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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF OLDER PERSONS AND THE IAG

The designation 1999 by the United Nations as the International Year of Older Persons (IYOP '99) has great relevance for the IAG and its member associations. Especially as ageing, as a major global social, economic and humanitarian issue, has had a fairly brief history. What follows is a brief historical sketch of some of the UN's activities in relation to ageing and the Conceptual Framework underpinning the year.

In the United Nations the issue was first raised in 1948 at the initiative of Argentina with the preparation at that time, of a 'draft declaration on old age rights'. Then more than 20 years later the question was again placed on the agenda of the UN General Assembly at the initiative of Malta, leading in 1982 to the World Assembly on Ageing held in Vienna, Austria. This was followed in the same year by the General Assembly's adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing (The Vienna Plan of Action). In 1990 the UN General Assembly designated 1 October as the International Day of Older Person, an occasion now celebrated annually by many countries. In the following year the Assembly formally adopted the United National Principles for Older Persons.

It was in 1992 that the General Assembly adopted the proclamation on Ageing. There it was 'Decided to observe the year 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons... in recognition of humanity's demographic coming of age and the promise it holds for maturing attitudes and capabilities in social, economic, cultural and spiritual undertakings, not least for global peace and development in the next century'.

IYOP provides an unprecedented opportunity to galvanise attention and subsequent action in response to the global phenomenon of ageing. It provides the opportunity of seeing ageing at individual and societal levels in a new light - to develop a positive vision of ageing as an affirmation of the value of life itself.

Ageing is a universal experience. For a variety of reasons we examine and note the differences in the expression and experience of ageing in various guises: between genders, between developed and developing countries of the world and the variety of ways in which differing societies and cultures respond to the phenomenon. These variations are important, but underlying this heterogeneity is a common reality that touches all, providing a common bond and an enormous potential for sharing experiences, learning from one another and ultimately evolving effective individual and societal responses to the challenges of living a long life. Hence, 1999 is a watershed year for human ageing - it has the potential to significantly alter deeply rooted misconceptions of ageing and their consequences.

The Conceptual Framework developed in relation to IYOP suggests a theme, objective and four dimensions for particular attention in the preparations and observance of the Year.

The theme: 'Towards a Society for all Ages' reflects a growing concern for ensuring age-integration. The theme is derived from discussions on achieving a "society for all" at the 1995 World Summit for Social Development. A 'society for all ages' is one that enables generations to invest in one another and share the fruits of that investment guided by the twin principles of reciprocity and equity. The four dimensions of the Conceptual Framework provide critical support for the concepts of a society for all ages.

The first dimension is the 'situation of older persons' and it provides a link back to areas of primary concern expressed in the International Plan of Action including health and nutrition, housing and the environment, the family, social welfare, income security and employment. The International Year will facilitate the revisiting of these issues in terms of the recommendations of the plan of action itself and the subsequently developed global targets on ageing for the year 2001. These considerations should facilitate practical actions supporting the interdependence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity of older persons as outlined in the United Nations principles for older persons.

The second dimension is 'life-long individual development' which recognises that in a world where more and more individuals can expect to live to 90 years or more in a dynamic environment that is continually changing, individuals need particular life skills: foresight, self-reliance, inter-dependence, flexibility and ingenuity. They need an enabling environment fostering lifelong education, skills-upgrading and healthy lifestyles. Many need mid-life supports for making the transition into old age, a time for fulfilling individual aspirations and for adjusting family life, careers and lifestyles.

The third dimension highlights 'multigenerational relationships' noting that the demographic, socio-economic and cultural revolutions affecting societies also affect relationships between generations - between children, parents, grandparents and between workers and retirees. Thus, relationships in both family and society are affected. As more individuals live into very old age, two needs come to the fore: income security and care. In traditional societies, family and community provided both. As societies modernise (and their populations age), these responsibilities come to be shared by the society at large, through inter-generational transfers between working and retired populations, often facilitated by insurance and savings elders accumulated in their earlier years. The speed and scope of change gives rise to a need for continuing research, debate and adjustments.

The final dimension of 'development and ageing of populations' poses the challenge of reconciling population ageing with socioeconomic development. This requires multi-sectoral adjustments including employment, income security, social welfare, health care and education as well as investment, consumption and savings patterns. One of the principal directions for such adjustment is ensuring that older persons have opportunities to participate and contribute as well as to receive care when needed. Another objective is to establish an age-integrated society, one that fosters reciprocity and equity between generations even as it encourages lifelong development and self-reliance on the part of individuals.

