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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:



This year the International Association of Gerontology celebrates its 42nd anniversary. The original idea came from the interest of several scientists, but mainly from Dr. E. V. Cowdry (USA) and V. Korenchevsky (USSR), with the aim of encouraging the international collaboration in gerontological research. In the early years some of the oldest gerontological societies joined for the First International Congress, in Liege, Belgium, where IAG was founded (1950). Since then many other societies from all over the world have joined to give a total of 59 members. In the last ten years renewed interest has been shown by more Latin American societies and the first African societies. In 1991, there were several relevant gerontological activities, among them, three regional meetings: The II Congress of the European Region was held in Spain, the IV Congress of the Asia/Oceania Region was held in Japan and the I Congress of the Latin American Region was held in Brazil. As

President of the IAG, I was able to witness the intense activity promoted by these regional meetings in the field of gerontology. I was invited to attend each of them, and the developments I could observe are among the most satisfying experiences that a President of the IAG may live during his period in office.

I wish to emphasize the leadership of the European group in the development of gerontology as a science, as it has been since the early years of IAG. This fact distinguishes them as brilliant scientists, even though at times they lack the sensitivity for what is unfamiliar to the European way of thinking. On the other hand, I would like to remark the great sense of organization and the multidisciplinary approach of the Asia/Oceania group; they are spreading the knowledge and the noticeable advances at short term. Finally the emerging Latin American gerontological movement was demonstrated in a meeting where we were able to appreciate the difficulties, limitations and shortages, but also the efforts towards establishing collaborative networks that in the future will constitute a unified system for the area. I do believe that in the near future this region will join forces with the North American Region in order to consolidate exchange programs and the organization of biregional congresses that will gather the scientists of the whole continent.

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The Sandoz Prize is another achievement of the IAG. During the last meeting in Budapest the Sandoz jury composed by outstanding gerontologists, performed an excellent work in reviewing the most relevant advances in gerontological research. The Prize, increased in 1991 to 50.000 swiss francs, was awarded to Prof. Hans Thomae (Germany) and Dr. Leonard Hayflick (USA).

One of my concerns regarding the future standardization of results in current gerontological studies is the matter of the utilization of the ages of 65 or 60 year in the statistical parameters. I would like to remind you that during the World Assembly on Aging it was adopted by the world community, that in order to avoid confusion and to ensure the comparability of all kinds of studies, the age of 60 years will be normative. Therefore, regarding any further considerations, I recommend starting to build a solid foundation for setting up, in the council meeting agenda of the Budapest Congress, a resolution of international consensus on this matter.

May I take the opportunity to remind the Council representatives of the constituent members societies that the Council will meet in Budapest for the discussion of important matters concerning the future of the IAG. All of them are invited to present in writing their proposals 90 days in advance of the meeting. All Council representatives must be appointed to the Secretary General in the same period so that an updated list of council members can be compiled.

The international gerontological community joins the U.N. Organization in the 1992 commemoration of the World Assembly on Aging, a decade ago. IAG recognizes the value of the Vienna International Plan of Action in promoting the development of gerontological programs throughout the world, but mainly in developing countries. I also extend formal congratulations for the designation of October 1st as the International Day for the Elderly. Finally, I would like to invite all gerontologists and professionals related to the field of aging to attend the XV world Congress of Gerontology that will be held in Budapest, Hungary, July 4-9, 1993.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 1990

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting in Basel, Switzerland on March 28, 1990, include:

**1. Sandoz Prize Jury:** The composition of the jury was reviewed to ensure adequate representation which assures multidisciplinary expertise. Agreements and further details are expressed in the text dedicated to Sandoz Prize.

**2. By-Laws Registration:** After reviewing the legal status of the registration of the IAG in Belgium, it was verified that the association was legally registered in Belgium on March 15, 1952. Therefore, in order to avoid having to change status or apply for a new registration it is accepted that all amendments to the by-law are internally to be considered only as procedural, in order to avoid the need for new registration every time, with implementation via incorporation through the Manual of Procedures. Taking into account need to update in the future according to the circumstances without changing the essence of the original By-Laws, it was clarified that a new registration according to Belgian law should be made only in the case of major changes, for instance to modify the name, aims, etc. A motion was passed to cancel the procedure for new registration and to retain the original legal registration of 1952.

**3. European Region:** Dr. John L. C. Dall (U.K.) is the new Chairman and Dr. Guillen Llera (Spain) is the new Secretary. Both will be in office for the next two years. Elections will take place every four years and will be held in the regional meetings.

**4. New Treasurer:** Due to the unfortunate death of Esther C. de Lehr, RN Pamela Babb has been appointed to the Council by the Executive Committee. The appointment was confirmed by ballot.

**5. Operating Procedures:** Use of the IAG logo. Some publications and societies have asked permission to use the logo. Their use of the logo may give people the impression that the views expressed in such publications or programs are in accordance with the views of the IAG. It was agreed that the logo may be used on the stationary of the member societies and by officers (Chairmen of the Regions.) President Bravo was asked to present a format for the Manual of Procedures to be circulated to the Council Members for their suggestions in preparation of a proposal to be approved by the Council.



**6. Banyan Foundation:** The IAG has been invited by the UN to become a member of this newly created organization. This foundation is run by a group of eminent personalities with the aim of raising funds for specific targets in gerontological research and field projects. A motion is passed to try to stay in the organization without getting involved in providing money if it is requested. Membership without financial obligations will permit to be aware of the events.

