



# International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics

## *NEWSLETTER*

**ARGENTINA, BUENOS AIRES, 2025**

*Dear IAGG Members,*

*Welcome to this new edition of our IAGG newsletter!*

*As members of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG), we continue to be dedicated to promoting the highest levels of achievement in gerontological research and training worldwide. Our mission is to foster connections and collaborations with other international, inter-governmental, and non-governmental organizations to further gerontological interests on a global scale.*

*Together, we are working to enhance the quality of life and well-being of people as they experience aging, both individually and within society. The IAGG remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing knowledge, education, and the practice of gerontology to ensure that all people can age with dignity, health, and the best possible support.*

*Through this newsletter, we aim to share insights, updates, and opportunities that will help us achieve these goals and continue to build a global network of gerontological experts and advocates.*

*We look forward to your continued engagement and contribution as we work together to make a meaningful impact on the aging experience worldwide.*

*Warm regards,*

José R. Jauregui Md. PhD  
IAGG PRESIDENT





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## ***IAGG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:***



In the context of IAGG 3rd African Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, IAGG President, Dr. José Ricardo Jauregui and IAGG Secretary, Miguel Acanfora were present in this regional congress, where a new Chair Region was elected: Prof Radhouane Gouiaa. We are thankful to Dra. Isabella Aboderin for her work in the region all these years. The new challenge is to continue gathering professionalism in the area to fulfill the IAGG main aims and also invite other African societies to join IAGG.



IAGG Executive Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. 21st april 2023.  
Jack Rowe (IAGG PAST PRESIDENT), Radhouane Gouiaa (IAGG AFRICA REGION CHAIR), Matias Manzotti (IAGG TREASURER), Miguel Acanfora (IAGG SECRETARY), Graciana Nallim (IAGG TREASURER), Mario Barbagallo (IAGG EUROPE REGION CHAIR), Ricardo Jauregui (IAGG PRESIDENT), Fernando Botta (IAGG COMLAT CHAIR), Julie Byles on behalf of Cheng-Chieh Lin (IAGG ASIA-OCEANIA REGION CHAIR)





**IX CONGRESO LATINOAMERICANO Y DEL CARIBE – COMLAT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS – IAGG**



**Loneliness: Social and Clinical implications – IAGG/SPGG/ISCSP – 14-15 September 2023 – Lisbon -**  
IAGG members were present: Dr Jauregui - IAGG President, Dr Acanfora - IAGG Vice President Dr Manzzotti IAGG Treasurer.

IAGG participated on the 14th and 15th of September, 2023 the International Workshop: Loneliness: Social and Clinical Implications, was held at the Higher Institute of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Lisbon. The SPGG and IAGG have made a public appeal for the urgent need to create conditions in our societies that limit loneliness and social isolation, through measures that promote increased social connections.

Social loneliness is an epidemic with significant health risks, including increasing the occurrence of various mental and physical health problems, such as anxiety, depression, dementia, stroke and heart disease.



JAPAN



**Anti-Ageism Alliancemay: A Global Geriatric Task Force for older adult's care - 5-6 April, 2024- Italy**  
 - Dr Ricardo Jauregui - IAGG President was invited as a speaker and Dr Acanfora - IAGG Vice President was present at the discussion among the members of the scientific board led to the development of a preliminary action plan. The document was called "Carta of Florence"

<https://www.sigg.it/news/anti-ageism-alliance-a-global-geriatric-task-force-for-older-adults-care/>  
 (Copy and paste the link)



**Jornadas Rioplatenses 2024 - Buenos Aires, Argentina - IAGG SUGG SAGG on May 13 and 14 2024:**  
 IAGG shared in the city of Buenos Aires the "River Plate Conference on addressing older people in situations of extreme vulnerability." We had an important presence with a delegation from our country. There was time for responsible work and the exchange of experiences. Dr Jauregui and Dr Acanfora were present as invited speakers.





WORLD CONGRESS

**Adult Support and Care**

CONGRESO MUNDIAL

**Apoyos y Cuidados de Personas Adultas y Mayores**

ARGENTINA 2024

**World Congress Adult Support and care "From adults guardianship to personal autonomy"**

Agosto 27-30 2024 - Buenos Argentina, Argentina

Dr Jauregui and Dr Acanfora were present as invited speakers.



**First international Workshop on Gerontoprevisión October 31st and November 1st, 2024. Caja de Previsión para Profesionales de la Salud Mendoza. Argentina.**

Gathering social gerontology and social security *"For a satisfactory, active, healthy, and economically sustainable aging"*

Gerontoprevisión is an emerging discipline that complements Social Gerontology and Social Security to address the aging process in a comprehensive manner. Unlike traditional disciplines that tend to focus on specific aspects of the lives of older adults, Gerontoprevisión aims to anticipate problems and needs that may arise throughout the entire life cycle, implementing preventive and proactive measures from childhood to old age. Dr Jauregui and Dr Acanfora were present as invited speakers



**3° Convegno Internazionale di Gerontologia e Geriatria - San Marino - 26/27/28 September 2024 – Centro Congressi Kursaal.** Dr Miguel Acanfora – IAGG Vice President, joined distinguished colleagues.



