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IAGG UPDATES:

OUR NEW WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED:



We are dedicated to keeping you informed regarding IAGG's latest activities and events. In order to better serve our members, and keep you up-to-date, we ask that Regional Offices and Member Societies continue to submit information, event details, program materials etc. to our central office at MSPH-IAGG@cumc.columbia.edu. We will continue to distribute important information via our website and various social media platforms.

If you haven't already, please connect with us on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn by clicking on the linked icons below.



MEMBERSHIP DUES:

We will be submitting invoices for annual membership dues between JUNE 2018 and AUGUST 2018. Banking and wiring information is listed on [PAGE 12](#) of this newsletter.

IAGG 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

2018 IAGG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: January 30, 2018, NEW YORK CITY, NY (HIGHLIGHTS)



On January 30, 2018 in New York City, NY the Executive Committee of IAGG met for the second time since the secretariat was elected.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John W Rowe (USA) President; Toni Antonucci (USA) Secretary General; Jacqui Angel (USA) Treasurer; Heung Bong Cha (South Korea) Immediate-Past President; Jose Ricardo Jauregui (Argentina) President-Elect; Miguel Acanfora (Argentina) Secretary General-Elect; Marianela Hekman (Brazil) COMLAT Regional Chair; Isabella Aboderin (Kenya) African Regional Chair; Clemens Tesch-Roemer (Germany) European Regional Chair; Prasert Assantachai

Prasert Assantachai (Thailand) Asian/Oceanian Regional Chair; Kenneth Madden (Canada) North American Regional Chair; Erin Burk-Leaver (USA) IAGG Operations; Ariana Johnson (USA) IAGG Operations

GUESTS: Leocadio Rodriguez Manas (Spain) GARN-Director; Norah Keating (Canada) GSIA-Director; Jean-Pierre Michel (Switzerland) IFGE-Director

SUMMARY: This meeting provided an opportunity for regional chairs to report on the happenings in their areas as well as offered an opportunity to dialogue about the future structure and movement of IAGG programs such as GARN, GSIA, and IFGE (*"IAGG Federation of Geriatric Education"* (formerly titled WAA)). The Secretariat will continue to solicit, gather and distribute information from Regional Offices and Member Societies. Distribution of event information will be conducted on the [IAGG website](#) as well as various IAGG social media platforms. In addition, an ANNUAL REPORT will be submitted in place of quarterly newsletters.

UNITED NATION'S 56th COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

FIFTY- SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSocD56):

JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 7, 2018, NEW YORK CITY, NY (HIGHLIGHTS)



Priority Theme for the 2018 Policy Cycle:

Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

Priority Topics for the 56th Session:

- World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons
- Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities
- World Programme of Action for Youth
- Madrid International Plan of Action on Aging, 2002
- Family issues, policies and programmes

Side Events Focused on Aging:

- MIPAA meets SDG1 – Responses to Old-Age Poverty in the UNECE Region
- Inequalities in Retirement: Making the Work-to-Retirement Transition
- Persons with Disabilities: Realizing Equal Rights and Inclusive Development
- Dignity in Older Age – Taking a Rights-Based Approach to Ageing and Older People
- The Age of Ageing
- Ageism: A Prejudice against our Future Selves
- Meeting the Specific Needs of Older Persons Facing Poverty – Challenges and Opportunities for Social Policymaking
- Why are Digital Skills Critical for Older Persons?
- Humanitarian Action for Older Persons: Fifteen Years after Madrid



IAGG's UN Involvement:

IAGG's UN representatives participated and spoke at the 56th session. Pictured on the right is IAGG's Secretary- General, Toni Antonucci, PhD, speaking at the side-event "*Ageism: A Prejudice Against Our Future Selves*". Pictured above is one of IAGG's UN Representative, and former IAGG President, Heung Bong Cha, PhD, raising important questions during the high-level panel discussion on "*The third Review and Appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing.*"



International guidance published on ‘overlooked’ older people with diabetes

International guidelines outlining a ground-breaking model for how to manage older people with physical weakness and fatigue who have diabetes has been published.

An International Position Statement on the Management of Frailty in Diabetes Mellitus was led by Professor Alan Sinclair of the Foundation for Diabetes Research in Older People at Diabetes Frail (UK) and Professor Bruno Vellas, Chief of the Department of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at the Toulouse University Hospital, France, and former IAGG President, in collaboration with the Hong Kong Geriatrics Society and an International Group of Experts.

The document makes a series of recommendations to help doctors and nurses treat the over 70's who have diabetes and who may also suffer from conditions linked to physical weakness.

This is the first time guidance has been published internationally on the subject and those involved have called for a “clear focus on patient safety” and early recognition of the deterioration of a person's health as part of the overhaul.

Professor Sinclair said: “Frailty is now recognized as a new complication of diabetes in ageing populations and needs to be a priority for action. This is because frailty leads to excess disability in diabetes leading to earlier institutionalization, decreased quality of life, and premature death. Yet early prevention and management should lead to longer, healthier lives.