**7. Historical Archives of the IAG:** Requests for historical materials and documents have been circulated. Some countries have answered and a good response is anticipated. This project is conducted without financial support from IAG. President Bravo insists that the archives are meant not only for information purposes but also to correct any misconduct of the member societies. This work should have been initiated years ago and it is high time to get started now. Even if the budget can not afford it at this moment, the importance of this project should make it a priority to be provided in the future.

**8. World Assembly on Aging, the Decade:** The Executive Committee recognized the contributions of the IAG to the 1982 Vienna WAA with the book "Message to the decision makers". Several considerations were made concerning the role of the IAG in any event commemorating the WAA in 1992. IAG member societies, regions and the Executive Committee are committed to ensure adequate representation and participation. The most important issue was to define the strategy and the message to the UN.

**9. Newsletters:** The importance of the Newsletters as the only link of communication between IAG and its members was recognized. Originally, Newsletters were intended only for officers of the member societies. However, full agreement was reached on their usefulness and on the fact that in former years communication has been insufficient. The policy of sending a small number of copies to the societies has never been effective. A motion was passed to seek external funding, making reference to the sponsor without including advertisements in order to permit continuing the current practice of sending certain number of copies to member societies and individual mailings to the list of attendants of the last congress and also to other interested gerontologists. It was clarified that newsletters are not to burden the budget already approved by the Council. A paragraph on this matter to be included in the Manual of Procedures is to be compiled.

The first Newsletter of spring 1990 is presented with the summary of the Acapulco Congress, the highlights of the minutes and relevant information on the regions and the next congresses.

**Presidential Award:** Dr. Busse reported on the endowment of the Busse Research Award by Gerontology International. The endowment intends to fund two awards to young researchers every two years. Dr. Harvey Cohen, Director of the Centre for the Study of Aging of the Duke University, will be the Chairman of the jury. This award recognizes Dr. Busse's outstanding contributions to gerontological research over three decades. A motion was passed that the award be continued and it was unanimously accepted that it will continue under his name. There was agreement that the creation of other award is not feasible unless there is an endowment that secures the continuity as in the case of the Busse Research Award.

**Treasurer Report:** RN Pamela Babb gave a detailed report.

Revision of member societies states of payments. Many societies are delayed in their payments for 1989, another few still owe their 1988 fees and very few are in debt since as far back as 1981.

In close contact with the Chairmen's of the Regions the treasurer must follow this up closely and continuously request member societies to consider that IAG does in fact cost money and that their financial contributions are the only source of support.

CHECKS in payment of dues should be made out to the International Association of Gerontology and mailed to R.N. Pamela Babb, Av. Prolongacion Division del Norte 4271, Tlalpan 14350, Mexico, D.F., MEXICO. (Before April 1, 1993. After the Budapest Congress, a new address will be provided).

If a BANK WIRE or TRANSFER is used, this should be sent to International Association of Gerontology, California Commerce Bank, 615 SO Flowers ST., Los Angeles, California 90017, USA. Account No. 50010775-01, Bank ABA 122233645. (Keep in mind that to preserve the security of the IAG funds the Executive Committee opened the current account in an American bank in US Dlls).



The following items constitute the holding of the IAG as of March 1, 1990.

1.- Detailed review of the account 3014004024 in the Barnett Bank of Gainesville reveals a total of 25,833.38 US Dlls transferred to the IAG account in the California Commerce Bank, by past treasurer, Prof. L. Hayflick. A report of 656.27 US Dlls received until March 1, 1990 show a balance of 26,941.65 Dlls.

Swiss Reserve Account:

Original documents are presented. Four accounts constitute the reserve fund:

A) Certificate of Deposit at 9.65% in American Dlls:	23,901.15
B) Bonds purchased in Swiss Francs, value in US Dlls:	8,658.11
Estimated interest after taxes	363.64
C) Savings account at 3.00 %	8,606.78
Estimated interest	129.00
D) Current account US Dlls up to Dec. 31 1989	644.52
<b>Swiss reserve fund balance</b>	<b>42,303.20</b>
<b>California Commerce Bank, current account balance</b>	<b>26,491.65</b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE as to March 1, 1990</b>	<b>US Dlls 68,794.85</b>

In accordance with the authority provided by the Bylaws the Executive Committee established since 1987 these accounts in order to protect IAG funds from the continuing instability of international currency. Advice will be sought with regard to the different possibilities, depending on the development of the economic situation. It must be emphasized that the objective of IAG as non-profit organization is not to produce earnings but to ensure proper handling of resources. A motion was passed authorizing President Bravo to handle the accounts according to the recommendations of the Banks advisors. Dr. Beregi as next President is to be included in the signatories to allow a smooth change over when she becomes President.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 1991

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting in Budapest, Hungary, on March 28, 1991.

### 1.- IAG Awards:

A) **Sandoz Prize:** In a report on the Sandoz Prize Prof. Hans Thomae (Germany) and Dr. Leonard Hayflick (USA) were announced to be the awardees for 1991. Prof. Thomae will receive the prize during the European Regional Meeting to be held in Spain in September 1991; Dr. Hayflick will receive his prize during the Asia/Oceania Regional Meeting to be held in Japan in November 1991. Dr. John Dall will continue to be the coordinator. The scientific members of the jury (currently Bernice Neugarten, USA, George Roth, USA, Alvar Svanborg, Sweden, J.C. Brocklehurst, United Kingdom) will be invited to continue for the next two years period; should anyone not agree to remain efforts to replace such a member will become necessary.