There are many actions, projects and activities to be undertaken at all levels in pursuit of the goals and objectives inherent in these statements. There are two very important ones in which the International Association of Gerontology as an organisation has a significant part to play.

The Development of a Research Agenda for the Twenty First Century.

This project will extend over a three-year period beginning with the formulation of an initial research agenda framework developed by an expert consultative group. An initial meeting, auspiced by the IAG on behalf of the UN, occurred in February, supported by the Novartis Foundation for Gerontological Research. Over 30 experts from around the world met in Vienna at the UN Headquarters. IAG Secretary General, Mary Luszcz and President-elect, Gloria Gutman, were among those attending. Special efforts were made to include participants from developing and developed countries, and with disciplinary expertise ranging from the basic to the social sciences and economics. The group identified key priorities for research to guide future policy directions and other organisations, agencies and individuals that can pursue priorities in depth. Priorities ranged from genomics as a way to prevent and intervene in degenerative disease processes to an emphasis on quality of life in all its guises. After further consultation and refinements, key areas will be widely disseminated for debate and consideration before the final formulation of the agenda in 2000. Ultimately the General Assembly will consider and endorse and formally transmit the Agenda to member states for consideration and action, in 2001. The production of the Agenda for Research is intended to focus, facilitate and fire the imagination and finally gain the commitment of governments, international agencies, research foundations and researchers themselves to examine the critical questions on ageing and their implications.

The Development of a Policy Framework for a Society for All Ages.

An inter-regional expert group meeting is to take place mid-1999. The intention is to provide guidelines to national governments in the development of appropriate policy responses to population ageing into the next century. This exercise is aimed at adding substance to the rhetoric. It will propose actions and provide guidance to nations and the international community in the formulation of sound and practical responses to the multifaceted and complex challenges posed by the major shifts in the demographic profiles of all nations.

None of this can be achieved in a vacuum. The challenge for all of us is to critically examine our own precepts, motivations and directions and not just to assume that today's answers will suit elders of tomorrow. The IYOP should provide an opportunity for new and creative approaches, better understanding and more informed responses to the issues associated with ageing. The International Association of Gerontology, its regional committees and member associations have an important contribution to make in these global efforts aimed at achieving a future better society for all ages.



Vienna, Research Agenda on Ageing, Expert Group Meeting 1st - 3rd Feb. 1999

Left to Right ~ *First Row:* Dr Larissa Andrianova, Ms Brigid Donelan, Professor Mary Luszcz, Professor Gloria Gutman, Dr Michelle Clark, Dr Martha Pelaez, Professor Toni Antonucci, Ms Carol Randall

Second Row: Professor Sir John Grimley Evans, Professor Gunhild Hagestad, Ms Christina Hagger - (Coordinator) Dr Miriam Hirschfeld, Dr Alexandre Sidorenko, Professor Gary Andrews (Chairman), Dr PV Ramanurti, Mr Costas Fotakis, Professor Hannes Staehelin

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Fourth Row: Professor Alan Walker, Dr Paul Cheung, Professor Stephen Birch, Dr John Dowd. Absent - Dr Kevin Kinsella

FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Meeting of the Program Planning Committee for World Congress in Vancouver

The Program Planning Committee met in San Antonio, prior to the Pan American Congress. Gloria Gutman detailed arrangements for the format of the programme, suggestions for invited speakers and symposia organisers and possible allied activities.



IAG Secretary General, Mary Luszcz and Treasurer, Charles Young at Pan American Meetings of IAG, San Antonio Feb. 1999

Meeting of the IAG Executive

Membership

Some 62 organisations now belong to the IAG. Thailand and the Philippines applied for membership of the IAG. A postal vote of Council Members was roundly supportive of the admission of Thai Society for Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine to the IAG. The application from the Philippines did not meet criteria for multidisciplinary membership. They are now in the process of reconstituting a national society that better reflects the IAG criterion of multidisciplinary and includes basic and social scientists as well as medically qualified individuals.

Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP)

The current MOP was presented to Council and accepted at the 1985 New York Congress. An Addendum was presented in 1993 and approved by the then Council. Revision of the MOP, subject to Council approval, was seen as an alternative to alteration of the official by-laws, according to Belgian Law

A Draft Revision of MOP comprising an amalgamation of procedures devised in 1989 and 1993 and presented to Congresses in Acapulco and Budapest, respectively is currently being considered by the Executive and Regional Chairs. The Draft Revision comprises previous addenda, that have been re-written to make them more generic and to delete obsolete information, and amendments agreed during Council Meetings of the IAG in Adelaide in 1997. It was agreed that Executive members and Regional Chairs would review the suggested changes. Further meetings will be held in conjunction with the IAG Regional Congresses of Asia/Oceania, in Korea (June, 1999) and the European Region, in Berlin (July, 1999) to consider them.

Financial Matters

A detailed IAG financial statement was presented and will be published in the next IAG Newsletter, once it has been audited. The 1997 World Congress has been formally financially liquidated.

Gerontology: Behavioural Sciences Section

The planned expansion of Gerontology to include a Behavioural Science Section commenced with the first issue for 1999. Mary Luszcz is the Associate Editor for the Section. The initial composition of the Editorial Board of the Section has already undergone some changes. The Board, like so many colleagues and friends world-wide, was stunned and greatly saddened by the untimely death of Margret Baltes. She would have been an invaluable collaborator in this new venture and we deeply regret her passing.

At about the same time, two other colleagues agreed to join the Board, Prof. E. Cameron-Traub of Australia and Prof. A. Lowenstein of Israel. The composition of the Board is truly international and covers a breadth of behavioural sciences, including psychology, sociology, biostatistics, nursing, and economics. The Board is still evolving and suggestions of potential members would still be most welcome.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Michael Lye

On behalf of the Working Party

Department of Geriatric Medicine, University of Liverpool

"Declaration of Yuste"

It is generally acknowledged that the demographic shift towards an ageing population taking place in Europe, the Americas and South East Asia will increase demands for health care and social support as a consequence of age-related pathology. These demands will impact economically over the next 10-30 years. Better medical management of disease(s) in older patients may well contain a proportion, at least, of this rising expenditure.

The knowledge, skills and attitudes reflecting a positive approach to older patients by doctors are best presented during undergraduate training for all future doctors be they physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists or, indeed, any other speciality. In addition a minority of physicians should be encouraged to develop especial expertise at the postgraduate level in the problems of the older patient. In order to promote these two processes a number of

Geriatricians from European countries with active educational programmes in Geriatric Medicine, along with observers from North and South America, met to develop a common core curriculum in Geriatric Medicine. This two-day intensive workshop at the European Academy of Yuste, Spain received prepared position papers, which were discussed, developed and finally agreed. These agreed core element undergraduate and postgraduate curricula are available from the undersigned. In addition they have been "published" on the web; URL: www.yuste.org/edu/geri.html.

My colleagues and I would be delighted to receive comments, criticisms, suggestions in order to increase the potential benefits across a wider geographical spectrum. A future progress will involve a linkage of the agreed curricula to appropriate resources located on the INTERNET. We see the development of "a geriatric educational resource" as a major assistance to others with similar objectives.

Australian Association of Gerontology

1999 AAG joint conference with Aged Care Australia:

The Age of Celebration and Expectation

The aim of this joint conference is to share knowledge and experiences and educate all involved in our ageing society. The keynote speakers promise to set the scene with some diverse and exciting views on ageing issues in Australia and internationally. The keynote speakers include:

- Prof. Gary Andrews, Special Adviser to the UN, President of the IAG
- Dr David Snowdon - coordinator of the "Nun Study" (US)
- Mr David Kalisch - Australian delegation to the OECD
- Prof. Anthea Tinker - Research consultant to the Royal Commission on Long Term Care (UK)
- Dr Sidney Sax, RM Gibson Travelling Fellow (Australia)
- Dr William Molloy, Professor of Medicine, McMaster University, Hamilton (Canada)

For further information on the conference refer to the Conference Calendar or visit the Web Site:

<http://www.tourhosts.com.au/aacaag>

PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCHERS OF AGEING

International Association of Gerontology Novartis Prize for Gerontological Research

The Jury Panel met on Feb 20 to select recipients of the 1999 award. The Novartis Foundation for Gerontological Research provides funds for this biennial IAG research prize that is awarded to individuals with an outstanding record of advancing gerontological knowledge. Winners can be individuals or teams who have made a significant research contribution in a particular area of gerontology or geriatrics, encouraged and trained younger research workers, and given impetus to progress in these fields in some other comparable way.