### **IAGG Executive Meeting - 23rd January 2025**

Venue: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Present: Jose Ricardo Jauregui; Miguel Acanfora; Norah Keating; Jean Pierre Michel; Martijn Huisman, Bianca Buurman.

Present online: Radhouane Gouia, Cheng Chieh Lin, Robinson Cuadros, Mario Barbagallo, Brad Meisner, Leocadio Rodriguez Mañas, Erika Trusoni.



# IAGG REGIONAL NEWS:

## IAGG AFRICA

**IAGG Member: Kenya Association of Gerontology & Geriatrics KAGG**

Follow their news in their LinkedIn! They published: **Developing a feasible frailty screening instrument for older people in Sub-Saharan Africa: Exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis** First published: 12 May 2025

Link:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7327989848454135810/>

**IAGG Member: Société Tunisienne de Gériatrie**

Link: <https://www.geriatrie-tn.com/geriatrie/index.html>

**IAGG Member: Tunisian Association of Gerontology – ATUGER**

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**Maghreb Academy For Medicine of Aging**

**Société Tunisienne de Gériatrie**

Organisent en partenariat avec

**INIA, IAGG, FMM**

**Diplome Universitaire International  
Maladie d'Alzheimer et Pathologies apparentées**

**PROGRAMME D'ENSEIGNEMENT :**

- ↳ Séminaire 1: Diagnostic des troubles neuro-cognitifs
- ↳ Séminaire 2: Les différents type de démence
- ↳ Séminaire 3: Evolution et prise en charge des troubles neuro-cognitifs

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par une attestation  
de compétence  
accréditée  
par l'INIA





**IAGG Member:** South African Geriatrics Society SAGS

**Link:** [Upcoming Events | The South African Geriatrics Society](#)



**NEW IAGG Member:** Senegalese Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics **WELCOME!**

**Link:** [https://www.facebook.com/p/Soci%C3%A9t%C3%A9-S%C3%A9n%C3%A9galaise-de-G%C3%A9riatrie-et-de-G%C3%A9rontologie-SSGG-100086248372341/?locale=fr\\_FR](https://www.facebook.com/p/Soci%C3%A9t%C3%A9-S%C3%A9n%C3%A9galaise-de-G%C3%A9riatrie-et-de-G%C3%A9rontologie-SSGG-100086248372341/?locale=fr_FR)



**NEW IAGG MEMBER:** THE MOROCCAN NATIONAL SOCIETY OF GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY **WELCOME!**



The Moroccan National Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SNMGG) was founded in 2022 in Rabat to promote equitable healthcare for all social groups and address the challenges of Morocco's new development model. Its main goals include standardizing elderly care, promoting continuous medical training, and collaborating with institutions to support healthy aging. Professor Mouna Maamar, Head of the Geriatrics Unit at CHU Ibn Sina and director of geriatrics training programs in Rabat, leads the SNMGG. People over 60 now represent around 12% of Morocco's population, with life expectancy exceeding 75 years. This group often faces chronic diseases such as cardiovascular, respiratory, neurological conditions, diabetes, rheumatism, and Alzheimer's. Geriatrics, with its multidisciplinary approach, can improve their quality of life. However, Morocco currently lacks enough geriatric specialists to meet nationwide needs.

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## IAGG ASIA/OCEANIA

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Follow the link for all the info about IAGG Asia/Oceania:

<https://www.iaggaor.com/IAGGAOR/IAGGAOR/News/IAGG-AOR-News.aspx?hkey=884dcf16-ecc9-4858-9b6b-764e2a6257a3> (Copy and paste the link)

**IAGG—AOR**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**Feb/Mar 2025**

International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics  
**IAGG Asia Oceania**

✓ Message from Regional Chair ✓ Member Updates ✓ IAGG Updates ✓ Events

## Message from the Regional Chair

Dear IAGG Asia/Oceania Council Members,

As the year 2024 concludes, I am pleased to share the progress and activities that have strengthened our mission to enhance geriatric care and research in the Asia-Oceania region.

Throughout last year, we witnessed significant collaborations and events that have fortified our network and advanced our shared goals. In January 2024, we were honored to witness the induction ceremony of the Philippine Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (PSGG) officers and board members for the 2024-2026 term. This event marked a new chapter in our shared journey to serve older adults in the Philippines.



