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President of IAG, Prof Gary Andrews

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the advent of the 1999 International Year of Older Persons (IYOP-99) approaches there is a growing level of anticipation and activity in the world of gerontology. Over the past few months as President of the IAG I have had the opportunity for involvement in a number of events associated with preparation for the Year.

In Lusanne, Switzerland during May I participated in a multidisciplinary workshop on the production of a consensus statement on *Teaching and Training in Old Age Psychiatry*. This workshop under the able leadership of Professor Jean Wertheimer was sponsored by the World Psychiatric Association (Geriatric Psychiatry Section) and the World Health Organization. The consensus statement is the third in a series on the psychiatry of old age and will be published and distributed by the World Health Organization in the near future.

I then went on to take part in the 3rd International Congress of the International Council for Global Health Progress held in Paris. This meeting titled *Worldwide Revolution in Longevity and Quality of Life: Opportunities, Challenges and Responses* was convened jointly by Clause Jasmin, President of the International

Council for Global Progress and Robert Butler, President International Longevity Center (USA). The meeting was held with the support of the European Commission in collaboration with UNESCO. The meeting ranged widely over many critical issues related to aging and more than 40 excellent invited presentations were made. Proceedings of this first class conference will be published.

I was then in Beijing, China representing the IAG at the *Regional Workshop on Preparations for the International Year of Older Persons* organised by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). This productive gathering produced a Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific that will be presented to a further Regional inter-governmental meeting to be held later this year in Macau.

On the way from Paris to Beijing I had the opportunity of stopping in Copenhagen for a brief but very enjoyable and informative visit to the Danish Institute of Gerontology. The Institute is an initiative of the Danish Gerontological Society and provides an extensive clearing house function 'systematically gathering and disseminating knowledge on research, experiment and development, which may provide some of the answers to questions about the elderly and their conditions'. The clearing house can be accessed on the WEB. I think this Danish initiative is a very good example of what individual national gerontological societies can achieve with the enthusiasm and dedication of their leadership.

In June I attended the first international program planning meeting for the Rural Aging Project 1997-2001. This important activity is one of the UN linked projects for the 1999 International Year of Older Persons and includes a major international meeting to be held in

West Virginia USA in 2000. The IAG is a formal partner in this exercise.

As I write this I am located in New York for a 12-month appointment with the UN Programme on Ageing as Special Advisor on Ageing to the United Nations. My primary responsibilities concern the coordination of a range of professional, research and policy activities in relation to the International Year of Older Persons. One of the earliest tasks I will be involved in is the project aimed at 'Development of a Research Agenda on Ageing for the Twenty First Century'. This exciting venture represents a collaborative effort involving IAG, the Novartis Foundation for Gerontological Research and the UN Programme on Ageing. The foundations for this collaboration were laid down during the Adelaide World Congress of Gerontology and commitment to the undertaking was expressed in the Adelaide Declaration on Ageing. This exercise will extend over a three-year period following the first expert consultative meeting to be held in Vienna in early February. The priority areas identified at that meeting will be followed up in more depth in a series of activities during the subsequent 18 months to two years after which a second expert consultation will review the reports made during this time. A definitive report will be submitted to the UN General Assembly and the Agenda will be 'launched' at a major event held in New York at UN Headquarters early in 2001.

After arriving in New York, I was able to attend the regional meeting of Help Age International (HAI) held in Singapore in early September. This event brought together representatives of all of the HAI affiliates throughout the Region to discuss opportunities for networking and to review their possible contributions to preparations for and celebration of IYOP — 99. Finally, I attended a closed meeting of the Presidents of the European National Societies of Gerontology and Geriatrics. This meeting convened by Mario Passeri, Chair of the IAG European Region focussed particularly on developments in teaching of gerontology and geriatrics in the European Region. It was an excellent opportunity for networking between the European associations.