The prize is typically shared by researchers working in the biomedical and social-behavioural sciences. This year was no exception and from an outstanding international field of applicants, two winners were selected: Professor Paul Baltes of the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Professor Edward Lakatta, Head of National Institute of Aging program on Cardiovascular Disease. The awards are presented at Regional IAG meetings, and each winner delivers a paper that provides an overview of their contributions to the field. Dr. Lakkata will receive his award in Korca and Professor Baltes in Berlin, during the respective IAG Regional meetings in June and July, 1999.



Rence Lawrence and Andres Stuck with Ewald Busse (centre) after the award ceremony at The Pan American Congress

Ewald W. Busse Research Award

During the Pan American Congress of the IAG, the Fourth Ewald W. Busse Research Awards were made to early career researchers in social/behavioural and biomedical sciences. The purpose of the awards is to recognise the achievements of promising scientists and to encourage their continued contributions to aging research. Rence Lawrence of the New England Research Institutes, Watertown, Massachusetts, and Andres E. Stuck of the University of Bern received the awards.

Dr. Lawrence's research interests include ethnic patterns of health and social support, health measurement, care giver - care recipient relationships, and disablement. Dr. Lawrence has received several grants from the US National Institute on Aging and has published in some of the top gerontological journals. Most notably, she received the 1997 Sage Publication Editors Award for the best peer-reviewed publication in the social and behavioural sciences in 1996.

Dr. Stuck's research interests include development and testing of the method of comprehensive geriatric assessment. He is currently involved with the development of a new multidimensional instrument for disability prevention among the elderly. His work has been highly recognised in both Switzerland and Germany through his publications.

The award is named after Dr. Ewald W. Busse, JP Gibbons Professor and Dean Emeritus, as well as founder of Duke University's Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, where the endowment is administered.

The next Ewald W. Busse Awards will be presented in 2001 at the International Congress of Gerontology, Vancouver, Canada.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

International Rural Aging Project 1997-2001

West Virginia University, Centre on Aging

Population aging and urbanization have profound implications for older populations in rural areas. The topic of rural aging has, however, generated less interest than that of urban aging.

The West Virginia University in Collaboration with: The United Nations Programme on Ageing, The World Health Organisation and The International Association of Gerontology, has undertaken a four-year project to include a series of rural networking and planning meetings with national and international experts on aging. Experts from a number of disciplines and many developed and developing world regions, will oversee all aspects of Rural Ageing: A Global Challenge international conference planning, paper submission, and subsequent publication and presentation of results in various formats and forums.

The expected impacts of the four-year project include:

- Needs of aging rural populations will be assessed and addressed within the contexts of broad intersectoral policies and a lifespan perspective.
- Policies and practices will be developed to address equitable distribution of resources to improve access to care and services for older persons in rural areas.
- Research capacities will be developed to define needs, evaluate models of intervention, disseminate best practices, and inform policy on issues of rural aging.
- Education and training models in aspects of rural aging will be developed and curricula disseminated.
- International networks will be strengthened, leading to cooperative efforts to promote healthy aging in rural and remote areas.

For further information on the Rural Aging: A Global Challenge conference, refer to International Gerontological Meetings or visit the Rural Ageing Web Site: http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/rural_aging

Dr Hanna Hermanova, Director of the Centre on Aging at West Virginia and Dr Robert D'Allessandri, Vice-President for Health Sciences are the local co-ordinators.



REMINDER:

The Executive welcomes input from member organisations about activities or initiatives of interest to our readership. Short articles or notices can be emailed or faxed to the Secretariat in Adelaide

IAG CONGRESS CALENDAR

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June 8 - 11

Asia / Oceania Regional Meeting of IAG
Seoul Korea

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July 7 - 11

IV European Congress of Gerontology
Berlin, Germany

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Sept 27 - October 1

COMLAT Regional Meeting of IAG
Gerontology and Geriatrics '99
La Havana, Cuba

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2000

August 25 - 28

2nd European Congress of Biogerontology
From Molecules to Human

2nd European Congress of Biogerontology
Prof. Vladimir N. Anisimov
Gerontological Society of the Russian Academy of
Sciences
N.N Petrov Research Institute of Oncology
Pesochny-2 St. Petersburg 189646
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2001

July 1 - 6

World Congress of Gerontology
Vancouver, British Columbia

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18th World Congress of Gerontology
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



