

# NEWSLETTER

of the  
**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF GERONTOLOGY**



SPRING, 1990.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:



The XIV International Congress of the International Association of Gerontology was held in the city of Acapulco, Mexico from 18th to 23rd, June 1989. The President is pleased to inform that the main objectives of the Congress were completely achieved in spite of the limitations of the host developing country. It is relevant to mention that it was necessary to sacrifice some superfluous aspects in order to reach positives outcomes in the scientific aspect.

The XIV Congress computerized system reported 2577 official registrants from 74 countries.

The President remarks the outstanding participation of the Latin American Countries never before reached in former IAG International meeting. In Acapulco it was fulfilled one of our main goals, the promotion of gerontology in the host IAG Region. 21 latin american countries were represented; the attendance increased in more than 715% compared to XIII IAG, New York, 85 and 1545% to XII IAG, Hamburg, 81.

### DELEGATES

REGION:	No. OF COUNTRIES
EUROPE	26
NORTHAMERICA	2
LATINAMERICA	21
ASIA OCEANIA	17
AFRICA	8
TOTAL	74

The Mexican Organizing Committee followed a promotional strategy in latin America and world wide in the 4 years previous to the meeting. On the other hand a decisive clue factor was the simultaneous traslation to Spanish.

Simultaneous traslation was provided in 7 rooms, 10 hours daily during the 5 days covering half of the sesions, the total installed capacity was for 1500 attendants. This fact confirms the sustantial thesis that simultaneous traslation in the IAG International Congress might increase the participation of gerontologists of the traslated language, as spanish was in this case. It must be considered that traslation results in an economic burden for the organizers but Mexico'89 is a proof that is worthy. This is a challenge for the future congresses.

The Scientific Program followed the original scope of the IAG, the important contribution

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of gerontologists to science and its great impact on the political decisions in solving the multiple problems associated with aging.

In order to integrate the program, two main elements were fundamental, the first the efficient work of the Congress Program Planning Committee (CPPC) as stated by the by-laws under Dr. Bravo Williams, Presidency. Recognition and gratitude is expressed to their members: Dr. E.W. Busse, Dr. H. Thomae, Dr. G. Maddox, Dr. L. Hayflick, Dr. G. Andrews, Dr. E. Beregi, Dr. J. Tobin, Dr. A. Viidik.

Special acknowledgement to Dr. J. Gonzalez Aragon who acted as Convenor of the IAG Regions with expertise and professional dedication integrated a successful scientific program under the theme "The Old in a new World".

The second element in this commitment was the unrestricted support and collaboration of the world gerontological community that engaged themselves to share their knowledge in the benefit of progress of science assuming with impressive sense of responsibility the main duty of all those who have learned; the transfer of knowledge. The President expresses IAG recognition and has pledged to the scientific international community, "Their names to be remembered with respect and gratitude because of their selfless contribution on sharing their work and experience for the welfare of the elderly and the progress of mankind.

EUROPE	
COUNTRY	No. OF PARTICIPANTS
AUSTRIA	20
BELGIUM	25
BULGARIA	1
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	2
DENMARK	17
FINLAND	21
FRANCE	81
GERMANY (East)	4
GERMANY (West)	63
GREECE	4
HUNGARY	8
ICELAND	1
IRELAND	2
ITALY	300
LUXEMBOURG	1
MALTA	4
NETHERLANDS	34
NORWAY	25
POLAND	3
PORTUGAL	1
ROMANIA	2
SPAIN	90
SWEDEN	49
SWITZERLAND	40
UNITED KINGDOM	101
USSR	1
TOTAL:	900

#### LATIN AMERICA

COUNTRY	No. OF PARTICIPANTS	COUNTRY	No. OF PARTICIPANTS
ARGENTINA	53	JAMAICA	5
BARBADOS	4	MEXICO	277
BERMUDAS	1	PANAMA	7
BOLIVIA	1	PARAGUAY	4
BRAZIL	51	PERU	10
CHILE	14	PUERTO RICO	35
CUBA	6	URUGUAY	3
COLOMBIA	42	VENEZUELA	7
COSTA RICA	33	VIRGIN ISLANDS	1
ECUADOR	10		
EL SALVADOR	11		
GUATEMALA	12	TOTAL:	587



NORTH AMERICA	
COUNTRY	No. OF PARTICIPANTS
CANADA	113
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	570
TOTAL:	683

AFRICA	
COUNTRY	No. OF PARTICIPANTS
CONGO	2
EGYPT	2
GHANA	1
KENYA	1
MAURITIUS	1
NIGERIA	1
SOUTH AFRICA	4
TINUSIA	1
TOTAL:	13

ASIA/OCEANIA	
COUNTRY	No. OF PARTICIPANTS
AUSTRALIA	65
FIJI ISLANDS	1
HONG KONG	1
INDIA	18
INDONESIA	4
ISRAEL	31
JAPAN	242
MALAYSIA	3
NEW ZEALAND	1
PAKISTAN	2
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	16
PHILIPPINES	1
SINGAPORE	2
SOUTH KOREA	5
TAIWAN	1
THAILAND	1
TOTAL:	394

#### CONGRESS LOGO

The Congress logo was "Huehuetéotl" the Aztec old god; reflecting the veneration of american cultures for the elderly.