B) **Busse Research Award:** The issue of the Busse Research Award, formerly known as the IAG Presidential Award, was discussed on the basis of the proposal received from the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development. The main points to be agreed upon were discussed including the issue of jury composition and nominee selection. A motion considering all matters involved was passed to continue this award with Dr. Busse's name and to strive for a formally signed agreement between the IAG and the Chairperson including a resolution to ensure that the prize will become an integral part of the IAG'S protocol for future congresses. This agreement will require final approval by the Executive Committee.

C) **IAG Presidential Award:** In view of the tradition established in 1987 of an IAG Presidential Award, the committee agreed to continue to recognize outstanding efforts in the field of gerontology. It was decided to present an IAG Presidential Recognition which is to be symbolical (medal, diploma, etc.) rather than financial. A framework will be worked out to be presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

2.- **By-Laws Registration:** The whole background to the present situation was thoroughly reviewed and it was reconfirmed that IAG was legally registered in Liege, Belgium, in 1952. Administration is responsibility of the Council. The Belgian member requested by the Belgian law is the acting Belgian Council member.



A motion is passed reconfirming the resolution agreed upon in Basel by the Executive Committee. A letter which intends to put an end to misunderstandings with the Belgian Gerontological Society was produced.

**3.- IAG Meeting in Liege in 1992:** An invitation by the Belgian Society of Gerontology has been received to celebrate the 40 years of IAG in Liege, Belgium in 1992. A motion by Dr. Bravo addressed the problem that there is a confusion in the dates. The IAG was founded in 1950 (Nathan Shock's book) while the confirmative historical event was the first International Congress held in Liege. Nevertheless, legal registration was achieved in March 1952. Therefore, the Executive Committee recognized that anniversaries should correspond to dates related with 1950. In view of the acceptance of such anniversary events, a detailed review of the historical background should be implemented in the protocol.

**4.- Manual of Procedures:** All constituent member societies were reminded of the need to prepare the procedures on the new items which are to be presented and approved during the Council Meeting in Budapest 1993, including such issues as Dr. Busse Research Award, co-sponsorship of IAG to other international meetings, IAG Presidential Award, etc.

**5.- Banyan Foundation:** Dr. Bravo presented a report relating to the participation of the IAG in the meeting held in Paris in April 1990. The main goal of this foundation was to gather funds for grass root projects for the Aged. The role of the IAG was basically that of an observer. No further information has been received from this group.

**6.- Historical Archives:** This is an important project that has so far gathered information from 21 out of 56 member constituent societies. A background document is being prepared with this material. A motion was passed to continue to encourage societies to respond to this survey. Dr. E. Beregi agreed that a summary of this work be presented in the Opening Ceremony of the XV International Congress.

**7.- Treasurer Report:** A detailed report was presented to the Executive Committee; the following items constitute the holdings of IAG as of April 9, 1991.

Swiss Reserve account.

1) Certificate of Deposit in US Dlls at 8% interest	36,000.00
2) Bonds purchased in Swiss Francs; value in US Dlls	9,632.00
3) Current Account in US Dlls in Switzerland	1,324.00
Expected interest from Certificate of Deposit (1) 22:04:92	2,792.00
Expected interest from Bonds (2) 22:09:92	279.00
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<b>Swiss reserve fund balance</b>	<b>50,027.00</b>
<b>Current Account in the California Commerce Bank as of 28:02:91</b>	<b>34,264.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE as to April 9, 1991</b>	<b>US Dlls 84,291.00</b>

A motion recognizing the treasurers' work was passed which pointed out the fact that for the first time most dues have been paid up to 1990 with the exception of the traditional "in arriere" societies, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Venezuela, Panama and Phillipines. Actions for a follow up will be taken by the Treasurer with the Regional Chairs.

It was decided to accept the request made by President Elect Dr. Beregi to extend the 2,000 US Dlls. per year additional support for travel expenses, approved by the Council in Acapulco. (If prudential management was proved) for the next two years (1992-1993). The Treasurer reported the receipt of 5,000 Dlls from external sources to support the printing and mailing of the 1990 IAG Newsletter sent to 6,000 gerontologists around the world. The same support was reported to have been secured for the next Newsletter.



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**8. World Assembly on Aging Decade:** The IAG contribution to the decade of the WAA was revised. The Executive Committee approved a motion to work towards uniform framework for gathering standardized information from the regions; there will be two parts, one dealing with general issues (demography, research, teaching etc.) and the other with the implementation of the International Plan of Action into governmental and NGO activities. Notice was given that UN has declared October the 1st, 1992, as the World Day of the Elderly.

**9. Newsletter:** The committee was informed that the 1991 Newsletter has been delayed due to the Gulf Crisis and also due to the fact of an early CPPC as well as the Sandoz Jury Meeting 1991. Newsletter is intended to be an updated source of information on IAG activities for the world gerontological community.

**10. Budapest 1993 Congress Report:** Dr. Beregi presented a report which fully satisfied the Executive Committee that the planning of the Congress is moving ahead. The first CPPC meeting with full attendance was very successful in identifying most topics and chairpersons of the scientific program. The Executive Committee strongly recommended a proper geographic and multidisciplinary balance in the scientific program to be ensured by the Organizing Committee.

#### **11. General Issues:**

**A) African Region:** The creation of an African Regional Society and their application to become a member of the IAG was recognized. This is a very important issue that will have to be decided by the Council. This implies to accept a regional committee without the prior formation of national societies which would take many years.