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OTHER INTERNATIONAL GERONTOLOGICAL MEETINGS

1999

May 26 - 29

SYSTED 99

The elderly and the disabled in a pluralistic society: integration, diversity, equity
Grenoble, France

SYSTED 99

5 rue de Liberte 38000, Grenoble France
Fax: 33 0 476513722
E-mail: michael.frossard@upmf-grenoble.fr

June 27 - 30

International Association of Homes & Services for the Ageing
Ageing Societies in a New Millennium: Global Trends in Care & Services
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

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July 9th - 11th

Conference on Life Long Learning
Educational Gerontology
Worcester, UK

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Henwick Grove, Worcester, UK
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August 15th - 20th

Ninth Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association
Challenges for the New Millennium: Professional, Cultural and Regional Diversity
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

IPA '99 Congress Secretariat
#645 - 375 Water Street, Vancouver, B.C.
V6B 5C6 Canada
Tel: 1-604-681-5226, Fax: 1-604-681-2503
e-mail: congress@venuewest.com
<http://www.venuewest.com/ipa99>

September 1st - 3rd

1st Transatlantic Meeting & 2nd French American Meeting in Geriatrics
Paris - Palais des Congrès, Porte Maillot

Secrétariat de la Conférence
M.-F Congrès - 8
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September 4-9,

4th Global Conference on Ageing
Towards a Society for all Ages
Montreal, Quebec

Secretariat - JPdL
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E-mail: jpdl@jpdl.com
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September 5 - 8,

The Age of Celebration & Expectation
Sydney, Australia

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February 4 - 7,

International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) Sector of Psychiatry of Old Age (SPOA) Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
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Applications are invited for
Australia, New Zealand, Asia,
Africa and the Middle East
(ANZAAM) Region Fellowships



Theme and Purpose

The ANZAAM Region of the Novartis Foundation for Gerontological Research is awarding trainee Fellowships to promote cross-national advances in the study and care of older people. The theme is Research and Practice in Health and Care of Older People.

The purpose of the Fellowships is to encourage cross-national collaborative research and practice in the management of elderly people. Priority will be given to projects which focus on improving quality of life of the elderly as well as providing cost effective health services.

The aim is to encourage young and mid career persons of demonstrated ability to further their knowledge and abilities in gerontological research and care.

Fellowships are tenable within the ANZAAM Region.

Fellowships are offered to a limited number of persons.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, candidates must:

- be actively engaged in research and/or practice, either full or part time;
- provide a specific study plan within a clearly defined area;
- have an agreement with an appropriate host institution to carry out the project.

Applications will be considered in all relevant health related disciplines including social and behavioural sciences.

Applications within the following special areas of interest are encouraged:

- clinical and service issues • nutrition • stroke outcome • healthy ageing
- function • injury • polypharmacy • loneliness.

Submission and Assessment of Applications

Applications may be made at any time and will be considered by the ANZAAM Regional Committee in order of receipt by the Secretariat.

Stipend and Allowances

Fellowships are for a maximum of \$A40,000.

Application

All applications must be submitted on the approved application forms which are available from the Secretariat, Novartis Foundation for Gerontological Research, Mark Oliphant Building, Science Park, Bedford Park South Australia 5042, Australia. Telephone +61 8 82017568 and Fax +61 8 82017551.

Email: anzaam.novartis@flinders.edu.au



INTENSIVE COURSE IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE

ARE YOU a medical practitioner who provides care for older people?

ARE YOU responsible for developing health care for older persons in your country?

IF SO you may be eligible for one of the limited number of subsidised places in this innovative intensive course in geriatric medicine.

The Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Africa and the Middle East (ANZAAM) Region of Novartis Foundation for Gerontological Research is offering to cover the cost of economy direct return airfare, accommodation and meals for up to 20 qualified medical practitioners to attend this special course.

Where: Fort Canning Lodge, Singapore

When: October 11 - 22, 1999

Eligibility Criteria:

- Medical Officers possessing a recognised MBBS degree or equivalent with post registration experience who hold or are expected to hold senior positions in the care of the elderly.
- Applicants must include a letter of support from either their Ministry of Health or National Gerontological (or Geriatrics) Association with their application.
- Proficiency in English is essential.

Closing Date: Closing date for applications is 30 June 1999.

For further details and Application Forms contact the Novartis Foundation for Gerontological Research (ANZAAM) Secretariat at the Mark Oliphant Building, Science Park, Bedford Park, South Australia 5042 Australia

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