#### CONGRESS PIN

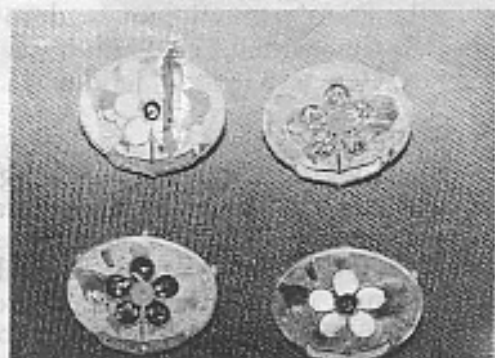
A memorial Huehuetéotl pin, 2.4 x 1.5 cm. was presented crafted in 925 silver (6 gm.) with the inscription of XIV International Congress of Gerontology, Acapulco 1989. Also 1000 clay archeological reproductions in three sizes 18 cm., 23 cm., 30 cm.

#### IAG EMBLEM

A unique collector piece reproduction of the IAG emblem, 3.5 x 2.8 cm. beautiful hand crafted by mexican artists in .925 silver (9 gm.) with turquoise, malachite and mother of pearl carvings engraved XIV International Congress of Gerontology, Acapulco 1989, (500 pieces). These emblems are still available in the secretariat of the mexican gerontological society.

#### OFFICIAL POSTER

An official poster 44.5 x 61 cm. with the colors of the mexican flag, huehuetéotl and the IAG emblem was provided to all attendants, a Post Card version was also widely distributed (both





viewers applied stand selection criteria, in view of the great amount of papers received a number of papers was rejected but a current prevailed to allow an extense geographic participation. That fact could be misunderstood as if all the papers were accepted which is incorrect. The sheer volume of the event was such that it would have requiered a good dose of patience from delegates. The weather played a role in disturbing sightseeing and beach time nevertheless the heat, rainy days and the tail of hurricane Hugo contributed to science by keeping an excellent attendance rate to the sessions. It was general feeling that despite the unavoidable shortcomings the delegates attended the most important event in the wold gerontology of the past four years. Most of the delegates also felt they had contributed to the development of aging science in the new world.

#### **SANDOZ PRIZE**

The fourth Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research was awarded on the occasion of the XIV International Congress of Gerontology to the following scientists.

**James F. Birren, Ph.D.** University of Southern California, USA, in recognition of this exceptional contributions to research on human cognition and adaptation. He also founded and developed the noted multidisciplinary Ethel Percy Andrus Gerontological Center at his university.



**John C. Brocklehurst, CBE, MD, FRCP,** University of Manchester, UK, is honored for a distinguished career of research, teaching and leadership in geriatrics. His studies of incontinence have made a major contribution to understanding and managing this major problem.



**David Danon, M.D.,** The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, for his success in combining basic research in the biology of aging and clinical research directed towards improving the health of the elderly.

**George S. Roth, Ph.D. / James A. Joseph, Ph.D.,** National Institute on Aging, Baltimore, MD, USA, for fundamental contributions to our knowledge of the aging process which include studies on changes in hormone receptors and on the loss of striatal dopaminergic receptors.

The Prize winners presented their lectures during a special session on Wednesday, June 21, 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. in the room Liege, Acapulco International Center.

#### **IAG PRESIDENTIAL AWARD.**

The Presidential Award to promote gerontological research among pioneering investigators who made significant contributions relatively early in their career (e.g., preferably younger than 45 year of age) which were inaugurated at the IAG Regional Congresses in Brighton and Bangkok in 1987 were continued.

Recipients of the 1989 IAG Presidential Awards are:

- Dr. Jack Habib (Israel)** for Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- Olivia M. Periera Smith (USA)** for Social and Behavioral Sciences.



#### **KEY OF THE CITY OF ACAPULCO**

One Key of the city of Acapulco simbolizing welcome and reception as distinguished guests to all attendants was delivered to the Organizing Committee by the Maite, P.A. Israel Soberanis Nogueta.