As The International Year of Older Persons gets closer there will be many opportunities for involvement in both the preparations for, and celebration of, The Year by IAG globally, regionally and through national member associations. I strongly urge the IAG family to contribute in every way possible to this rare opportunity to promote the cause of gerontology worldwide.



*Towards a society  
for all ages*  
International Year of  
Older Persons 1999

## FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL:

### Congratulations Gary



Mary Luszcz  
Secretary General

As just reported, Professor Gary Andrews, IAG President will be in a special position to promote the aims of the IAG during 1999. His appointment to the UN is clear recognition of his past contributions and continuing commitment to gerontology in its broadest sense. Congratulations have come from Council members and organisations around the world and your well wishes are gratefully acknowledged.

### Prospective members

The Secretariat has received three new requests to join the IAG. One was for an individual membership, from Mr. Leonid Semenovich Burmin of Bischkek City, Republic of Kyrgyzstan, and one each from the Philippines and Thailand. Mr Burmin had been active in the now dissolved Kyrgyzstan Republic's Gerontology Association, which is likely to be restored in some form in the future. The Secretariat has encouraged him and his colleagues to reform such an organisation, preferably between now and the next IAG World Congress in 2001. In the interim, the Executive Committee of the IAG recommended that he be given status as a corresponding member of the IAG until such time as a national association is re-formed in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Applications from the Thai Society of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine and the Philippine College of Gerontology and Geriatrics have been received. We are awaiting some additional detailed material as called for in the By-laws before proceeding with the applications. A postal endorsement will be sought from Council Members in due course. Advice can be given to interested prospective members to review the requirements for membership in the IAG By-Laws on the web at <<[www.cas.flinders.edu.au/iag](http://www.cas.flinders.edu.au/iag)>>.

### Update on Gerontology

Professors Ladislav Robert (France) and M Powell-Lawton (USA) agreed to write papers based on their Novartis lectures given at the Adelaide World Congress for publication in Karger's *Gerontology*. *Gerontology* has a practice of publishing such lectures and may play another key role in conjunction with the initiative of IAG and the UN to develop a global research agenda for ageing, as referred to above. *Gerontology* may provide a forum for input from the broader ageing research community in response to the issues raised in the course of development of the global research agenda.

On July 6, 1998 I attended a meeting at Karger Publishers in Basel with co-editors of *Gerontology* Prof W Meier-Ruge (Basel), Dr J Andrews (Shepperton, UK), Dr M Ermioni (Basel) and Production Manager, Mr Thomas Nold to discuss future directions for the journal and IAG's association with it. A broad range of issues was covered, including the aim and scope of *Gerontology*, expansion of the

composition of Editorial Boards to include a behavioural and Social Sciences Section, and planning of Supplement issues. The meeting confirmed the continuing association of the IAG and *Gerontology*. As agreed at the last Council meeting, I continue as the Editor for the IAG.

A new and exciting development is the expansion of the scope of *Gerontology* to include a Behavioural Sciences Section. In the first instance, I have agreed to be section Editor. As has been conventional for the two existing sections, this new section will feature research, reviews, and debates. These will focus on the psychological and behavioural facets of human ageing. It will augment the ongoing Experimental Section and Clinical Section. Prospective members of the Editorial Board for the Behavioural Science Section are being recruited currently. Your suggestions of potential members of the board would be most welcome and will be seriously considered. An editorial describing the additional direction of *Gerontology* will be published in the last issue of 1998 or the first issue of 1999. Experimental, Clinical and Behavioural Researchers should consider this publication outlet. (Remember there is a link to *Gerontology* on our website, that includes details on submission of manuscripts.) As the new direction takes hold, we are especially interested to receive manuscripts from behavioural scientists. Your assistance in spreading the word on this new direction will be most helpful.

## FROM OUR MEMBERS

### From the Georgian Society of Gerontology

*Professor Nodar Knipshidze, President*  
*D Torbeñadze, Secretary General*

#### A Short History

Georgia is a country of ancient civilisations. Sources of gerontological ideas and knowledge about aging go to the deepest periods of its history. Medical manuscripts of XI to XIV centuries, which have been retained until this day, represented the whole system of knowledge about aging and its diseases, about the prolongation of life, and age classification.