“Quite simply, older people with diabetes developing frailty are being let down and overlooked by the system, that's why we have developed this international position statement to illustrate and share a better way of caring for these people.

“It is part of a wider problem as generally older people with diabetes were often overlooked and over medicated, but we now need to give them the care and attention they deserve.”

The document lays out a specific model for those working in primary, secondary and community care to help them understand how to prevent frailty and ensure the early management of the condition. It also provides a platform for a model of care to be coordinated across local regions to help those older people with diabetes who are developing frailty, have developed frailty, and those progressing to disability.

The guidance was compiled because the prevalence of diabetes is increasing among people between the ages of 60 to 79 years, and frailty may be present in up to one in four in this age range.

In older people with the condition, frailty and loss of muscle mass and strength known as sarcopenia, have become serious complications which are often overlooked or not diagnosed by healthcare teams.

The guidance was unveiled in the UK at the 4th National Conference of the Older People's Diabetes Network (OPDN), which is chaired by Professor Sinclair.

To read the Position Statement in full, click [HERE](#).

IAGG 22nd WORLD CONGRESS

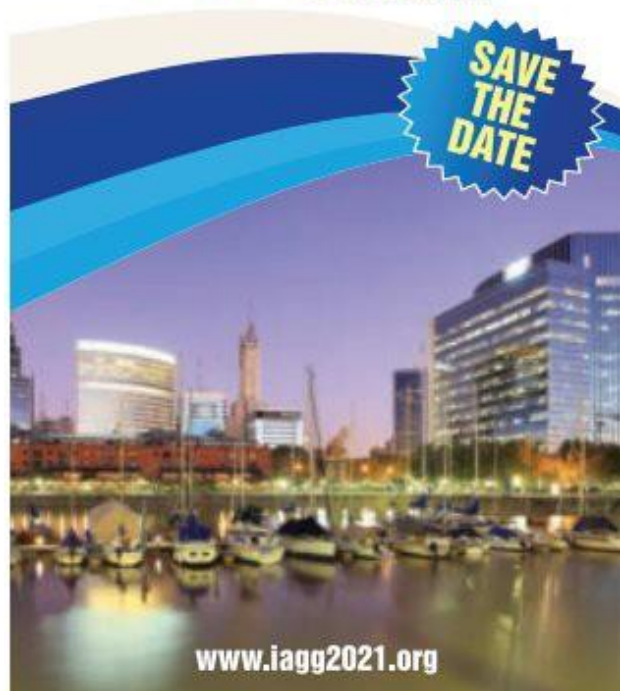
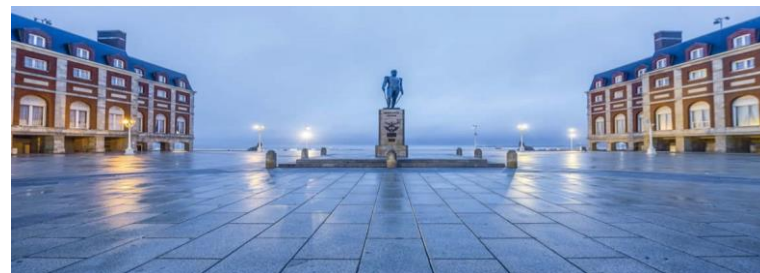
SAVE THE DATE:

22nd IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics

Buenos Aires Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center
Buenos Aires, Argentina

June 20-24, 2021

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IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

ASIA/ OCEANIA REGION

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The picture below was taken from Ageing Nepal's "Voice of Senior Citizens" November newsletter. The photo visually addresses the World Health Organizations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in an effort to ensure no elderly individuals are left behind.



- The Association of Gerontology India (AGI) developed a post graduate diploma course on "Gerontology & Age Management" in collaboration with University of Calcutta for students who hope to upgrade their knowledge base and broaden their spectrum of expertise. The Silver Circle, a joint initiative of Support Elders Private Limited (SEPL) and CMIG, builds a platform to improve the quality of life of elders through positive engagement and self-actualization with an emphasis to be self-sufficient both financially and emotionally. A workshop (September 21-24, 2017) on Dementia discussed Origin, Growth and Answers to Challenges in which Gerontologists, Geriatricians and experts working in the field of dementia participated. An international project "WELLNISS" in collaboration with Scotland, Norway, India and Slovenia focuses on the impact of cross-cultural connectivity on the wellness of ageing individuals.

REGIONAL EVENTS

- **October 24-27, 2019:** IAGG Asia-Oceania Regional Congress, Health & Wellbeing in the Silver World: From Bench to Policy, Taipei International Convention Center, Taipei, Taiwan. View program details [HERE](#).

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (COMLAT) REGION

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Colombian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics released a statement promoting April 7 world health day "let's talk about depression". To read the full statement click [HERE](#).

