

NEWSLETTER

of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:



The XVth Congress of the International Association of Gerontology was held in Budapest, Hungary from 4th to 9th July, 1993. The World Congress of Gerontology is always the most significant event of the IAG. For Hungary it was the most important occurrence in 1993. The Congress showed that there is an increasing interest all over the world in the field of gerontology. This fact can be demonstrated with numbers. In 1950 at the foundation of the IAG 14 countries took part at the first Congress. Now 56 associations are members of the IAG from 52 countries. There are 2 individual members /from Ecuador and Panama/. The number of officially registered participants were at the Congress: 2973 + 258 persons with visitor badges without payment. They were mostly pensioners, students and colleagues from Eastern countries.

There were 1885 participants from *Europe*. The most were from Italy /438/, then the United Kingdom /157/, France /133/, The Netherlands /122/ and naturally from Hungary /183/. From *Asia/Oceania* we had 487 participants. Most of them came from Japan /235/ and Australia /100/. From *North America* 448 participants were present, 357 from the USA and 91 from Canada. From *Latin America* 136 participants: the most were from Argentina /50 participants/, from Brazil /39 participants/, from Chile /19 participants/ and from Mexico /14 participants/. There were 3 participants from Africa /from Botswana and Ghana/. Around 30% of the participants registered on the spot, therefore it was very difficult to calculate in advance the number of those who were to attend and to see the financial situation of the Congress. We had 41 cancellations.

Two plenary sessions were organized: one after the Opening Ceremony, the other before the Closing Ceremony. The meetings were held simultaneously in 16 halls at 4 venues. There were 53 *symposia*, 77 *roundtables*, 106 *paper sessions*, 594 *posters*, 12 *audiovisual programs*. 5 *roundtables* and 2 *paper sessions* were organised within the *Developing Countries' Program*.

Special emphasis was placed on the following fields: the *biology* of aging with special regard to cellular changes, the genetic and immunological aspects of ageing, external and internal factors influencing ageing; *diseases* frequent in old age, e.g. hypertension, osteoporosis, dementia, atherosclerosis etc., their prevention and treatment. Much attention was devoted to the *nutrition* of the elderly, to *education*, to the importance of mental and physical *activity*, to *institutions* providing services for the aged, to the positive *role of old people* in the society, to new models for *health care* of the elderly.

Organising the Congress was not an easy task. It was difficult to get the abstracts in due time for publication. Besides, the authors changed their abstracts several times. We know that the Congress Organising Committee also made failures /for some authors misunderstandable notification on the acceptance of papers or posters/. But as a whole we think that the Congress was a successful one, most of the participants were satisfied, and we received a lot of letters praising the congress organisation and the scientific level of the Congress. Former chair of the North-American Region Professor Longino collected the views of the North American members and sent them to the President. I dare tell you that the views of the North American members were flattering and encouraging.

We now hope that we will be able to assist to our Australian colleagues in an even more successful organisation. We are willing to share our experience with the organizers of the next Congress.



The number of members of the IAG
/according to the reported membership
of the member societies/:

European region: 9 245 members
North America region: 13 857 members
Latin America region: 1 075 members
Asia / Oceania region: 4 492 members

UNITED NATIONS TESTIMONIAL AWARD TO THE IAG

UN Secretary General *Boutros Boutros-Cihali* announced in connection with the special plenary session of the 47th General Assembly of UN on 15 and 16 October, 1992, marking the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, that a Testimonial Award would be given to the International Association of Gerontology for its outstanding contribution in the field of ageing and advocacy relating to the International Plan of Action on Ageing. The Award was handed over to the President of the International Association of Gerontology as a part of the Opening Ceremony of the World Congress



PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

At its February 5, 1993 meeting the Executive Committee approved to continue the tradition of delivering a testimonial award to those who contributed to the enhancement of esteem of IAG, having carried out important activities, like also previous leaders of the IAG did. The award was presented to the outstanding personalities who had devotedly helped the IAG with all their skills and experiences to enhance its international recognition, promoting research in the field of ageing and preserving the historical traditions of the organisation. The persons who received the Presidential Award in 1993 were as follows:

Leo Abisch, Secretary of the jury of Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research,
Secretary of the Organising Committee of the Sandoz Lectures in Gerontology and