## PRE AND POST CONGRESSES

Several important meetings took place prior or after the XIV International Congress of Gerontology among those "Midlife for Older Women" sponsored by IFA and AARP the "New Research Program of WHO and USA National Institute on Aging", the "Pan American Encounter for Latin America" sponsored by PAHO, the "Workshop for Developing Countries", organized by Gary Andrews, Help Age and Agency for International Development. NGOs from different parts of the world held their board meetings in the framework of the IAG meeting.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Congress had the support of the main international organizations devoted to aging both governmental and NGOs. The UNO, Trust Fund, on Aging, WHO, PAHO, National Institute of Aging (INIA), IFA, Help Age, AARP, Gerontological Society of America, Elvirita Lewis Foundation. The government of Mexico provided auspices and outstanding contribution was provided by the government of the state of Guerrero, the System for the Development of the Family (DIF) and other organizations like the Instituto Nacional de la Senectud. The pharmaceutical firms Sandoz (Basel, Mexico), Farmitalia Carlo Erba, Sigma Tau, Fidia SPA, Otsuka, Takeda, Eisai, Squibb, Jansen, Riker UCB.

## THIRD AGE AWARDS

The Mexican Organizing Committee established The Third Age Award to distinguish the best participations in the Scientific Program of the XIV International Congress of Gerontology in the following fields.

Simposia:	15 Bronze Sculptures	15 x 11 cm. x 15 cm.
Mesa Redonda:	20 High Relieves	3 cm. x 20 cm. x 13 cm.
Free Papers:	40 Bronze Medals	4 cm. Diameter



## COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Highlights of the council meeting in Acapulco Mexico, June 19 and 21, 1989, include.

1.- **Certification of representatives.** Was made for the first time by the voting card system. Cards were provided after clarifying constituent member society not to be in arrear in dues.



2.- **Interim actions of Executive Committee.** The creation of a IAG Reserve Bank in Switzerland in 1988 was authorized by the EC using its authority and responsibility for prudent financial management of IAG resources. A full review of issues was presented to the Council for confirmation. Care has been taken to provide ample funds for annual operation in a current available to IAG President. Motion was passed unanimously. The EC met in Mexico City, 1986, Durham, USA and Brighton, UK, 1987 and in Acapulco in 1988 and 1989. EC participated also with the Chairs of the IAG regions in planning the Scientific Program of the Congress.

The EC confirmed by ballot the site of the 1993 International Congress in Budapest Hungary.

The Manual of Operating Procedures was reviewed in draft form several times and after approval was submitted to Council for review.

3.- **Report of Past President.** Dr. E. Busse on his active and vital force in responding to international interest representing IAG in several countries, in Regional Congresses and other meetings, all travelling accomplished by the host support.



4.- **Report of Secretary General.** Dr. George Maddox in the official newsletters and in the Gerontology Culture and Development edited by Gary Andrews for expanding IAG in developing countries;

a) A detailed report in the case of Taiwan that was accepted as a member Society with no conflict with the People's Republic of China Society. The Executive Committee is responsible to solve the situation of the Society's name with the aproval of the PRCH council member without harming others interest.

b) New members of IAG. In the last 4 years, became members: The British Society of Gerontology, Costa Rica, Cuba, Luxembourg, People's Republic of China. Puerto Rico was reinstated in the meeting.

c) **Operating Manual.** The Manual of Operating Procedures which was mandated by the Article 26, 1985 By-laws, summarized experience regarding the IAG congresses, the responsibilities of constituent Societies, the effective operation of the Association officers and the role of the Regions. Manual was approved by the Executive Committee and submitted to council for review. The council approved the Manual "as advisory only" intended as a guide to desirable practices regarding informations and actions; continous updating and addition of new materials must be permanent responsibility of the Executive committee.

5.- **Election of the site of the 1977 Congress.**

Candidacies were presented by Portugal, South Korea and Australia. After the voting procedure Australia is declared the site of the XVI International Congress of Gerontology in 1997.



6.- **Report of the Treasurer.** IAG Treasurer L. Hayflick reported about the good standing of the financial situation:

Current account	22,974.83
Swiss Reserve Fund Account	42,303.20
Total Balance	US 62,273.13

The Treasurer received from the Executive Committee 1981-1985 the amount of \$ 41,874.44 the balance of a positive gain of \$23,403.70 is reported by the 1985-1989, Executive Committee.

7.- **Regional Reports.** on the Regional meeting and development of regional activities are presented by Dr. Jordan Tobin (North American Region), Dr. J. Gonzalez Aragon (Latin American Region), Dr. Gary Andrews (Asia/Oceania Region) and John C. Dall (In absencc of Dr. John Viidik) (European Region). Future meeting are announced in Yokohama, Japan and Madrid, Spain. New officers are presented by the Latin American Region, the new chairman is Dr. Flavio Aluizio Cancado (Brasil) and Secretary Dr. Nora Fioravanti (Argentina).