REGIONAL EVENTS

- The Regional executive council and local organizing committee continue to plan and prepare for the 2019 Latin American & Caribbean Regional Congress, which will be held in Uruguay.
- **May 17- 19, 2018:** XII Colombian and Ibero-American Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics
- **June 6-8, 2018:** Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SBGG) 21st Congress in Rio de Janeiro. For more information, please follow this link: www.cbagg2018.com.br

EUROPEAN REGION

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- News from the Turkish Geriatrics Society: Turkish Geriatrics Society is organizing Basic Geriatrics Courses regularly. Ninth “Basic Geriatrics Course” was held on the 15th of Dec, 2017 in Ankara. The Ankara Chamber of Doctors was the hosting organization.



- Belarusian Republican Gerontological Public Association held annual scientific meeting in Vitebsk city 29 November 2017 which was named “Identity attack in the modern world: the problem of dementia”. More than 250 specialists in gerontology and geriatrics, primary health care, nursing houses, social workers took part in discussing of possible ways of development of the WHO global action plan on the public health response to dementia in Belarus.

- The British Geriatrics Society’s journal Age and Ageing published “Medication usage change in older people (65+) in England over 20 years: findings from CFAS I and CFAS II” and “Z-Drugs and Risk for Falls and Fractures in Older Adults - a Systematic-Review and Meta-analysis”.

Both articles are free to access and can be found by following their respective links above.

- The Dutch Society of Gerontology recently began a Dutch School of Gerontology to bring BA, MA and PhD students with an interest in gerontology together. During the School of Gerontology’s classes of students discuss different themes in gerontology amongst each other and with other experts such as faculty, professionals and policy makers, based on their own research projects or that of others. The goal is to develop and exchange knowledge, and to build a strong nation-wide community among young Dutch gerontologists. The first School of Gerontology will take place in April 2018.

REGIONAL EVENTS

- **June 13-15, 2018:** 60th Geriatric and Gerontology National Conference (SEGG 2018), which will be held in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain). For further information click [HERE](#).
- **July 4-6, 2018:** The 47th Annual Conference of the British Society of Gerontology, Ageing in an Unequal World: Shaping Environments for the 21st Century, will be held at the University of Manchester. Registration is now open for the conference with discounted rates for those who register before 26 April 2018. More information can be found [HERE](#).
- **May 23-25, 2019:** IAGG European Region Congress 2019, *Towards Capability in Ageing – from cell to society*, Gothenburg, Sweden at the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre. View program details [HERE](#).

NORTH AMERICAN REGION

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry began offering a Geriatric Psychiatry Online Course which will consolidate new information on geriatric psychiatry in an innovative, interactive and fun manner. The program features interactive asynchronous online learning modules and is geared towards psychiatrists, physicians and allied health professionals who are interested in receiving up-to-date information about the psychiatric care of the elderly.

REGIONAL EVENTS

- **October 12 – 13, 2018:** CAGP 27th Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. View program details [HERE](#).
- **October 17-20, 2018:** 11th World Stroke Congress ([WSC 2018](#)) in Montreal, Canada.
- **October 18 – 20, 2018:** 47th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG) being held in Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada). Abstracts due on **April 15, 2018**. More information click [HERE](#).
- **November 14-18, 2018:** Gerontological Society of America's 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting, The Purposes of Longer Lives, John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, Boston, Massachusetts. View program details [HERE](#).

AFRICAN REGION

REGIONAL EVENTS

- **October 18 – 21, 2018:** 34th World Congress of Internal Medicine (WCIM 2018) will take place in Cape Town, South Africa. For more information or to register click [HERE](#).

IAGG PROGRAM NEWS

GLOBAL SOCIAL INITIATIVE ON AGEING (GSIA)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Pictured (left): Norah Keating, Director of the IAGG Global Social Issues on Aging (GSIA), met with members of the Sustainable Care program. The program aims to improve how care is planned, resourced, organized, delivered and experienced, by providing evidence to inform the decisions, policies and actions of governments, employers, families, older people and care sector stakeholders. The Sustainable Care program comprises 20 scholars in 7 universities, linked to an international network spanning 15 countries.

Pictured (right): Norah Keating (IAGG GSIA), Patricia Conboy (HelpAge International), Susan Reinhard (AARP), Claire Champeix (Eurocarers). Taking part in a network meeting and seminar of the ROSEnet COST Action program, Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion: Collaborations in Research and Policy. Meetings were held at the Royal Academies for Science and the Arts of Belgium in Brussels, February 19-21. Claire Champeix, Susan Reinhard and Patricia Conboy took part in a policy panel, Stakeholder Perspectives on Old-age Exclusion and Policy. Norah Keating presented a workshop on "Identifying Policy Messages toward Making a Difference"



UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (COMLAT) REGION

2018

- **June 6-8, 2018:** Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SBGG) 21st Congress in Rio de Janeiro. For more information, please follow click [HERE](#).
- **August 23- 25, 2018:** XV Congress of Argentinian Geriatric and Gerontological Society to take place at the Sheraton Mar del Pata Hotel. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

2019

- **October 17- 19, 2019:** VIII Congress of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee on Geriatrics and Gerontology . This meeting will take place in Montevideo, Uruguay.

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Reminder for All IAGG National Society Members:

Please send us your updated information related to your membership (number of members, name of council member(s), name of contact, e-mail & postal addresses, phone/fax numbers).

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