The interest of physicians and populations in problems of aging and longevity, the presence of scientists researching different aspects of gerontology, and the increasing ageing of the population promoted the organisation of a scientific-medical society of gerontology and geriatrics in Tbilisi in 1959. In 1965 it united regional societies which were functioning in different cities of Georgia: Tbilisi, Batumi, Sukhumi, Tskhinvali. To the present moment its organisational base is represented at the Institute of Therapy and its Centre of Gerontology and Geriatrics, in Tbilisi. Activities of the Society still remain vital as the percentage of the elderly in Georgia is increasing and the population is becoming more and more aged (aging index — 15.8%, 1993).

Since its inception, activities of the Society's scientific researchers have been carried out in three main areas of gerontology: Social Gerontology, Biogerontology and Geriatrics. Demography of aging and longevity, health status, life style, nutrition, organisation of medical and social care of the elderly were the focus of studies in Social

and Behavioural gerontology. Geropsychological research has focused on the personality of the elderly, especially abnormal features of personality, which may lead to problems in social adaptation and be the cause of psychosomatic pathology. The problems of morphology, genetics and immunology of aging are studied in the field of Biogerontology. A considerable amount of scientific research is done in Geriatrics; for instance, peculiarities of pathogenesis, development and treatment of ischaemic heart diseases, hypertensive disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and other chronic pathologies of the elderly. A principal focus of attention has been on the phenomenon of longevity in Georgia, as it is one of the world's epicentres of longevity.

The Georgian Society of Gerontology has initiated and organized many conferences and symposia throughout the country, and been an active participant of International Congresses in Gerontology. In 1985 the Society organised the WHO Regional Office for Europe working group meeting on prevention of health risk factors in old age. In 1988-1989 the Society carried out cross-cultural scientific research in social-psychological and medical aspects of old people in Georgian (Tbilisi), American (USA, Syracuse) and Hungarian (Budapest) populations. In 1988 the Society organised the Georgian — Italian symposium of gerontology. In the 1990s the political and economic crisis in Georgia decreased the activity of the our society, but we hope, that its entrance in the IAG will be stimulus for restoration of its scientific and practical work.

### From the Bulgarian Association on Ageing

*Assoc Prof Ignat Petrov, President*

The Bulgarian Association of Ageing (BAA) was founded in 1994 in Sofia. Historically it is the second gerontological society established in Bulgaria. It was preceded by the founding in 1970 of the Scientific Medical Society on Gerontology and Geriatrics as a branch of the Union of the Scientific Medical Societies. In the period of transition from totalitarianism toward democracy, which began in Bulgaria in November 1989, the activity of the Society became weak and irregular, resulting in formation of the new society. The bylaws of the BAA were approved by the General Assembly of its members in July 1994. The Association was registered by the Sofia City Court in June 1996.

The BAA is a non-profit association of 52 individual members. Approximately two thirds of them are gerontology and geriatrics professionals, the others are voluntary workers and socially active persons. Among the members there are psychologists, physicians, social workers, economists, lawyers, writers, painters and others. Many members of BAA continue to be at the same time members of the aforementioned Scientific Medical Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics, so that contact and exchange of information is ongoing. Our constituents are interested in the wide range of problems related to ageing, old age and the elderly. They work with a conviction and clear desire to assist in improving the health, vitality, psychological and social well-being, and the quality of life of senior citizens. In addition the BAA is concerned to promote family solidarity, the stimulation of independent and active ways of living, humane and positive attitudes towards the elderly, and the well-being of all citizens of all ages in this country. The

Bulgarian Association on Ageing (BAA) carries out research in gerontology and geriatrics: it organises and/or encourages educational, teaching, diagnostic, therapeutic and consultative activities as well as rehabilitation, social work, charity, publicity, and creative work. It has regular sessions member every 1 or 2 months. In October 1994 a National Discussion — Round Table on the topic Active Life in Ageing: Psychosocial and Physical Rehabilitation was held in Svishtov. In June 1998 it convened a symposium on Gerontology and Geriatrics Today: Mental and Physical Health of the Elderly.