Secretary of Sandoz Foundation for Gerontological Research, from 1981 to 1993

Dmitri Chebotarev, President of the IAG 1972-1975, after the IX. Congress of the IAG in Kiev

David Danon, President of IAG 1975-1978, after the X. Congress of the IAG in Jerusalem

Hajime Orimo, Secretary General/ Vice President of IAG 1978-1981, after the XI. Congress of the IAG in Tokyo

Hans Thomae, President of the IAG 1981-1983, after the XII. Congress of the IAG in Hamburg

Manfred Bergener, Secretary General /Vice President of IAG after the XII. Congress of the IAG in Hamburg

R. Schmitz-Scherzer, Treasurer of IAG after the XII. Congress of the IAG in Hamburg

Ewald Busse, President of IAG 1983-1989, and of the XIII. Congress of the IAG in New York

George Maddox, Secretary General/Vice President of IAG after the XIII. Congress of the IAG in New York

Leonard Hayflick, Treasurer of IAG after the XIII. Congress of the IAG in New York

Joaquin Gonzalez Aragon, Secretary General/Vice President of IAG 1989-1993, after the XIV. Congress of the IAG in Acapulco

Pamela Babb Stanley, Treasurer of IAG after the XIV. Congress of the IAG in Acapulco

1993 WINNERS OF THE BUSSE RESEARCH AWARDS

Jiska Cohen-Mansfield, Ph.D. Research Institute of the Hebrew Home and Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, DC
(Social Behavioral Award)

Thomas E. Johnson, Ph.D. University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
(Biomedical Award)

THE SIXTH SANDOZ PRIZE FOR GERONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Winners of the Prize in 1993:

Robert Neil Butler, MD, Brookdale Professor of Geriatrics and Adult Development, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York City, USA, for his outstanding contribution to the development of gerontology, for his personal contribution in the field of clinical psychiatry of old age, for his leadership as the founding director of the National Institute of Aging, which has achieved an international reputation for quality research programs, for his educational thrust to make the whole community aware of ageism, and the medical and social problems related to aging.

Cyrus Conrad Johnston Jr, MD, Professor of Medicine, Indiana University, School of Medicine, Indianapolis, USA, for his research into mineral metabolism and its relation to bone disease, for his application of this research to the aspects of bone disease specifically encountered in aging, for his contributions to a better understanding of osteoporosis and the evaluation of its risk factors in younger people which have led to the design of intervention studies in the management of this widespread and crippling disease.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY IN BUDAPEST ON JULY 4, 1993

(brief report on topics of general interest)

As invited participant to the agenda Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research former Secretary of Sandoz Foundation for Gerontological Research *L. Abisch* was also present.

The Executive Committee has approved that in the future the Sandoz Prize will be presented not to Sandoz Pharma but by Sandoz Foundation for Gerontological Research. The next prizes will be awarded on the occasion of the regional congresses of the IAG in 1995 and on the XVI International Congress of Gerontology in 1997.

The members of the Committee agreed in the person of the new elected member of the Sandoz Jury *J. Birren*, who should work together with the others: *A. Svanborg*, *G. Roth*, *J. Dall*, and *J. Brocklehurst*. The co-ordinator on behalf of the IAG with Sandoz Foundation remains *J. Dall*.

As *H. Thomae* resigned from his position being IAG representative to the United Nations, the committee members agreed that in the future it should be the President who decides on representation of the IAG in the UN.

The committee approved the proposal of the International Psychogeriatric Association regarding sponsorship (without any financial obligation) of IAG with IPA in organizing the next IPA meeting in Berlin.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY IN BUDAPEST ON JULY 5, 1993

(brief report on topics of general interest)

The quorum was declared since 62 certified representatives from the 77 representatives of the member societies had been identified.

In his report President *Samuel Bravo Williams* briefly summarized the activities of the IAG during the last four years, giving special emphasis on the material he sent to the United Nations on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the 1982 World Assembly on Aging.