8.- **Sandoz Prize.** Sandoz will continue to administer the Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research through the IAG every second year for the next four years. The new composition of the jury will consist in nine personas: President, Past President and President elect of IAG and four scientists selected among the former Sandoz prize holders one Sandoz liason representative and one coordinator. The three presidents have the right to nominate or substitute any of the other members of the jury. The term of duration is two years and will be payed by Sandoz. The amount of the prize increased to 50,000 swiss francs.

9.- **Future Objective and Recomend procedures.** A proposed budget was presented by new



Treasurer Prof. Esther de Lehr and was approved in the following detail:

The planned budget for the administration 1989-1993 is based upon the costs of the IAG administration during the period 1985-1989. It is planned as follow:

Total budget for the four years administration: \$34,600.00

Office expenses:	12,000.00	Additional meeting expenses.	
IAG Newsletter:	4,000.00	2,000.00 per year by two years	
Newsletter Developing		(with possibility of reapplication	
Countries:	4,000.00	for extension for two more	
Regional Support:	1,600.00	years)	4,000.00
Meeting expenses:	9,000.00		
TOTAL:	30,600.00	TOTAL:	34,600.00

A special project presented by the new Executive Committee dealing with the creation of a Historical Archives of Gerontology was widely discussed but the budget was not approved. Nevertheless the Council expressed sympathy for the Project and recommended to move forward with external resources; a new proposal with a formal and detailed background might be presented in the future.

- 10.- Official Newsletter. The Council voted to continue the edition of the IAG official newsletters and the one for the less developed countries with recommendation to search for additional support.
- 11.- Appointment of new officers, as required by the by-laws were nominated Dr. J. Gonzalez Aragon (Mexico) as new Secretary General/Vicepresident and Prof. Esther C de Lehr as new Treasurer, Dr. Edit Beregi is officially nominated as President Elect of IAG by acclamation of the council.
- 12.- The Council received, recommendation that several african gerontologists to be accepted as individual members as an stimulus for the development of the African Region.

#### IAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (JUNE 1989 - JUNE 1993)

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You may write to the following person with questions concerning the European Region of IAG:

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Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USSR, Yugoslavia.

## **LATIN AMERICAN REGION**

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## **ASIA/OCEANIA REGION**

You may write the following persons with questions concerning the Asia/Oceania Region of the IAG:

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#### NOTICE:

IAG saddens to inform you that Psic. Esther Contreras de Lehr (Mexico), (Treasurer IAG confirmed June 1989) died on September 15, 1989 in Turkey. The Mexican Gerontological Society joins the gerontological community in mourning her passing. In her short life she contributed to development of gerontology in Mexico, Latin America and the developing countries. She was a persuasive advocate for improving the well being of older people recognized in the UNO, WHO, INIA, IFA, AARP, Help Age. Like many others we valued her warm and sincere human kindness.

IAG saddens to inform you that Dr. Nathan Wetherill Shock (USA) (President IAG, 1969-1972) died on Sunday, 12 November 1989. We regret the passing of this distinguished gerontologist. The IAG is in eternal debt to Dr. Shock because he had contributed so much during his lifetime. He was highly respected by all of us as scientist and as a person and a gentleman. The gerontological community will sorely miss and remember him.

#### IAG CURRENT ACCOUNT

In order to preserve the security of the funds of IAG. The new Executive Committee agreed that the new account must be opened in an American Bank and in US Dollars currency. The dues of constituent member societies be mailed or transferred to:

##### 1.- BANK WIRE TO:

California Commerce Bank  
615 SO Flowers St.  
Los Angeles California 90017  
International Association of Gerontology  
Account No.: 50010775-01  
Bank: ABA 122233645  
Fax: 213-488-2685

##### 2.- CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY  
Jojutla 91 Tlalpan, C.P. 14090  
Mexico, D.F.

A copy of all documents of BANK WIRE must be mailed to IAG Treasurer in order to keep track of the deposits.



## NEW IAG TREASURER

After the decease of recently nominated IAG Treasurer, Esther C. de Lehr. The Executive Committee approved the proposal of President Bravo to appoint Mrs. Pamela Babb Stanley, former Secretary of the XIV International Congress of Gerontology and distinguished internationally recognized gerontologist in the area of Nursing as the new IAG Treasurer. Ballots have been mailed to the council.

## REGIONAL CONGRESSES

The Asia/Oceania Region of IAG will host a Congress October 31 to November 3, 1991. The Venue is Yokohama, Japan. For further information contact:

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The European Region of IAG will host a Congress 11-14 September 1991. The Venue is Madrid Spain.

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## XV IAG INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY

Edit Beregi President Elect IAG announces the dates of the next international meeting

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The call for papers and registration materials will be distributed world wide through the national constituent societies of IAG in a next future.

## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE 1990 SANDOZ LECTURES IN GERONTOLOGY  
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