, they are expected to contribute to the development aims of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and the United Nations at large, based on their relevant areas of experience and expertise. Thus, the Quadrennial Report presents an opportunity for NGOs to inform Member States about their activities in support of the United Nations, and at the same time, receive feedback from Member States on their program of work as well as an official acknowledgement of their contribution as partners in development. The quadrennial review exercise therefore serves as a critical tool in monitoring the relationship between the United Nations and the steadily growing number of NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

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IAGG DELIVERS ORAL STATEMENT TO FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, DELIVERED ON 7 FEBRUARY 2017, BY IAGG REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN PROF. HANS STÖHRER

**FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
ORAL INTERVENTION BY IAGG
FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

Good morning,

Honorable Mr. Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to address this Session of the Commission for Social Development.

The International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG), founded in 1950, with its 83 member societies representing over 50,000 professionals across 70 countries worldwide, conducts scientific research and provides education and training to professionals in ageing.

We recommend the following three strategies for eradicating poverty among older persons:

1. First, enabling people to remain in the labor market as long as they can as they age. This requires:
 - a. Training and education for older adults to upgrade skills in order to be productive in an information and knowledge based economy.
 - b. Legal prohibition of age-discrimination in employment, lay-offs or retirement.
 - c. Enabling people to remain in the labor market may reduce the financial burden to governments of social assistance programs.
2. Second, institutionalizing a universal basic pension to ensure that older persons will escape absolute poverty, whether that pension is contributory or non-contributory.
 - a. According to a 2015 report on "World Population Ageing" from the Population Division at United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), in countries where government provides pensions, the poverty rate for older adults is often lower than that of younger people. Where there are no pensions, the poverty rate for older persons is higher.
 - b. Many countries offer no retirement benefits at all and others offer pensions for a select few, for example civil servants, and the amount is often meager.
 - c. However, pensions frequently add to the total family income, lifting whole families out of poverty.
 - d. Pensions provide older persons with some independence, making them less vulnerable to abuse.
3. Third, increasing education and training of geriatric health care providers.
 - a. Poor health and lack of competent health care is a form of poverty.
 - b. Currently there is a severe world-wide shortage of geriatric physicians and allied health professionals trained in the unique health care needs of older persons. This puts older adults at risk of premature disability, which leads to an early departure from the workforce. This in turn puts the involuntary retirees at high risk of poverty.

All three strategies are called for in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA). The Independent Expert, who has been monitoring the implementation of the Madrid Plan, said in her report of July 2016 that while she observed many "best practices" in implementing these items, progress is uneven and much still needs to be done.

Therefore, in conclusion, we urge Member States to implement these three strategies—encouraging employment of older persons, universal pensions and increased training of geriatric health care providers. We believe improving the health and economic well-being of older persons will contribute to sustainable development for all.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY (AAG)

Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) acknowledges the traditional land owners of Australia and welcomes all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our activities. AAG aims to improve equity in access to services and support for ageing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. For further information see AAG's [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing Advisory Group](#)

DUTCH SOCIETY FOR GERONTOLOGY (PRESIDENT RUUD KEMPEN)

Issues on older people in Dutch National Elections

On March 15, 2017, national elections for a renewed parliament and government will be held in The Netherlands. At least two issues related to older people dominate the discussion between the numerous political parties. First, the current government decided a couple of years ago to increase the age of retirement from 65 years in steps of 3 months each to 67 in 2021. From then the age of retirement will be derived from (rising) life expectancy. However, despite the substantial costs of 12 billion Euros, several political parties now stated that they will decrease the age of retirement again to 65 years when they gain sufficient political power. Second, most political parties promise that they will reduce or abolish the insured liability of paying the first 385 Euros to all citizens and/or increase particularly investments in long-term care for older people (i.e. home care and nursing home care). The sum of money for the latter additional investments varies from 1 to 4 billion Euros on a total yearly budget of 23 billion Euros for long-term care.

Activities of the Dutch Society

On February 9, 2017, the Society organized a successful symposium on diversity in informal caregiving on The Dutch National Geriatric Days that were held in 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands. Papers included gender differences in care burden among partners of older people, different patterns in informal caregiving in different care settings (i.e. at home versus in nursing homes), the impact of care need characteristics on care burden of caregivers, and differences between caregivers in their use of digital communication in their care networks. In addition, members of the Society were involved in the organization of The Dutch National Geriatric Days and participated in several other symposia. Future activities of the Dutch Society.