Secretary General *Joaquin Gonzalez Aragon* reported among others on the **regional congresses** held in 1991: the II. European Regional Congress in Madrid, Spain, Sept. 1991, the IV. Asia/Oceania Regional Congress, Yokohama, Japan, Oct.-Nov. 1991, the I. Latin American Regional Congress, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Nov. 1991. He announced that a deadline to present applications to host the **XVII. World Congress** was limited to March 30, 1993, according to the By-laws (i.e. 90 days before the Council Meeting). Applications were received from 5 countries: Argentina, Canada, Belgium, China and Spain. During the past four years 2 applications for **new membership (Hong Kong and Germany)** have been reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Council. The gerontological societies of Albania, Honduras and Guatemala also expressed intention to apply for membership. The development of national societies and formation of an **IAG African Regional Committee** was one of the main objectives of the Executive Committee in office between 1989 and 1993. In Acapulco 1989 an African Gerontological Society was founded by 12 African gerontologists. In four years it has grown up to 206 members from 14 African countries. This organization has serious projects and activities underway.

The council members approved the Secretary General's report and the membership of two **new member societies (Albania and Slovenia)** whose applications were previously reviewed and found complete and satisfactory by the Executive Committee. The Council also approved the **Treasurer's report** and the **budget** for the next four years.

Since that the Executive Committee had confirmed by ballot the site of the 1997 International Congress of Gerontology in **Adelaide**, Australia, the council was required for **re-confirmation** and to approve *Gary Andrews* as President of Congress and President-Elect of IAG. The motion passed unanimously.

The **new members** of the IAG Executive Committee recommended by the new President *Edit Beregi* were accepted by the General Council. *Istvan A. Gergely* became Secretary General and Vice-President, *Tamas Filösp* Treasurer, and *Sandor Imre* Vice-Treasurer of the International Association of Gerontology.

T. Hickey (The Gerontological Society of America) proposed to the council to establish a permanent secretariat for the IAG so as to provide continuity in the work of the association. Having discussed the proposal the council members who were present came to a decision that all council members should be informed about the proposal and requested in writing to respond (after detailed consultation with their mother societies) whether they are in favour or against this issue to be dealt by the Executive Committee

The site of the 17th Congress of IAG in 2001. The council members of the applying societies /Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Spain/ reported about the conditions and facilities in their countries and/or referred to the films and/or information materials presented before the council meeting. Chi withdrew its former application. The usual one-turn secret voting procedure took place. The final count was: Canada 38, Argentina 12, Belgium 6, Spain 6 votes. **Canada** was declared the site of the 17th International Congress of Gerontology in 2001.

MEETING OF THE IAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HELD IN BASLE, BEFORE THE SANDOZ LECTURES IN GERONTOLOGY, ON MARCH 20, 1994

(brief report on topics of general interest)

Present also as invited participants to the agenda "Sandoz Prize Format":

H. Stahelin, President of the Sandoz Foundation for Gerontological Research

Ch. Studer, Secretary of the Sandoz Foundation

J. Dall, Co-ordinator on behalf of the IAG with Sandoz Foundation

E. Beregi reminded the committee members that at the last Council Meeting in July, 1993, T. Hickey (The Gerontological Society of America) had suggested to the IAG to establish a **permanent secretariat**. After the Council Meeting a letter concerning this proposal was sent to the council members. *I. Gergely* announced that altogether 20, very controversial answers arrived: 4 definite no for the permanent secretariat, 1 definite yes, 6 yes but without any financial obligation, yes but only in Switzerland, 2 yes if a company, 2 yes if a foundation or a sponsor supports it, 4 yes for taking further steps in the direction to creating a permanent secretariat. *E. Beregi* outlined the prospective tasks and responsibilities of a permanent secretariat that could be realized without substantial expenses: it should be something like a data bank where the member organisations and regional committees should send reports and announcements relating their activities and should report on any change in their structure or leadership. The *committee members* agreed that this type of permanent secretariat was really needed and probably could be established without additional expenses if a member organisation would carry out the work. *G. Andrews* said that the Australian Society could give place to the permanent secretariat. *E. Beregi* added that the Swiss Society probably also could do it, at least there had been preliminary talks with them, which were to be continued soon. The *committee members* agreed that at the next Council Meeting the council members should vote whether this kind of permanent secretariat would be necessary, and if so, in which country.

The *invited participants* presented their proposal on the prospective new format of the Sandoz Prize and listened to the opinion of the *committee members* about it.