A motion was passed to encourage and support the legal constitution of these African gerontological societies.

**B) Regional Congresses, IAG:** The Executive Committee has received news that Asia/Oceania (Japan), Europe (Spain) and Latin America (Brazil) have made excellent advances towards their Regional meetings to be held this year. The need to support these events due to their importance and growing influence in the development of gerontology in their respective areas was stressed.

**C) IAG Invited to Co-Sponsor International Meetings:** The IAG has been invited to co-sponsor the International Psychogeriatric Association Congress (IPA) in Rome, 1991; the World Federation of Mental Health (WFHM) in Mexico, 1991, and the International Federation on Aging (IFA) Conference in Bombay, 1992.

A motion accepting co-sponsorship without financial involvement of the IAG, was passed. A policy regarding the above-mentioned issues must be worked out for the Manual of Procedures.

**12.- Region's report:** Dr. Bravo presented a report of a meeting held with the four Chairmen of the Regions: Drs. John Dall (Europe), Charles Longino (North America), Gary Andrews (Asia/Oceania) and Flavio Cancado (Latin America). The main issues identified were:

a) Improvement of communication to allow member societies a better understanding of the work of the IAG. b) The commitment to present the documents requested for the decade of the World Assembly on Aging together with the materials gathered from the Regions according to the guidelines to be forwarded. c) Dr. Dall informed about the new Journal of the European Region that, besides its editorial purposes, will also be a source of support for the regions. This example should be emulated by other regions. d) Regions must try to gather Council Members of constituent societies at least once a year in view of the fact that the IAG Council meets only once every four years. e) The Historical Archives project must continue to receive all means of encouragement. f) The Executive Committee will support each region in solving specific problems as they arise. An annual report in accordance with the By Laws must be presented by the regions and national member societies.



## THE SANDOZ PRIZE FOR GERONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH

This prize, worth 50,000 Swiss Francs, is being awarded every second year since 1983 by the International Association of Gerontology to individuals or teams who have made a significant research contribution in a particular area of gerontology or geriatrics, encouraged and trained younger research workers, or given impetus to progress in these fields in some other comparable way, for example, through the publication of textbooks and journal articles.

The Executive Committee of the IAG recently decided that the jury awarding the prize should be enlarged in the interest of maintaining a proper balance between different scientific disciplines and ensuring that nominees for the prize are of the highest possible calibre.

The agreement was accepted by the IAG Council at the International Congress of Gerontology in 1989 at Acapulco.

In future, therefore, the jury will comprise seven members:

- a) Three members of the IAG's Executive Committee - the president, who will act as chairman of the jury, the immediate past president and the president elect; they will serve for four years (currently Dr. S. Bravo Williams, Mexico; Dr. E.W. Busse, USA; Dr. E. Beregi, Hungary).
- b) Four past winners of the Sandoz Prize nominated by the three ex-officio members; the four will serve in the first instance for two years but will be eligible for renomination.

The four nominees are John C. Brocklehurst, UK; Bernice L. L. Neugarten, USA; George S. Roth, USA; George S. Roth, USA; Alvar Svanborg, Sweden.

- c) The jury shall be assisted in its work by the official coordinator appointed by agreement between the IAG and Sandoz, currently Dr. John L.C. Dall, and by a Sandoz representative, currently Dr. Leo Abisch. All the nine members of the jury will participate in the deliberations but voting will be restricted to the three presidents and the four scientific members.

The new composition of the jury represents a step forward, the initiation, as it were, of a new process - the recycling of experience in the interest of progress. The aim is to encourage all those who have won or might in future win the Sandoz Prize to assume the responsibility of encouraging others to devote themselves to such research, especially in the most neglected areas.

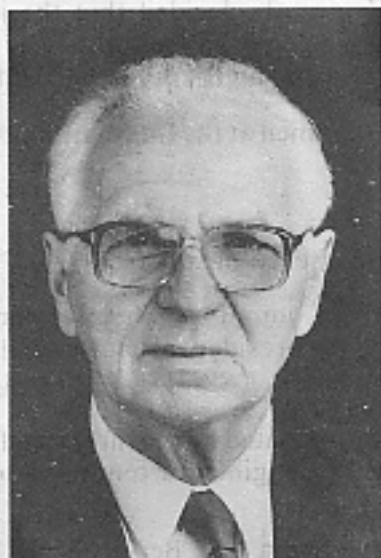
When the jury of the SANDOZ PRIZE met in Budapest on April 18, 1991, under the chairmanship of Dr. Samuel Bravo Williams, President of IAG, they had to evaluate no less than 59 applications and nominations comprising many of the foremost researchers from many countries. The jury ultimately decided that the 1991 SANDOZ PRIZE, should be shared between Dr. Leonard Hayflick, San Francisco, USA and Dr. Hans Thomae, Bonn, Germany. These two winners were awarded their prizes on the occasion of the Regional Congress of the IAG, Madrid, Spain, September 11-14, 1991, and Yokohama, Japan, Oct. 31 - Nov. 3, 1991, respectively.

The sixth SANDOZ PRIZE FOR GERONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH, again worth 50,000 Swiss Francs, will be awarded at the opening ceremony of the XVth International Congress of Gerontology in Budapest Hungary, July 4-9, 1993.