In August, we supported the PSGG annual convention, where our Secretary-General, Prof. Ding-Cheng Chan, delivered the keynote speech. This engagement further solidified our partnerships within the region and emphasized our dedication to supporting the professional development of geriatricians and gerontologists. Furthermore, in October, we successfully held a webinar titled "Age-Friendly Cities and Communities" moderated by Prof. Julie Byles, with expert speakers sharing their insights. This event underscored our commitment to fostering inclusive environments for older adults and promoting age-friendly initiatives across the region. Our collaboration with the Asia Pacific Geriatrics Network (APGN) in November, with Prof. Meng-Chih Lee as a key organizer, broadened our reach and strengthened relationships with other geriatrics experts in Asia-Pacific.



In March, we co-hosted the International Conference on Sarcopenic Obesity 2024 in Taiwan, bringing together experts from ten countries to address the epidemiology, diagnosis, and prevention of sarcopenic obesity. This conference provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration among researchers and clinicians dedicated to improving the health of older adults.

Additionally, the IAGG regional chairs from Asia and Oceania convened in March to discuss key topics for the 2026 IAGG Conference in Amsterdam. The discussions focused on scholarships, diversity in themes, and strengthened communication between regional and global bodies. These efforts highlight our commitment to fostering inclusivity and collaboration within the IAGG network.

In November, we also actively participated in the International Conference for Healthy Aging and Nutrition hosted by the Taiwan National Health Research Institutes. Key members presented, moderated sessions, and engaged in discussions, demonstrating IAGG-AOR's commitment to regional collaboration and knowledge sharing in the field of aging. In addition, the Executive Committee held meetings in July and December to discuss and plan our activities and initiatives. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity for us to collaborate and ensure that we are effectively addressing the needs of our members and the wider community.

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## IAGG NARC

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**IAGG Member:** Canadian Geriatrics Society



**+ 2027 Annual Scientific Meeting 20 April 15-17, Delta Hotel Ottawa City Centre, Ottawa.**

**Link:** <https://www.canadiangeriatrics.ca/2025-asm>





**IAGG Member:** Gerontological Society of America – GSA:

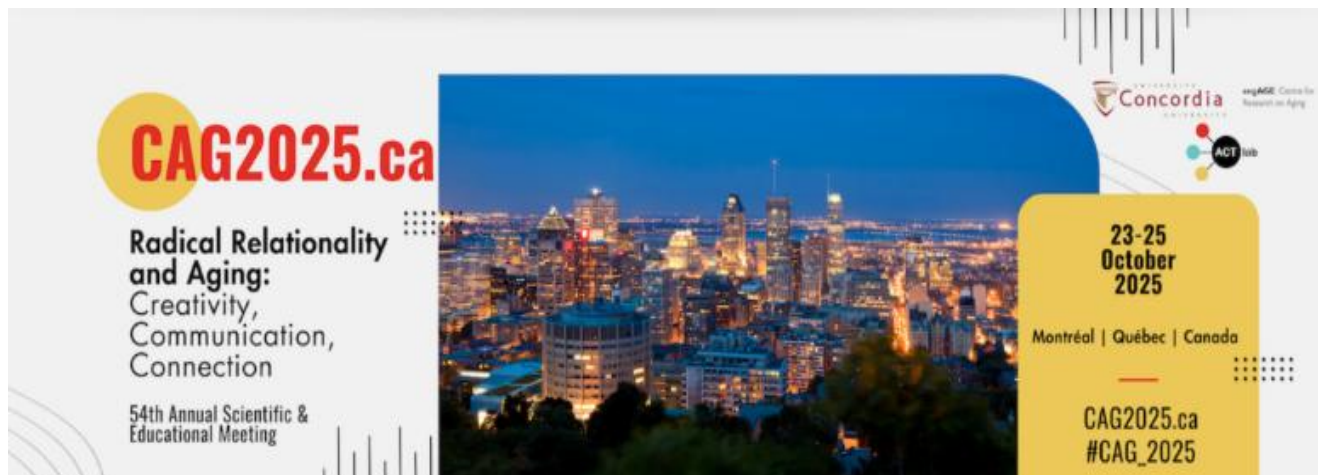


**GSA Annual Scientific Meeting: Boston, November 12 - 15, 2025**

Join us for the premier annual scientific meeting for cutting-edge scholarship, research, and networking relating to the fields of aging and gerontology. This year's theme is "Innovative Horizons in Gerontology"

**Link:** <https://www.gsa2025.org/>

**IAGG Member:** Canadian Association of Gerontology - CAG



**Radical Relationality and Aging: Creativity, community, Connection: October 23-25, 2025  
Montréal, Québec, Canada.**

**Link:** <https://www.cag2025.ca/>

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## IAGG EUROPE

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**IAGG Member:** Nederlandse Vereniging voor Klinische Geriatrie

**Link:** [Contact | 23rd IAGG WORLD CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS AGEING WELL IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD](#)