G. Andrews gave an account on the preparatory work which had been carried out in Australia for the next World Congress. *E. Beregi* announced the upcoming regional congresses of the IAG:

- IAG European Region Clinical Section Congress, Florence, June 16-19, 1994
- First Pan-American Congress of Gerontology, Sao Paulo, February 19-23, 1995
- Vth Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology, Hong Kong, November 19-23, 1995
- III. European Congress of Gerontology, Amsterdam, August 30-September 2, 1995
- II. Latin American Regional Congress, Buenos Aires, November 26-30, 1995

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY ANNOUNCES THE

SEVENTH SANDOZ PRIZE FOR GERONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH

The prize will be worth 50,000 Swiss Francs, and will be sponsored by the Sandoz Foundation for Gerontological Research, Basel, Switzerland with the purpose of encouraging research in all areas of gerontology and geriatric medicine including biological, medical, psychological, social and other relevant aspects.

The prize will be awarded at an appropriate Congress of the IAG in 1995.

Applications and nominations should be in English and comprise a summary of the research work of three to five pages, curriculum vitae, bibliography and reprints of not more than three pivotal publications in English or with extended summaries in English.

Individuals and research teams are invited to submit their application or nomination not later than 14 October 1994 to John L.C. Dall, MD, Official Co-ordinator for the Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research, The Victoria Infirmary, NHS Trust, Glasgow G42 9TT, UK

The Jury for the Seventh Sandoz Prize - 1995:

Dr. E. Beregi, Budapest, Hungary, President of IAG, Chair

Dr. S. Bravo Williams, Mexico, Past President of IAG

Dr. G. Andrews, Adelaide, Australia, President Elect of IAG

Dr. J.E. Birren, Los Angeles, USA

Dr. J.C. Brocklehurst, Wilmslow, UK

Dr. G.S. Roth, Baltimore, USA

Dr. A. Svanborg, Chicago, USA

Secretary of the jury of Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research: *Dr. Charles Studer, Switzerland*

BUSSE RESEARCH AWARDS

Two awards (one social behavioural and one biomedical science), to recognize junior and/or midcareer scientists with significant accomplishments in aging research, will be presented at the XVI International Congress of Gerontology in Adelaide, Australia in 1997.

For further information about the awards, the nomination and selection process contact:

Harvey Jay Cohen, M.D.

Jury Chair, Busse Research Awards,

Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development

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Durham, NC 27710, USA

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16TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY IN ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

The 16th World Congress of Gerontology will be held in Adelaide, Australia 19th to 23rd of August, 1997.

This, the last occasion of the congress this century, will be the first time for it to be held in the Southern Hemisphere.

The theme of the Congress -**AGEING BEYOND 2000 - NEW WORLDS AND NEW WAYS** is planned to focus attention on the achievements in gerontology to this point and to identify the challenges of the new millennium. The Congress Program is committed to shaping a stimulating Vision of Aging for the new Century. Sub-themes will address issues such as Aging in Aboriginal Societies, New Understandings in Dementia, Women and Aging, Cross-cultural Research and many others.

The Adelaide event will be associated with simultaneous Pre-Congress Satellite Meetings which will be held in Singapore (16th - 19th August, 1997) and Honolulu (15th - 18th August, 1997). Provisional special themes selected for the satellite meetings are for Honolulu - **Dementia: New Directions in Research, Diagnosis and Management** and for Singapore - **Challenges and Advances in Cross-national and Cross-cultural Collaboration and Research**.

The Singapore and Honolulu events will be linked for a 3 hour interactive video-conference to Adelaide by cable/satellite to mark the closure of the pre-congresses and the grand opening and first plenary of the international congress.

Registrants will have a choice of comprehensive travel, accommodation and participation packages including attendance at the Honolulu or Singapore Pre-Congresses and continuation to Adelaide, simply direct travel to Adelaide or attendance at one of the Pre-Congress meetings only. All of these options will include the international video-conference link.

The organisers of the 16th International Congress of Gerontology are committed to building on the success and experience of past events to make this meeting the best yet in terms of the quality and breadth of scientific exchange and as a memorable cultural and social experience.

For further information as it becomes available please send your: name, contact details and information on your area of interest to:

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COMLAT CONGRESS, SEPTEMBER 7-9, 1994, SANTIAGO, CHILE

Congreso de Geriatria y Gerontologia del Cono Sur. (COMLAT)

7-9 September 1994, Santiago, Chile

INFORMATION: Dr. P. Paulo Marin, Depto Medicina UC, Casilla 114-D
Santiago, Chile

FIRST PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, FEBRUARY 19-23, 1995

The First Pan-American Congress of Gerontology will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil February 19-23, 1995 culminating two years of planning. "Technology Transfer for Healthy Aging in the Americas" is the theme developed by a planning team of dedicated gerontologists from the Latin American and North American Regions of the IAG.