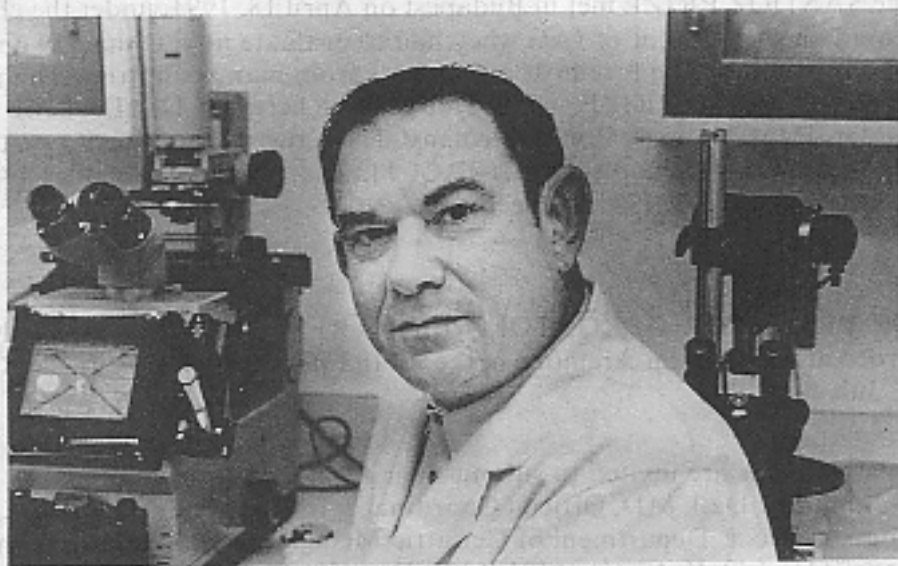
Individuals and research teams are invited to submit their applications or nominations not later than October 15, 1992 to John L.C. Dall, MD, Official Coordinator for the Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research, Consulting Physician, Department of Geriatric Medicine, The Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow G42 9TY, UK, phone: (41) 649-45-45 ext. 6121/6126 Fax: (41) 649-22-06 Information can also be obtained from any Sandoz Pharma Company.



Hans Thoma, PhD, Dr Dr.h.c. med., em.o. Prof. of Psychology at the University in Bonn, Germany, for major theoretical as well as empirical contributions. One of the first investigators to undertake longitudinal studies of individuals in the second half of their life span and in moving away from the biological-deficit model of aging, he has shown the interactions of biological, psychological, social and cohort factors as they produce widely different patterns of aging. Notable, also, is the scholarly way in which he has related his own work to that of other investigators in building a cumulative science of gerontology.



Leonard Hayflick, PhD, Professor of Anatomy, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, and the VA Medical Center, San Francisco, USA, for his contribution in establishing the field of cellular aging research. He was the first to demonstrate that normal diploid cells possess a finite division potential in vitro and to exhibit biological decrements unrelated to culture conditions. He suggested that this phenomenon was an expression of aging in vitro and analogous to the behavior of aging cells in vivo. He also found that the division potential is inversely related to donor age and directly proportional to species lifespan. He was also the first to demonstrate that the cellular biological clock is located in the nucleus and that the clock can be arrested for decades at subzero temperatures. These observations have spawned off numerous research projects and have attracted many promising young scientists to careers in gerontology.





## BUSSE RESEARCH AWARDS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY

In order to promote international research in gerontology, two awards (one in social behavioral and one in biomedical science), to recognize junior and/or mid-career scientists with significant accomplishments in aging research, will be presented at the International Congress of Gerontology in Budapest, Hungary, July 1993. For further information about the awards and the nomination and selection process contact: Harvey Jay Cohen, M.D., Jury Chairman, Busse Research Awards, Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, Box 3003, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC 27710 USA, Phone (919) 684-22-84

## XV WORLD CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY

Will be held in Budapest, Hungary, from July 4-9, 1993, under the theme "Science for Healthy Aging".

The city of Budapest, situated on both sides of the river Danube is famous for its classical architecture, historical and cultural monuments and wonderful views of the Castle Hill and the bridges across the Danube. The session will take place in the Budapest Convention Centre. Due to its geographical location, Budapest has good road, rail and air connections to the major cities of Europe and to other parts of the world.

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## MINUTES OF THE FIRST CONGRESS PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING (CPPC)

April 19, 1991 Budapest, Hungary.

Present: Drs. S. Bravo Williams, E. Beregi, J. Gonzalez Aragon, P. Babb Stanley, G. Andrews, F.A.X. Cancado, J. Dall, Ch. F. Longino, H. Thomae; L. Abisch, J.C. Brocklehurst, B. Connelly, A. Svanborg, G.S. Roth.

Secretariat: I.A. Gergely, T. Fulop, K. Rajczy, O. Regius, L. Vertes, D. Pallos.

Apologies: Drs. E.W. Busse, B. Neugarten.

The President of the CPPC Meeting - Dr. Edit Beregi - greeted the members of the CPPC and summarized the tasks of the meeting. The members of the CPPC Meeting agreed to the Agenda.

1./ The previously circulated definition of Symposia, Roundtables, Invited topics and Supported topics were accepted.

2./ The President of the Meeting noted that the list of topics and chairmen were collected from the four Regions and were sent out to the members of the CPPC Meeting. The proposals sent after the deadline were enclosed in the list.

The list included the proposed topics of the Invited Symposia and Roundtables, the Developing countries' program, the Latin American series, the Submitted topics with the proposed chairmen. The President of the meeting drew the participants attention to the few sponsored symposia and roundtables and asked the permission to have new sponsored topics included by the Organizing Committee later. The participants agreed. The President proposed to divide the topics and to work in groups during the first part in the morning, to select the invited and submitted topics and chairmen in the groups and to discuss the proposals afterwards in the plenary meeting.