### From the Gerontological Society of the Russian Academy of Sciences

*Professor Vladimir Anisimov, President*

#### Advance Notice of Meetings

From July 20 - 24, 1999 the First Russian Congress on Gerontology and Geriatrics will be held at Samara, on the Volga river. At the First European Congress of Biogerontology (Helsingor, Denmark, 28-31 August, 1998) it was provisionally agreed to organize the next congress in August 2000 in St.Petersburg. Circumstances permitting, this plan will eventuate.

### From the Australian Association of Gerontology

*Dr Anna L Howe, President*

#### An Invitation to Return Down-under

In September 1999, the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) will be holding its Annual Conference in conjunction with Aged Care Australia (ACA), with the theme *The Age of Celebration and Expectation*. Aged Care Australia is Australia's largest national organisation representing aged care service providers in the not-for-profit sector and so is an ideal partner for the AAG with its professionally based membership. The President of ACA, Mr John Ireland, joins me in extending an invitation to you and members of your association to attend. This will be an outstanding event for the International Year of Older Persons, that will set directions for many years into the new century. To keep you up to date with conference developments, and you can also check our web site at [www.cas.flinders.edu.au/aag](http://www.cas.flinders.edu.au/aag). [Also see 'Congress Calendar' this newsletter, — Ed.]

### AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY SUPPORTS IAG

In recognition of the numerous contributions that Professor Gary Andrews has made to the AAG over many years, and with his move to the UN in New York, the Australian Association of Gerontology Council has taken a decision that will facilitate his continuing activities in Australia and the Asia Oceania Region over the next two years. The AAG will provide travel and related assistance to enable Professor Andrews to take an active part in the Asia Oceania Region throughout the International Year of Older People. This will include Professor Andrew's active participation in the AAG National Conference in 1998, the 1999 AAG/ACA Conference, and the IAG Regional Congress in Seoul. A large part of the success of the 1997 World Congress can be directly attributed to the well-established networks that Professor Andrews has worked so hard to build over the years. This decision by the AAG will help to maintain and build on that foundation.

## IAG OPERATIONAL MATTERS

### Database

There has been a good response to the call for details of membership that went out with the IAG Newsletter in March. The database has been updated accordingly and a list of members is available on the IAG Website. The Secretariat would welcome amendments or corrections at any time. Only if our records are accurate can we effectively interact with council members and organisations.

### IAG Dues

Thank you to the member organizations who have paid their membership dues. If you have not yet done so, please remit to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

The fee payable for 1998 is as agreed by council of the IAG in August 1997 and is US\$55 cents per registered member of your organisation.

If paying by ITI please ensure that the transfer document is identified as IAG Dues and clearly states the name of your organisation and country. Please forward a copy of the documentation to the IAG Secretariat.

If you require further information on dues, please don't hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

*Charles N Young, Treasurer*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

To diversify the content of our newsletters, we'd like to hear from you! We would like to include in the IAG newsletter materials from our member organisations.

*Do you have some exciting new findings that you would like to relay to members? news that you would like to share with the membership? a viewpoint you want to express in a letter to the Editor? a perspective that you would like others to comment on? a photo that captures a special event of your organisation? Enliven the newsletter by being part of it. Correspond with the Secretary General (and Editor) via the channels listed on the cover of the Newsletter.*

*It is anticipated that we will publish two newsletters annually, March and September — that's in the fall and spring or vice versa, depending on your hemisphere! To be timely, we can put items on the IAG Home Page, between issues.*

*If possible, we would like the first newsletter for 1999 to convey a sense of the major activities that member organisations will sponsor during the UN International Year of Older Persons (IYOP). So send a short note or email that we can include.*