Dr. Bravo Williams, then IAG President, invited twenty representatives of diverse disciplines to Mexico to consider the idea, develop a theme and tracks, set the dates, select a site, and identify experts for the program and to review abstracts. They promise a varied program of symposia, workshops, exhibits, paper, poster and plenary sessions -- with cutting edge technology in a first-rate setting in incredible Brazil.

This historic first Pan-American Congress will focus on ways to stimulate technology transfers between South and North and among gerontological and other disciplines. The planning group did not overlook the attraction of Carnival, a world-class cultural tradition to balance the seriousness of the Pan-American Congress with events that will "knock your socks off".

Further information: *Norton Sayeg, M.D.*, Av. Indianapolis, 2343 - 04063-004 Sao Paulo SP
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THE 5TH ASIA/OCEANIA REGIONAL CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY

Date: 19-23 November, 1995

Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

Chairman: Dr. Edward M. F. Leung

Theme: "Total Care of the Elderly - A Multidisciplinary Approach"

Areas that will be covered within the Scientific Programme include:

Biology of Ageing, Clinical Medicine, Social and Behavioural

Science, Policy and Planning, Interdisciplinary Co-operation

Congress Secretariat:

Daniel Cheung - Project Director

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III. EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY **Amsterdam, August 30- September 2, 1995**

The Dutch Society of Gerontology invites you to join the III European Congress of Gerontology in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The congress theme will be 'Ageing in a changing Europe: choices and limitations'. This theme will be elaborated in multidisciplinary symposia on changing care systems for the elderly, the economics of ageing societies, gerotechnology, migration, cross-national comparisons, culture and ageing, ethics in the care of the elderly, intergenerational dependencies and ageing ethnic minorities. The programme will also include: bio-medical symposia on brain ageing, the immune system and environmental influences on ageing; clinical gerontology symposia on diabetes, arthritis and osteoporosis, healthy ageing and the quality of life and geriatric care, and social/psychological symposia on personality and ageing, cognition in old age, life course and labour market, developmental theories, social relationships, living arrangements and health care etc.

Key note speakers will be invited to develop integrated perspectives on ageing. The programme offers ample opportunities for presentations of submitted papers and poster sessions and will be complemented by a commercial exhibition.

Further information: The congress will take place in the Amsterdam RAI Congress Centre. A registration form and more information about the scientific and social programme, hotel accommodation etc. will be given in the forthcoming announcements. If you would like to be included in the mailing list, please contact the secretariat.

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CHALLENGES OF CASE MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD **2nd International Conference on Long Term Care Case Management**

Date: SEPTEMBER 17-20, 1994

Venue: WESTIN HARBOUR CASTLE HOTEL, TORONTO

The program brochures and registration materials are available. For more information contact
American Society on Aging, 833 Market Street, Suite 511, San Francisco, CA 94103-1824;
(415) 974-9600, Fax: (415) 974-0300, or
Canadian Home Care Association, 350 Sparks, Suite 1005, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1R 7
(613) 569-1585, Fax: (613) 569-1604.

GROUP OF EUROPEAN PROFESSORS OF MEDICAL GERONTOLOGY
EUROPEAN ACADEMY FOR MEDICINE OF AGEING
IKB Foundation, Sion, Switzerland

This intensive study course composed of four sessions is directed towards faculty members of departments of geriatrics, academic teachers planning a career in geriatrics or in medical gerontology. This course could also be attended by junior potential academic staff working in other fields (internal medicine, sub-specialities, biology) involving the ageing process and care of the elderly.

The complete programme aims to increase scientific, clinical, educational and managerial competencies in medical gerontology. A certificate from the Group of European Professors of Medical Gerontology will be issued after successfully completing the examination concluding each of the four sessions.