The proposal was accepted and the participants of the meeting selected those groups which were the most interesting for them. In the plenary meeting, the groups proposals were discussed and the topics, chairmen, co-chairmen and in some cases, speakers were accepted. It was agreed that if selected chairmen or co-chairmen would not accept the invitation, the Congress Organizing Committee could replace the person.

3./ The proposed topic of the Opening Plenary Session "Science for Healthy Aging" was accepted with the following invited speakers: Drs. Edit Beregi, David Danon, Oliver James, Daisaku Maeda and Julia de Alvarez.

The proposed topic of the Closing Plenary Session was "Future of Gerontology" with the following speakers: Drs. Richard Adelman, John Dall, Jack Habib, Ursula Lehr and Gary Andrews. Prof. Dall proposed to have a Statement at the closing of the Congress.

4./ The Developing Countries program was accepted.



5./ The Latin American Series were widely discussed because the organizer - COMLAT (Latin American Regional Committee) - had requested simultaneous translation into Spanish. The decision of the CPPC Meeting was that this was not possible. The Latin American Series could be organized as a pre-congress meeting in Spanish without simultaneous translation.

6./ The President pointed out the basic time schedules:

The Second Announcement with the Call for Papers to be delivered at the end of 1991.

Deadline for submission of Abstracts will be June 30, 1992.

The Preliminary Program will be sent out at March 31, 1993.

7./ The role of the four Regions was determined: three copies of the Abstracts will be sent to the Regional Chairpersons. The Review Committee of the Region should select and review all the Abstracts and send them back with their proposals to the Organizing Committee not later than September 30, 1992. The Organizing Committee will summarize the Abstracts with the proposals and will call together the Second CPPC Meeting in November 1992. The Organizing Committee should receive proposals from the Regions for chairmen and co-chairmen for the Paper and Poster Sessions.

## **SECOND CONGRESS PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING. ( CPPC )**

**OCTOBER 30-31, 1992 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.**

The President of the CPPC.- Dr. Edit Beregi - with the collaboration of the Hungarian Organizing Committee presented the advances of an excellent scientific program which after almost two years of exhaustive work has come to its final stage.

The final framework, up to date, was:

43 Symposia (5 sponsored)

37 Invited Round Tables (2 sponsored)

43 Submitted Round Tables (6 sponsored)

900 Free Papers for oral presentation

500 Poster presentations

The meeting was complemented with a visit to the excellent facilities of the Budapest Convention Centre.

The abbreviated official preliminary program outlining the title and date of plenary sessions, symposia, paper sessions, poster sessions, round tables, other presentations and special events (pre congresses) as well as general information and tourism in Hungary, will be sent to registrants in the spring of 1993. The complete final Program and the book of abstracts will be available on the first day of the Congress.

The IAG and the Hungarian Organizing Committee welcome the world gerontological community in July, 1993.



## IAG, ASIA/OCEANIA REGION

The 4th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology was held at the Conference Center of the Pacific Convention Plaza in Yokohama, Japan, from Oct. 31st. -Nov. 3rd, 1991, under the main theme of "The Advent of the Era of Longevity - Towards Ripening and Mellowing of Society".

The officers of the local organizing committee were Drs. H. Orimo (President), D. Maeda (Treasurer) and Y. Fukuchi (Secretary General).

The scientific program included 6 plenary lectures, 34 symposia, 95 sessions of submitted papers and 2 luncheon seminars.

The opening ceremony on Oct. 31st. was highlighted by the opening address of His Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince, Naruhito. Dr. Bravo Williams gave a congratulatory address as President of IAG. Dr. J. Dall, the Chairman of the European Region helped Dr. Bravo Williams in the awarding ceremony of Sandoz Prize to the winner Dr. Leonard Hayflick.

The congress set the stage for lively discussions on recent developments in geriatrics, appreciation of diverse issues in biologic and socioeconomic aspects of gerontology.

There were 330 foreign and 700 domestic participants. The delegates from 33 countries joined this congress to make it the largest congress in the history of Asia/Oceania meetings.

The first council meeting was held by the formal representatives of the IAG, member countries of this region during this congress.

Venue for the 5th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology in 1995: Hong Kong.





## IAG, EUROPEAN REGION.

The II European Regional Congress of Gerontology was held at the school Conference Center, of the Faculty of Medicine, Complutense University, Madrid, Spain, from Sept. 11th-14th, 1991, sponsored by the Spanish Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology.

The officers of the Organizing Committee were: Dr. Alberto Salgado Alba (Honorary President), Dr. F. Jimenez Herrero (President) and Dr. F. Guillen Llera (Secretary General).

The scientific program included 7 interdisciplinary sessions, 45 symposia, 239 free papers, 36 posters and 2 luncheon seminars.

The opening ceremony on Sept. 11th was highlighted with the opening address by Her Royal Highness Queen Sophia. Dr. Bravo Williams the President of IAG and Dr. J. Dall, the chairman of European Region were present in the ceremony. During this event the Sandoz Prize was awarded to Prof. Hans Thomae.

The congress set a stage for scientific exchanges on the latest developments in gerontology and geriatrics. Main issues were Alzheimer disease and the aging brain, cardiovascular risk factors, hypertension, microcirculation, osteoporosis, quality of care, social support and health care systems.