**IAGG Member:** Società Italiana di Gerontologia Geriatria - SIGG



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**IAGG Member:** French Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology - SFGG **Link:** <https://printanieres-sfgg.com/>



**IAGG Member:** Hungarian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics



**IAGG Member:** British Geriatrics Society – BGS

**Link:** <https://www.bgs.org.uk/Cardio25>



Scientific- Professional Journal: Two double issues per year Availability No1 : <https://idosgyogyaszat.hu/folyoirat> and to click on the blue words "ide kattintva" , or using "ab ovo" the English version Availability No2: through the system of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, clicking directly the [https://real-j.mtak.hu/view/journal/Id==0151sgy=F3gy=E1s\\_zat.html](https://real-j.mtak.hu/view/journal/Id==0151sgy=F3gy=E1s_zat.html) Thanks to Prof Dr Béla Székács for the information.

**IAGG Member:** Spanish Society of Geriatric Medicine - SEMEG

**Link:** <https://www.semeg.es/eventos/jornada-deterioro-cognitivo-iv-edicion/>



**IAGG Member:** Sociedad Española de Geriatria y Gerontología - SEGG



**Link:** <https://geriatria2025.com/>

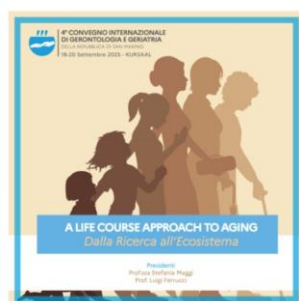
**IAGG Member:** Swiss Society of Gerontology



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**IAGG Member:** Associazione Sammainese di Gerontologia e Geriatria

<https://www.asgg.sm/>



4° Congresso  
Internazionale di  
Gerontologia e Geriatria  
18/19/20 settembre 2025  
– San Marino

SITO DELL'EVENTO  
[www.asgg2025sanmarino.org](http://www.asgg2025sanmarino.org)



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**IAGG Member:** Argentinian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology - SAGG

Link: <https://congresosagg2025.com.ar/>



**IAGG Member:** Asociación Gerontologica Argentina - AGA

Link: <https://gerontogeriatría.org/1-workshop-internacional-de-gerontoprevisión/>



**IAGG Member:** Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology - SBGG (new Board of Directors for the 2025–2027)

Link: : [XXIV CONGRESSO BRASILEIRO DE GERIATRIA E GERONTOLOGIA 2025](#)



**IAGG Member:** Colombian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology

**Link:** [CONGRESO - PEREIRA 2025](#)



**IAGG Member:** Sociedad Boliviana de Geriatria y Gerontología.

**Link:** <https://www.socgerbol.com/even.html>

**Organizan:**

**II SIMPOSIO INTERNACIONAL DEL MANEJO DE EMERGENCIAS CLÍNICO QUIRÚRGICAS EN GERIATRÍA Y GERONTOLOGÍA**

*A realizarse el 4 de abril, en el Auditorio de la Escuela Técnica de Salud - Cochabamba. Desde Horas 8 am*

**Auspiciante:**

SE OTORGARÁ UN CERTIFICADO CON VALOR CURRICULAR: 10 HORAS ACADÉMICAS

COSTOS :	
MÉDICOS	150 Bs.
LICENCIADAS	100 Bs.
AUXILIARES Y TÉCNICOS	80 Bs.
ESTUDIANTES	60 Bs.

Logo of the Bolivian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (Sociedad Boliviana de Geriatria y Gerontología) and the Ministry of Health (Ministerio de Salud) are also present.

**IAGG Member:** Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology of Chile

of Chile

**Link:** <https://sggch.cl/web/>



**IAGG Member:** Asociación Costarricense de Médicos Especialistas en Geriatría y Gerontología (ACOMEGG) Link: <https://geriatrascostarica.com/>



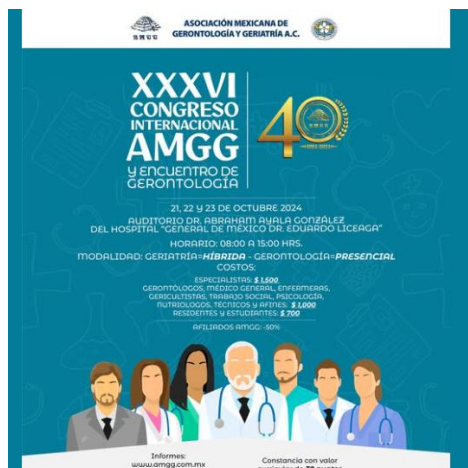


**IAGG Member:** Asociación Gerontológica Costarricense (AGECO) Link: <https://ageco.org/>



**IAGG Member:** Asociación Mexicana de Gerontología y Geriatria

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/AMGGMexico>



**IAGG Member:** Asociación Panameña de Geriatria - APG

Link: [https://www.instagram.com/p/DIHU9AfPbd/-/](https://www.instagram.com/p/DIHU9AfPbd/)