The session topics will be:

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| January 17-21 1995 | Infection, Nutrition and Immunity in Ageing:
From molecular biology to clinical management |
| August 22-26 1995 | Mobility Disorders, Assessment, Scientific Basis of
Rehabilitation and Outcome in the Elderly |
| January 23-27 1996 | The Ageing Brain and Related Disorders:
From the scientific basis to the social response |
| August 20-24 1996 | Circulation and Ageing:
Fundamental aspects, prevention and treatment |

Scientific Committee:	Prof. E. Beregi	Budapest University, Hungary
	Prof. G. Crepaldi	Padova University, Italy
	Prof. S. Duursma	Utrecht University, The Netherlands
	Prof. J.-P. Emeriau	Bordeaux University, France
	Prof. J. Grimley Evans	Oxford University, Great Britain
	Prof. J.-P. Michel	Geneva University, Switzerland
	Prof. A. Ruiz-Torres	Madrid University, Spain
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For further details and pricing information, please contact: Martin Naef, Co-ordinator of the I.A.M.A., Institutions Universitaires de Gériatrie, Rte de Mon-Idée, 1226 Thonex-Geneva, Switzerland, Phone and Fax: 41 22 78 69729

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGEING
UNITED NATIONS - MALTA**

[NIA's Courses:

Geriatrics	June 13-25, 1994
Physiotherapists in the Care of the Elderly	October 17-29, 1994
Demographic Aspects of Population Ageing and its Implications for Socio-Economic Development Policies and Plans	November 21 - December 9, 1994
Long-Term Diploma/Master's Degree Course in Gerontology and Geriatrics	October 1994 - June 1995

Further information: *117, St. Paul Street,
Valletta, VLT 07, Malta
Telefax: (356) 230248*

**SECOND CONGRESS OF THE UKRAINIAN GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS
SOCIETY, OCTOBER 4-6, 1994, KIEV, UKRAINE**

The Presidium of the Directive Board of the Ukrainian Gerontology and Geriatrics Society announces that it will hold its 2nd Congress on October 4-6, 1994 in Kiev, Ukraine. Through plenary sessions, symposia, paper and poster sessions, the 2nd Congress will offer the possibility of *sharing recent information on many gerontological issues such as: the basic problems of aging and their link with some kinds of pathology, the peculiarities of diagnosis, treatment and prophylaxis of diseases in elderly people, the means and the ways of prolonging lifespan, and the organisation of medico-social services for the older citizens under present constrained conditions.*

Venue: Kiev, Ukraine

Organizing Committee: Dr. Vladislav V. Bezrukov, Doctor of Sciences (Medicine)
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**PHARMACOLOGIC INTERVENTION IN THE AGEING PROCESS
Monday, 26th and Tuesday, 27th September, 1994**

VENUE: Great Hall, Kensington New Town Hall, Hornton Street, Kensington, London W8 7NX
INFORMATION: Mark Allen International Conferences Ltd., Croxted Mews, 286A-288 Croxted

"GERONTOLOGIZATION" OF THE EDUCATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES

The Nordic Gerontological Federation has taken the initiative to gerontologize the education of psychologists in the Nordic countries. A group of psychologists, representing each of the five countries, has been appointed in order to prepare suggestions for the incorporation of gerontology in the University Curricula of psychologists and secondly, to propose models for post-graduate education and training.

Concerning the integration of psychology of ageing in the curricula, the extensive material collected indicates a marked difference between the universities in each country. Some universities include perspectives on ageing as integrated and compulsory parts all through the curricula. Other universities devote a few hours to the study on ageing.

The Nordic group so far has submitted a report to the Nordic Gerontological Federation suggesting guidelines for the implementation of gerontology in the university curriculum of psychology. The report concentrates on the aim, content and organizing of the education. The report will be discussed at the **12. Nordic Congress of Gerontology in Jönköping, Sweden**, later this year. When agreement is reached, recommendations will be sent to the various universities.

As a second part of their assignment, the group is now preparing suggestions for the organizing of formal post-graduate education in gerontology for psychologists. A number of models have been discussed, among those education schemes on National, Scandinavian and Nordic levels. The content and organizing of this education as well as the responsibility to implement it, will be subject for further discussion at the Conference mentioned above. (*Eva Beverfelt, Norwegian Institute of Gerontology, Oscarsgt. 36 a, N-0258 Oslo*)

A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CONNECTED TO DEMENTIA IN OLD AGE

In 1989, the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs supported a proposal from a specially appointed working group concerning a three-year development programme connected to dementia in old age. The programme period was later extended to five years (1990-1994). The Ministry has allocated a total of NOK 18 million for the five years 1990 to 1994, and the Directorate of Health contributed NOK 300,000 per year for the first three years.