There were 2000 participants, 40% from Spain, 20% from Italy, 14% from France, the United Kingdom and Germany, 20% from the rest of Europe and 6% from the rest of the world. The delegates from 41 countries attended this congress to make it the largest congress in the history of European meetings.

Council meetings were held by the formal representatives of the IAG member countries of this region during this congress.

Venue for the III European Regional Congress of Gerontology in 1995: Amsterdam, Netherlands, under the Presidency of Prof. C.P.M. Knipscheer.





## IAG, LATIN AMERICAN REGION.

The 1st Latin-American Regional Congress of Gerontology was held at the Conference Center of the Maskoud Plaza Hotel in Sao Paulo, Brazil from Nov. 9th-14th, 1991, under the theme "Aging in the XXIst Century: Perspectives" and co-sponsored by the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology.

The officers of the local Organizing Committee were Dr. Flavio Aluizio Cancado (President), Dr. Nora Fioravanti (Secretary General) and the members of the COMLAT of IAG (Latin American Regional Committee).

The opening ceremony was highlighted by the opening address by the Minister of Health of the State of Sao Paulo. Dr. Bravo Williams gave a message as President of the IAG, Dr. Frederico Azevedo Gomez in the name of the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology and Dr. Milton Gorzoni as President of the IX Brazilian Congress of Gerontology. Other distinguished attendants were Dr. Joaquin Gonzalez Aragon, IAG Secretary General, R.N. Pamela Babb Stanley, IAG Treasurer and Dr. Gary Andrews, Chairman of the IAG Asia/Oceania Region.

The congress drew a multidisciplinary audience of medical doctors, psychologists, physiotherapists, nurses, social workers and other professionals like engineers, architects and lawyers.

There were 60 distinguished foreign guests, 100 Latin-American and 840 domestic participants. The delegates from 14 countries attended this congress, the first organized by the IAG Latin-American Region. 321 gerontologists were involved in an excellent scientific program.

A council meeting was held by the formal representatives of the IAG member countries of this region during this congress.

Venue for the 2nd Latin American Regional Congress of Gerontology in 1995: to be decided in Budapest.





## CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CONGRESS

The 1st Central American and Caribbean Congress of Gerontology was held at the International Conference Center in Havana City, Cuba from May 6-9th, 1992, sponsored by the Cuban Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology and the IAG Latin American Regional Committee (COMLAT)

The officers of the Organizing Committee were: Dr. Osvaldo Prieto Ramos (President), Dr. J.C. Rocabruno Mederos (Secretary) and Dr. R. Dieguez Dacal (Treasurer).

The scientific program included 9 precongress courses, 5 symposia, 28 roundtables, 79 free papers, 400 posters, 5 video sessions and 1 workshop.

The Congress also included the 1st Spanish-Cuban Meeting on Gerontology and allowed for exchanges among participants on an excellent scientific level. The first book on gerontology written by Cuban gerontologists was presented. The President, Fidel Castro, inaugurated the Functional Assessment and Treatment Center for the Third Age, a pioneering institution in Latin American.

There were 507 participants; 231 Cubans and 276 from abroad.

COMLAT meetings were held by the formal representatives of the IAG member countries for this region during this congress.

## NOTABLE ISSUES

### AFRICAN GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Executive Committee has been notified of the formation of the African Gerontological Society (AGES) with a caretaker committee chaired by Mrs. Nana Apt from Ghana and with Hemsing Hurryng (Vice President) from Mauritius and W.C. Mwambazi (Secretary) from Congo as further members. This organization was set up in Acapulco during the XIV International Congress. AGES specifically asked for full support and collaboration. President S. Bravo Williams and members of the Executive Committee are reviewing the steps to be taken in order to ensure the future membership of this regional organization and to promote the integration of already existing national societies as well as the creation of gerontological societies in countries where they do not exist. This is a first formal attempt to achieve African membership in the IAG. Council members will be informed on the progress of this important issue.



## LEGAL STATUS OF THE IAG IN BELGIUM

The Executive Committee would like to officially express its gratitude to the Belgian Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics for the help in clarifying the legal status of the IAG, a process that had become necessary because no legal record could be located before the New York congress in 1985. The research proved that indeed the IAG had been properly registered in 1952; certified copies of the By Laws and other documents were provided in 1986. Evidence to this effect is registered in the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings on April 5, 1986, and on February 18, 1987. Dr. W.J. Dekoninck was able to secure a copy of the original By Laws filed in Liege, Belgium. The members gratefully acknowledged Dr. Dekoninck's efforts.

Later on, the IAG commissioned the Belgian Society to see to it that the amendments of the 1985 revised version of the By Laws be included. (Minutes of the IAG Executive Committee Meeting on April 17, 1987). Realizing however, that such inclusion would cause a new registration and several unnecessary complications, and in view of the fact that the IAG had already been historically registered, the Executive Committee decided not to apply for new registration.

The IAG Executive Committee in Basel, Switzerland, resolved to retain the original registration (Minutes of the IAG Executive Committee Meeting of March 28, 1990), and to consider the amendments and the 1985 revision of the original By Laws as for internal purposes only, with implementation via incorporation in the Manual of Procedures. This resolution was reconfirmed in the IAG Executive Committee Meeting of March 28, 1991 in Budapest, Hungary.

In order to avoid future confusions among gerontologists and to establish a concrete and transparent chronology, it must be emphasized that foundation of the IAG took place in 1950, in Liege, Belgium, during the First International Congress, where the delegates accepted the statutes and elected the governing body (Nathan Shock's book, pages 18-19, 304-311). The civil personification and registration as a legal entity was published in the "Moniteur Belge" in 1952.