On May 19, 2017, the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held. Along with this meeting, a symposium on Senior Friendly Communities will be organized that includes a general introduction to this topic after which two examples of Dutch senior friendly communities (the cities of The Hague and Amsterdam, respectively) will be presented and discussed. The symposium is open to society members as well as anyone interested.

On November 3, 2017, The Dutch National Congress of Gerontology will be organized by the Society. This year's theme is "Innovation in Ageing" with the focus on prevention. Next to two key lectures (including the Second Annual Prof. dr. D.L. Knook Lecture by professor Tom Kirkwood from the Institute of Ageing at Newcastle University, UK) 20 to 30 symposia and poster sessions, particularly for younger researchers, are scheduled. Registration will be open soon.

HUNGARIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS (President Istvan Kiss)

Last year was the Anniversary Congress of the Hungarian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (founded 50 years ago) and we organized a postgraduate course of geriatrics.

In the last year the Dementia Screening Program was connected with the Nationwide Mobile Health Care Program and continues this year as well.

In April 2017 will start the new website (www.idosgyogyaszat.hu) and the newly established Journal of our Society. We have begun to edit the first Hungarian Textbook of Geriatrics.

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IRISH GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY (President Mo Flynn)

Annual Postgraduate Study Day in Ageing Research

The Irish Gerontological Society (IGS) will host its annual postgraduate study day in ageing research on 21 April 2017. This study day is designed to encourage, support and facilitate students who are registered for a postgraduate degree (MD, PhD, MSc) in the field of ageing research. The IGS welcomes students who would like to present, those considering a career in research, or those who simply have an interest in ageing research. Research supervisors will also find this event to be of interest. Postgraduate students are welcome from: Nursing, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language, Social work, Sociology, Biology, Psychology, Health Policy, Health Economics, Audiology and any discipline concerned with Healthy & Active Ageing.

65th Annual & Scientific Meeting of the Irish Gerontological Society: "Changing Perspectives in Gerontology – The Next 65 Years" – Call for abstracts.

Accepted abstracts will be published online as a supplement to the Age and Ageing journal which is published by Oxford University Press. This scientific meeting is being held by the Irish Gerontological Society in association with University College Dublin and Ireland East Hospital Group. Building on the huge success and diversity of previous years' submissions, we invite participation in this meeting from clinicians, practitioners, academics, researchers and students working in all fields of ageing. We welcome both quantitative and qualitative research submissions covering all spectrums of ageing within the pillars of gerontology: social, psychology, biology of ageing, health/clinical, and that address multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives on ageing. The conference will take place in the Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford, Ireland from 28-30 September 2017.

Further details are available at www.irishgerontology.com

SAN MARINO ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS (President Gian Carlo Ghironzi)



The San Marino Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics – ASGG – is continuing the program indicated previously. Regarding the Master in Geriatric Medicine, it has just arrived to the fourth session of the fifth edition, attended by 16 general physicians and gerontologists of different regions of Italy. A new 2nd Level Master in Perioperative Geriatric Medicine (PGM), certainly unique at the national/European level, will also start the next academic year. Please find attached a picture of participants in the didactic room during the presentation of the PGM.

BSG (British Society of Gerontology)

British Society of Gerontology Annual Conference 'Do Not Go Gentle – Gerontology and a Good Old Age' 5-7 July 2017–

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The general theme of the conference is The Art of Ageing: reflecting the diversity of gerontology in Swansea and across the world; from arts based methodology to innovative dissemination and engagement strategies and, of course, not forgetting the style in which the population ages. This cultural turn is also reflected in the title of the conference "Do Not Go Gentle: Gerontology & A Good Old Age" incorporating the Welsh Poet Dylan Thomas and the ethos of ageing as a positive and stereotype defying period of life. For more information:<http://www.britishgerontology.org/events-jobs-news/bsg-events/bsg-2017-conference.html>.

BRITISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY

Papers:

Interventions to prevent or reduce the level of frailty in community-dwelling older adults: a scoping review of the literature and international policies

<https://academic.oup.com/ageing/article/2863854/Interventions-to-prevent-or-reduce-the-level-of>

Frailty impacts older adults' ability to recover from an acute illness, injuries and other stresses. Currently, a systematic synthesis of available interventions to prevent or reduce frailty does not exist. Therefore, we conducted a scoping review of interventions and international policies designed to prevent or reduce the level of frailty in community-dwelling older adults.