Idea and framework

The development programme in the field of dementia in old age consists of applied research and experimental activities, that is to say, the development of services for persons with dementia in old age and their relatives. Each project should be innovative, and should have a clear objective which can feasibly be put into practice by a specific time and within a specific cost framework. In addition the project should include methods for recording and evaluation, with a view to generalization of experiences, and should have been considered and approved by the administrations and political bodies concerned.

Priority areas

The development programme has concentrated on four priority areas:

Continuous systematization and dissemination of existing knowledge in the field, and development of new knowledge through regional centres of competence and a nation-wide information bank (The INFO-Bank).

- Education and training of health and social welfare personnel, including practical implementation of theoretical knowledge. Development of teaching aids.
- Development of diagnostic methods, and diagnosis of dementia states. Treatment of aggressive behaviour in persons with dementia in old age.
- Further development of the various health and welfare services for patients with dementia in old age living at home.

Already in 1990, projects were started in all four priority areas. The programme includes a total of long-term projects, while a few other projects have received a smaller sum in the form of a single grant. The programme is administrated by the Norwegian Institute of Gerontology, Oscarsgt. 36 a, N-0258 Oslo. (*Aase-Marit Nygard, Programme co-ordinator*)

COLLABORATION ON TRIALS IN DEMENTIA

As part of the Cochrane Collaboration (see BMJ 1992; 305:786-788) we are trying to establish a basis for preparing systematic reviews of randomised controlled trials (RCTs) in dementia. Identifying potentially relevant RCTs are not straightforward, we are seeking collaborators prepared to handsearch the geriatric and psychogeriatric journals in their respective countries. An exploratory meeting for potential collaborators in this work will be held in Oxford in 1994. For further details please contact Dr Nawab Qizilbash, Dept. of Geratology, University of Oxford, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX2 6HE, U.K. Fax: +44-(0)-865-224815.

PROSPECTIVE STUDIES COLLABORATION: STROKE AND CHOLESTEROL

The first meeting of the **Prospective Studies Collaboration** was held in July 1993 in Cambridge U.K., to discuss the causal relationship between stroke and cholesterol based on a meta-analysis of over 30 prospective observational studies containing over 10,500 strokes. More prospective observational studies with data on cholesterol at entry and follow-up (nonfatal or fatal) strokes are required. If you are connected with such a study, we hope that you will wish to join this ongoing world wide collaboration. Authorship will give maximum credit to the collaborators. For further information and a copy of the report of the first PSC meeting please contact: Dr. Nawab Qizilbash, Dept. of Geratology, University of Oxford, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX2 6HE, U.K. Fax: +44 (0)-865-224863.

HEALTH CARE OF THE ELDERLY. THE UNITED KINGDOM EXPERIENCE
3 September - 16 September 1994, Edinburgh

Further details and application forms may be obtained from Professor James Williamson, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ. Phone: 031-225 7324, Fax: 031-220 3939. Closing date for applications is June 17, 1994.

SPECIALISED TRANSPORT FOR THE AGED AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
July 26-28, 1994, Melbourne, Australia

Contact: Ray Ken-Allan, SAE Australasia, 191 Royal Pde, Parkville, Vic 3052, Australia.

HIGHLIGHTING THE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS
August 7-10, 1994, Third Global Classroom Conference, Montreal, Canada

Contact: Conference Secretariat, 1410 Stanley, Suite 609, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1P8.

INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF AGEING
August 30- September 23, 1994, London, UK

Contact: The Academic Registrar, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel St., London WC1E 7HT, UK.

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL FRANCOPHONE CONGRESS ON GERONTOLOGY
October 9-12, 1994, Strasbourg, France

Topic: Prevention in Gerontology

Contact: CGSA/Veme Congres de Gerontologie, 38 rue Croix des Petits Champs, 75001 Paris, France. Fax: (33) 1.42.61.35.62.

WHAT DO WE OWE THE ELDERLY? ALLOCATING SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE RESOURCES. AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MAASTRICHT
September 16-17, 1994, Maastricht, The Netherlands

Contact: International Ageing Conference. The Hastings Center, 255 Elm Rd., Briarcliff Manor, N

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