The International Association of Gerontology acknowledges the Belgian Gerontological Society for the full support and cooperation during the last 7 years in our efforts to preserve the historical image of this Association that has been served and honoured by many renowned gerontologists over the last 42 years.

As a result of the good actions and disposition, we want to corroborate the Belgian Gerontological Society to continue to represent the IAG before the Belgian law, in the years of its existence.

## NEW MEMBER SOCIETIES.

### TAIWAN

Dr. Ti Kai Lee, President of the Gerontological Society of the ROC and Dr. Yao Yun Ling, President of the Institute of Gerontology of the ROC confirmed the amalgamation of the two societies. The tenure of Presidency will be one year.

In an official document dated July 18, 1990 it was fully accepted that the name "GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, TAIWAN, CHINA" will be the official name to be used, as was proposed by the Council, in order to avoid confusion and conflicts.

### HONG KONG

The Hong Kong Association of Gerontology has applied for membership. Prof. Edward M.F. Leung reported that it was established in 1986 and is very active in the field. The Asia/Oceania Region supported the application, and it was accepted by ballot of the Council Members.



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## OBITUARY

The International Association of Gerontology saddens to inform you that Dr. Lorenzo Figallo Espinal died on April 10, 1990. Dr. Figallo was a distinguished Venezuelan gerontologist who contributed to the development of gerontology in Latin America. He was highly respected in the area and in Europe for his contributions both as a person and as a scientist.

The International Association of Gerontology is sad to inform you that Prof. Norman Exton Smith a distinguished scientist from Great Britain died, on March 29, 1990. We regret the passing of this reputed. Past President of the British Geriatrics Society who was one of the pioneers and leaders of gerontology in Europe and the world.

## SANDOZ LECTURES IN GERONTOLOGY

This symposium, at which leading contenders for the Sandoz Prize in the previous year present their work, provides participants with an update on research into the underlying biological, clinical and sociological aspects of aging. The last Sandoz Lectures took place from 15-18 March, 1992, in Basel, Switzerland. The next Sandoz Lectures will be held in March 1994.

### Information

The 1994 Sandoz Lectures in Gerontology, Postfach 182, CH-4013 Basel, Switzerland.  
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## OCTOBER 1st, INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELDERLY

The General Assembly of United Nations has designated October 1st, as International Day for the Elderly (resolution 45/106). Therefore, on October 1st, 1991, this Day will be observed for the first time throughout the world.

By designating a special Day for the Elderly, the Assembly was giving recognition to the real and potential contribution of the elderly to development, and drawing attention to a demographic phenomenon: the greying of populations, the "age of ageing".

Suggested activities for observing the Day.

- Statements by Heads of State, local authorities and organizations;
- Observances at United Nations offices throughout the world;
- Announcements at major conferences;
- News announcements in radio, television and the press;
- Photographic and poster displays in public areas;
- Essay and photographic competitions in schools and the media;
- Youth and the elderly debates in schools and community centres;
- Inter-generational cooperation on environmental protection;
- Skills exchange among the elderly of different countries,
- Seminars and lectures at universities and libraries.

Suggested themes for the activities might include:

- Individual life histories seen against the background of major events;
- The contributions of elderly women in history and in the family;
- New roles for the elderly in the year 2020 and 2040;
- Care-giving by the family as a unit;
- Four and five-generation families in the community;
- Cross-national cooperation in research and training on ageing.

Activities held on the Day and reported to UNOV/CSDHA will be selected for inclusion in the Bulletin on Ageing. Reports should be sent to:

United Nations Office at Vienna  
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## PUBLICATIONS

### --Journal of Experimental Gerontology--

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### --Reviews in Clinical Gerontology--

Edward Arnold (A division of Hodder Stoughton Publishers)

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### --Clinical Chemistry Reference Values for the Elderly--

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**--Centenarians in Hungary, a Sociomedical and Demographic Study--**

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## SECRETARY-GENERAL AWARDS TESTIMONIALS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF AGEING

VIENNA, 12 October 1992, (Un Information Service) - Two International non-governmental organizations will be awarded testimonials by Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali for distinguished service in the field of ageing and in support of the United Nations programme on ageing.

The awards have been announced in connection with the special plenary sessions of the forty-seventh General Assembly, on 15 and 16 October, marking the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing.

One of the recipients of the 1992 testimonials is:

**The International Association of Gerontology (IAG):** Founded in 1950, IAG membership consists of 55 national gerontological societies. It promotes gerontological research in biological, medical and social fields, fosters cooperation among members, encourages training of highly qualified personnel in the ageing field, and protects interests of gerontological societies in all questions pertaining to foreign and international matters. In consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, IAG has a distinguished record in the area of research and advocacy relating to the International Plan of Action

Since 1989, a total of six testimonials have been awarded to individuals and organizations in recognition of their dedicated and outstanding support to the United Nations programme on ageing and to the activities undertaken within the framework of the International Plan of Action on Ageing

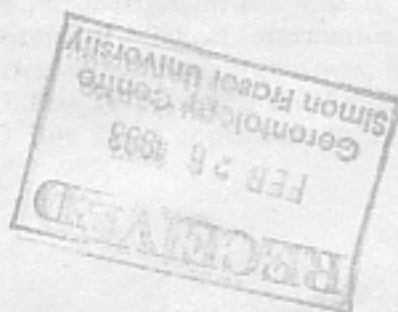


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