Neuropsychological profiles of vascular disease and risk of dementia: implications for defining vascular cognitive impairment of dementia (VCI-ND)

<https://academic.oup.com/ageing/article/2993055/Neuropsychological-profiles-of-vascular-disease>

The neuropsychological profile in individuals with vascular disorders depends on the specific condition investigated. In all conditions cognitive impairment is a risk factor for dementia. A better understanding of which cognitive domains are affected in different disease groups could help improve operationalisation of the neuropsychological criteria for VCI-ND and could also aid with the development of dementia risk prediction models in persons with vascular disease.

Scientific meetings:

British Geriatrics Society: Bi-Annual Scientific Meeting: Spring 2017 (26th – 28th April 2017, Newcastle, UK)

The BGS Spring meeting will cover the latest scientific research and the best clinical practice in care of older people. Our ageing population is stimulating extensive healthcare service redesign to deal with the challenge of caring for larger numbers of older people both in and out of hospitals. This conference will cover core areas of interest to all specialists responsible for the health care of older people

<http://bit.ly/BGSSpr17>

18th Falls and Postural Stability Meeting, 15th September, Birmingham, UK

<http://bit.ly/BGSFalls17>. The **programme is now online** for the annual meeting for clinicians working in the field of falls and mobility medicine.

Abstracts are encouraged and will be accepted as platforms or posters to be displayed at the meeting. Please visit the abstract submission page for more details and to submit

Deadline: 1st July 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Month/Date/Year	Event	Venue
July 23-27, 2017	21st IAGG World Congress	San Francisco, USA
2021	22nd IAGG World Congress	Buenos Aires, Argentina

IAGG WORLD CONGRESS

21ST WORLD CONGRESS, SAN FRANCISCO, USA, JULY 23-27, 2017



The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) will be hosting IAGG's 21st World Congress in San Francisco, USA. In view of GSA's long experience in organizing major events and of the city's important conference facilities, IAGG 2017 will be sure not to disappoint. The theme of this future milestone will be "Global Ageing and Health: Bridging Science, Policy, and Practice." In the meantime visit the congress website launched in June 2013.

Key dates

April 1, 2016: Call for Abstracts Opens

July 15, 2016: Deadline for Abstract Submission

December 15, 2016: Notifications of Abstract Decisions, Registration and Accommodations Open, Call for Late Breaking Abstracts

February 15, 2017: Late Breaker Submission Deadline

May 2, 2017: Early Bird Registration Deadline

July 23–27, 2017: The 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics (dates subject to change)

Contact: info@iagg2017.org

Website: <http://www.iagg2017.org>

Call for Nominations

2017 Busse Research Awards

To promote international research in gerontology, the Busse Research Awards again will be given at the 21th IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in San Francisco, CA July 23-27, 2017. Two gerontologists (late junior to mid-career) will be selected. One award will recognize a scientist from the social/behavioral sciences; the other from the biomedical sciences. Awards are \$8,000 (USD) each, plus up to \$4,000 (USD) for travel/living expenses. Awardees must present a lecture based on their research at the conference. Deadline for receipt of nominations: November 1, 2016.

For information and application forms, visit [WEBSITE: http://centerforaging.duke.edu/busse-research-awards_or_contact](http://centerforaging.duke.edu/busse-research-awards_or_contact):

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22nd WORLD CONGRESS 2021, ARGENTINA, 2021



The Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG) and the Argentinean Society of Gerontology (AGA), both Society members of IAGG, united together to present their candidacy in view of hosting the 22nd IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics scheduled for 2021.

YEAR-END THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM PROF. HEUNG BONG CHA & PROF. SUNG JAE CHOI

The year 2016 was filled with many memorable events and IAGG would like to thank each and every one of you who has shown your heartfelt support for promoting the mission of IAGG. IAGG will continue to endeavour to support research and training of gerontology and geriatrics around the world. We wish you all a Happy New Year in 2017.

IAGG ADMINISTRATION

➤ IAGG ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE NOW!

Invoices for 2017 Annual Dues have been sent to member associations and societies. Please send your dues to the Korea Exchange Bank as indicated below. Any questions about dues or payments should be sent by e-mail: iaggseoul@hotmail.com

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