**VI Congreso Nacional de Geriatria**  
Transformando el destino:  
**Prevención para un envejecimiento pleno**

16 y 17 de Mayo 2025  
Hotel Sortis

CARDIOPREVENCIÓN | NEUROPREVENCIÓN Y REHABILITACIÓN COGNITIVA | NUTRICIÓN GERIÁTRICA | GERIATRÍA COMUNITARIA | SALUD Y TECNOLOGÍAS | SALUD OSTEOMUSCULAR

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**IAGG Member:** Gerontology and Geriatric Paraguayan Society

Link: <https://spgg.org.py/>



**SOCIEDAD PARAGUAYA DE GERONTOLOGÍA Y GERIATRÍA**

Fundada por profesionales comprometidos con la salud y el desarrollo humano, esta institución representa un espacio de encuentro para médicos, investigadores, trabajadores sociales, enfermeros, fisioterapeutas, nutricionistas, psicólogos y otros actores interesados en abordar los desafíos que plantea el proceso de envejecimiento.

**VIII CONGRESO PARAGUAYO DE GERONTOLOGÍA Y GERIATRÍA**

4 AL 6 DE SETIEMBRE 2025  
CROWN PLAZA ASUNCIÓN

[CONTACTO](#) [Más información](#)

**IAGG Member:** Sociedad de Gerontología y Geriatria del Perú



Celebramos el 25 aniversario del Hospital Militar Geriátrico el día 30/05/2025. Se hace presente [Sociedad de Gerontología y Geriatria del Perú](#) Presidente Dr José Fonseca.



IAGG Member: Sociedad Uruguaya de Gerontología y Geriatria

Link: <https://sugg.org.uy/>

**CONSTRUYENDO LA VEJEZ DEL FUTURO**  
X Congreso Uruguayo de Gerontología y Geriatria  
IV Foro COMLAT

**05 al 07 - Oct de 2025**  
Tres días para compartir conocimientos, impulsar la innovación y construir redes

**LATU - Montevideo**  
Un entorno de vanguardia para un congreso enfocado en el futuro de cuidado y el envejecimiento saludable

Organiza

- Salud clínica y cuidados en personas mayores
- Enfoques integrales del envejecimiento saludable
- Sociedad, políticas y entorno
- Tecnología y futuro del envejecimiento

**WWW.CONGRESOSUGG.ORG**

congresosugg@grupoells.com.uy

**We welcome new societies:** Asociación Panameña de Geriatria y Sociedad Dominicana de Geriatria.





# IAGG RESEARCH:

## GLOBAL SOCIAL ISSUES ON AGING (GSIA)

Global Social Initiative on Aging (GSIA) concerned by fostering collaborative, trans-national approaches to the creation and transfer of knowledge at the intersections of global trends and population ageing.

The GSIA will address critical challenges arising from these global trends including:

The sustainability of older rural populations who face increased poverty and out-migration of young people arising from the impact of climate change.

The ability of families to sustain intergenerational support in the face of poverty, pandemics, and changing family structures and beliefs.

Global shifts in world economies toward the individualization of risk that have led to increasing income disparities, older adults who are left behind in migratory transitions, and widening north-south divides.

The erosion or absence of social welfare provisions that have resulted in increasing social and economic costs of care.



## Master Class for Early Career Scholars

**IAGG World Congress, Amsterdam Theme: Ageing well in a globalized world**

**Date: 05 July 2026, 08:30–16:30**

This full-day master class brings together global policy leaders and scholars to explore social inequalities affecting older persons. Participants will engage with experts from the UN and international organizations who are working on issues such as income security, loneliness, ageing in place, and care work.

**Objectives:**

1. Inspire early career scholars to address inequalities in ageing through research.
2. Connect scholars with global leaders turning social injustices into actionable policy.
3. Build international professional networks.

**Eligibility:**

- Enrolled in a PhD program or within 5 years post-PhD
- Researching topics related to social inequalities in ageing
- Registered for the IAGG World Congress

**Registration:**

Free of charge. A brief application is required. Partial bursaries available for travel/accommodation.

**Mentors Include:**

- Norah Keating (GSIA Director)
- Judith Phillips (GSIA Deputy Director)
- Shereen Hussein (LSHTM)
- Amal Abou Rafeh (UN DESA)
- Kai Leichsenring (European Centre for Social Policy)
- Maciej Kucharczyk (AGE Platform Europe)



Organized by **Global Social Issues on Ageing (GSIA)**, supporting IAGG's mission to promote global ageing research and policy. Norah Keating.

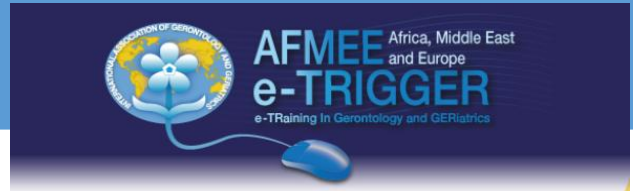
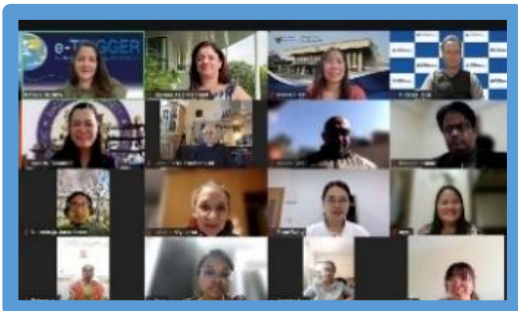


# IAGG EDUCATION:



## IAGG – FCE

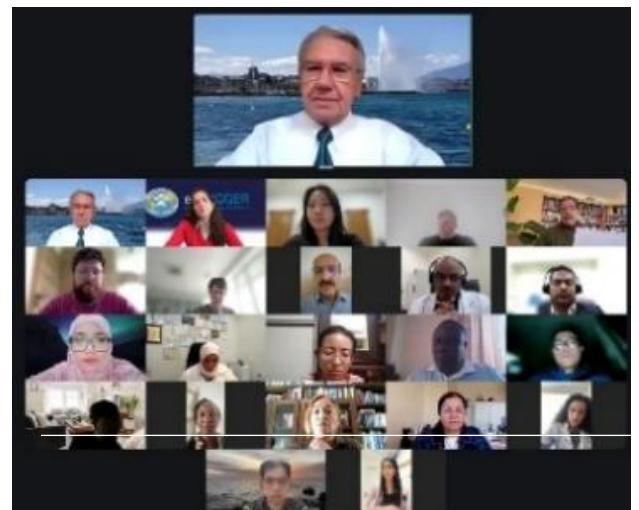
IAGG - FCE provides an online training program known as “E-Trigger”, which involves 12 monthly online training sessions addressing important topics in geriatric medicine and gerontology. With the completion of 10 out of 12 quizzes (minimum passing result) the participant will receive a certificate.



## IAGG e-TRIGGER Africa, Middle East and Europe (AFMEE)

### Online Training in Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology

Discover a world of knowledge and endless opportunities in geriatric medicine and gerontology with our comprehensive online course.



The [International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics \(IAGG\)](#) is pleased to share that its education initiative and activity, the IAGG - Federation of Geriatric Education (IAGG-FGE) - a program supported by IAGG and committed to advancing global geriatric education led by Jean-Pierre Michel - has published a paper evaluating the 2023/2024 IAGG AFMEE and 2024 IAGG ASIO e-TRIGGER courses. Congratulations to all the team! This publication highlights the program’s growing impact in fostering high-quality, evidence-based training for healthcare professionals in aging and geriatric care worldwide.

You can read it in

Linkedin:<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7336012456105762816/?actorCompanyId=18333016>





# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (ICSO):

## IAGG-CSO NEWSLETTER

### Building a global IAGG-CSO network

*Connecting undergraduate and postgraduate students, early-career researchers, early-career clinicians and allied health professionals, and other early-career professionals in Gerontology and Geriatrics.*

### Strategic Plan:

During the IAGG Asia/Oceania Regional Congress 2023 (June 2023), the Council of Student Organizations (CSO) held Committee elections, establishing new leadership for 2023-2026.

Late in 2023, the new committee met to set a new strategic plan for 2024-2026. Please see below the IAGG-CSO strategic plan for 2024-2026:

- **Our Vision:** A welcoming global community that supports students and early career researchers (S/ECRs) to connect their passion with the gerontology and geriatrics discipline and collaborate to enhance the quality of life and well-being of all people as they age.
- **Our Mission:** To build an interconnected, multi-disciplinary global network of student organisations that offers opportunities for learning, connection, and collaboration, in line with the mission of the IAGG.
- **Our Goals:**
  - Build a connected, global S/ECR community:
    - Ensure the IAGG-CSO has a widespread, worldwide reach and fosters regional and international connection and collaboration.
  - Promote the global profile of gerontology and geriatrics:
    - Foster S/ECR engagement with ageing-related research and support member organisations to build their S/ECR memberships.
  - Create opportunities for sharing of knowledge and wisdom:
    - Facilitate various events and opportunities that allow S/ECRs to build a global, multi-disciplinary knowledge base to support their journey in gerontology and geriatrics.

### **How do we envision to get there?**

The current committee envisions a more globally representative structure, ensuring that every continent has a thriving and engaged community. Our goal is for each regional leader to play an active role in shaping the overarching IAGG-CSO committee, fostering collaboration, and strengthening our worldwide impact.





# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (ICSO):

## IAGG-CSO WEBINAR SERIES

### MENTORING IN GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY

*Are you a student or early career researcher exploring the fields of ageing, gerontology, or geriatrics? Join us for an inspiring webinar on the power of a mentor to support your academic and professional journey!*

*Hear from experienced mentors as they share insights, tips, and stories on building meaningful mentoring relationships. This session will offer valuable tools and connections for your future in Gerontology and Geriatrics.*

#### SPEAKERS

**Professor Gustavo Duque**  
Department of Medicine, McGill University, Canada

**Professor Maw Pin Tan**  
Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya, Malaysia

**Professor Debra Waters**  
Department of Medicine, University of Otago, New Zealand & Department of General Internal Medicine, University of New Mexico, USA

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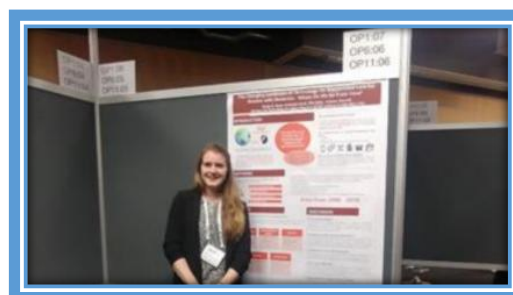
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# IAGG IN UNITED NATIONS:

## MISSION AND OBJECTIVES



In 2009, IAGG was established with the ECOSOC special Consultative Status allowing IAGG to make oral and written statements. IAGG has been a member of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) in Consultative Relationship with the UN since 1985.

Established in 2010, the UN Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA) spent 14 years reviewing human rights protections for older persons, identifying

gaps, and proposing solutions.

IAGG actively contributed through statements, side events, and advocacy for stronger legal protections. In May 2024, OEWGA finalized a document outlining these gaps and presenting options for action.

Among the proposed solutions is a legally binding Convention, supported by IAGG and the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP). Other options suggest updates to existing policies.

A consensus was reached to submit the final document to the UN General Assembly, aiming for further action by the Human Rights Council in Geneva.







## Historic Resolution Advances Human Rights of Older Persons



### UN to Draft New Convention on the Rights of Older Persons:

On April 3, 2025, the UN Human Rights Council adopted a historic resolution to establish an intergovernmental working group that will draft a legally binding international convention on the rights of older persons.

This follows 14 years of work by the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing, which revealed major gaps in the protection of older persons' rights. The resolution, led by Argentina, Brazil, The Gambia, the Philippines, and Slovenia, was backed by 68 countries.

NGOs played a vital role in advocacy efforts, with groups like HelpAge, AARP, and the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older Persons actively involved.

This landmark step begins a global process to enshrine older persons' rights in international law, with

### IAGG – UN More news:

The High Level Political Forum that monitors the progress on the SDG's will be meeting in New York at UN headquarters from July 14th--23rd. <https://hlpf.un.org/>

It will focus this year on SDG 3 (good health and wellbeing), SDG 5 (gender equality) and SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth). Starting in the second week Thirty - seven countries will be reporting on the progress on these SDG's in their countries. <https://hlpf.un.org/2025/vnrs>. National Chapters of IAGG,,if your country is reporting, see if Older persons are included in its report, If not, you may want to question your government about the omission.

Also the second World Social Summit will be meeting in Doha, Qatar November 4-6, 2025. MOre information on that will be available soon.



# IAGG IN WHO:



As WHO Collaborating Center for Frailty, Clinical Research, Geriatric Training and Geroscience, we are happy to collaborate with the WHO team of the Maternal, Newborn Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing Department, to organize the annual meeting of the **WHO Clinical Consortium in Healthy Ageing (WHO CCHA2022) 5th and 6th December 2022**



**WHO Guideline on chronic primary low back pain in adults:**

Dr. Miguel Acanfora, IAGG Vice President and Secretary, has participated in Guideline Development Group (GDG) virtual meeting in September 2022. Low back pain (LBP) describes pain between the lower edge of the ribs and the buttock. It can last for a short time (acute), a little longer (sub-acute) or a long time (chronic). It can affect anyone. LBP makes it hard to move and can affect quality of life and mental well-being. It can limit work activities and engagement with family and friends.

LBP can be specific or non-specific. Specific LBP is pain that is caused by a certain disease or structural problem in the spine, or when the pain radiates from another part of the body.

Non-specific LBP is when it isn't possible to identify a specific disease or structural reason to explain the pain. LBP is non-specific in about 90% of cases.

In all types and at all stages of LBP, rehabilitation is essential to reassure people and help them make sense of their pain, help them return to activities they enjoy and identify strategies to support recovery and improve function. Specialized care pathways may be needed for specific LBP.

An estimated 619 million people live with LBP and it is the leading cause of disability worldwide. LBP is a major public health issue. LBP is often associated with loss of work productivity and thus produces huge economic burden on individuals and on societies.



### 3rd Global Rehabilitation 2030 Meeting 10 and 11 July 2023 – World Health Organization (WHO)

Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Acknowledge a resolution on 'Strengthening Rehabilitation in Health Systems' that was tabled at WHO's 152 Executive Board in Geneva, and the actions requested.

Understand the approaches to driving the actions requested in the resolution and introduce the new WHO tools that will facilitate the implementation of the resolution in countries. Identify strategic opportunities to be harnessed in accelerating the Rehabilitation 2030 Call for Action. Launch the World Rehabilitation Alliance.



Dr. Rowe and Dr Acanfora



Sumi Yuka - WHO

### WHO Clinical Consortium on Healthy Ageing 2023 (CCHA 2023) + Global Network on Long Term care (GNLTC)

The 2023 annual meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) Clinical Consortium on Healthy Ageing (CCHA) took place in Geneva, Switzerland in December 2023. It was the group's ninth gathering. The meeting consisted of seven panels of presentation and discussion taking place across three days:

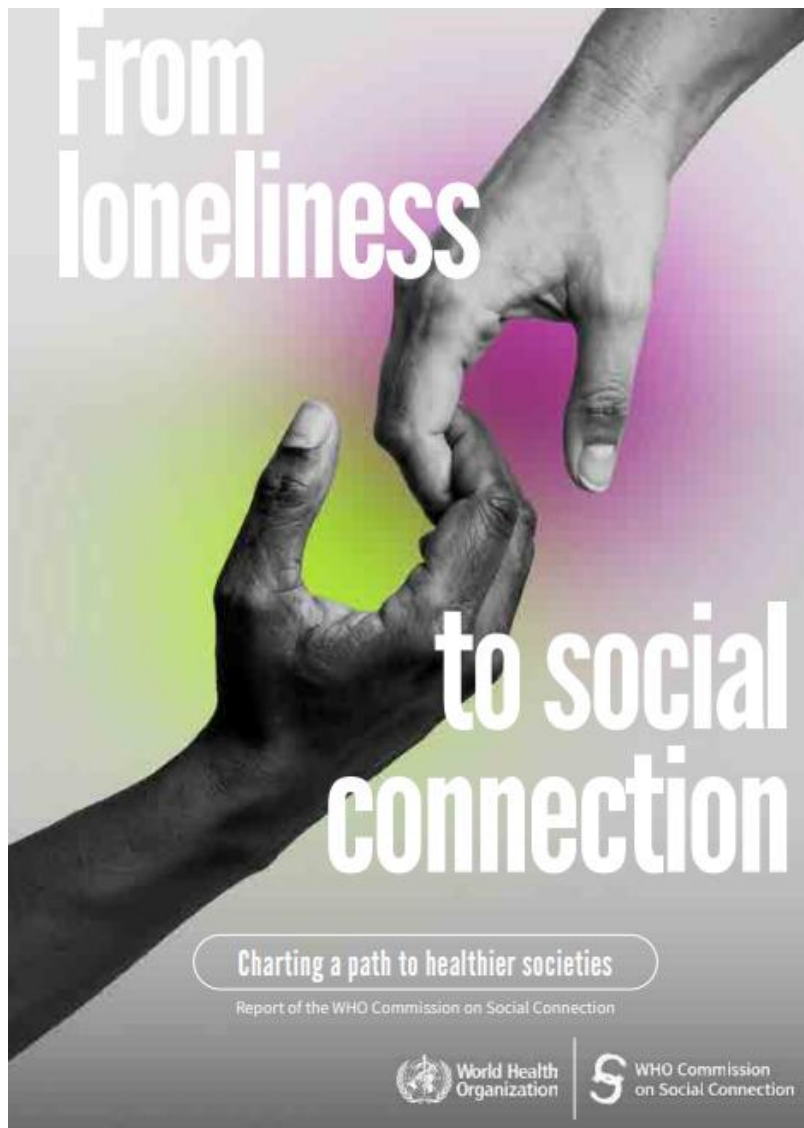
1. WHO's new initiatives on ageing and health
2. Musculoskeletal health
3. Implementation of the ICOPE approach
4. Emerging themes to strengthen integrated care
5. Updating ICOPE care pathways
6. Multidimensional approach to research on healthy ageing
7. CCHA and GNLTC joint panel: Continuum of integrated care for older people



**LAST MINUTE NEWS / 30 JUNE 2025:** This landmark report from the WHO Commission on Social Connection highlights that social isolation and loneliness are widespread, with serious but under-recognized impacts on health, well-being, and society. Drawing on the latest evidence, the report makes a compelling case for urgent action.

<https://www.who.int/groups/commission-on-social-connection>

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