Visit the IAG Web site:

[www.cas.flinders.edu.au/iag](http://www.cas.flinders.edu.au/iag)



## WRAPPING UP THE 16th IAG CONGRESS

Pursuant to decisions made at the August 1997 IAG Council Meeting in Adelaide, this edition of the newsletter contains a summary financial statement from the 16th World Congress Committee. This is the first time such information has been made available for an IAG Congress and amendment to the Manual of Operating Procedures (associated with IAG By-laws) will make it mandatory for such information to be made available for all future IAG World Congresses. In addition, the concept of a contribution to the IAG Secretariat from the proceeds (25% of net surplus) and the provision of a loan to the Organising Committee for the next congress was an initiative of the Adelaide Congress and will similarly be mandatory for future events.

The inter-Congress loan to assist in early stages of World Congress organising, was to be made contingent upon receipt of a Business Plan from the conference committee. The Business Plan for the 2001 World Congress was received and approved by the IAG Executive. Accordingly, the first inter-congress loan was made. The requisite funds (\$USD30,000) from the surplus of the Adelaide Congress were transferred to the Vancouver Congress Committee in June. For a personal touch, the IAG President Gary Andrews hand-delivered the cheque to Gloria Gutman, the 17th Congress President, at a planning meeting for the UN's Rural Aging Project that they were both attending in West Virginia, USA.

### 1997 WORLD CONGRESS SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

		USDS		
<b>INCOME</b>	Delegate Payments	870,050		
	Government Sponsorship	79,241		
	Corporate Sponsors & grants	306,768		
	Exhibition(s) Profit	77,490		
	Other Income	38,911		
	<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,372,461</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Non-site costs:</b>			
	Central Costs	410,852		
	International Video-Conference	99,897		
	Associated Events incl. WHO/UN	57,033		
	Proceedings	24,000		
	Other payments incl. Refunds and interest on loans	48,072		
	<b>Total Non-Site Costs</b>	<b>639,853</b>		
	<b>Event site costs:</b>			
	Adelaide	339,227		
	Honolulu	39,496		
	Singapore	57,398		
<b>Total Site Costs</b>	<b>436,121</b>			
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>1,075,975</b>		
<b>Gross Surplus</b>			<b>296,486</b>	
<b>Disbursement of Surplus</b>	25% Gross to IAG	74,100		
	Payment to Singapore Gerontological Society	12,000		
	Payment to Honolulu Research Fund	12,000		
	USD\$ 30,000 loan to 2001 Congress	30,000		
	Payment to AAG (RM Gibson Research Fund)	168,386		
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT</b>			<b>296,486</b>	

#### NOTES

This statement is presented to Council and member organisations for information only.

All figures are given in USD\$ at approx. median exchange rate for the period (1AUD = 0.6USD\$).

The actual rate of exchange has fluctuated significantly throughout the period.

The formal liquidation of Congress Assets may result in minor variation in some of the final figures.

The loan to the 2001 Congress is repayable with interest to IAG for on-payment to the AAG (RM Gibson Research Fund)

## ASSOCIATIONS PURSUING SIMILAR GOALS: RECOGNISING GERONTOLOGICAL RESEARCHERS

The IAG and the International Psychogeriatric (IPA) share a commitment to advancing knowledge of ageing on a world-wide basis. We have a reciprocal agreement to publicise the activities of each other's organisation. To this end, we have website links and from time to time announce meetings and prizes for each other. Both organisations award prizes every second year for outstanding research on ageing. Read on, and make a submission soon!

### 1999 — IAG/NOVARTIS PRIZE FOR GERONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH

One of the aims of the Novartis Foundation for Gerontological Research, Basel, Switzerland, is encouraging and honoring achievement in gerontological research and geriatric medicine, including biological, medical, psychological, social and other relevant areas. One tangible mechanism for doing so is by awarding a biennial prize to individuals with an outstanding record of advancing gerontological knowledge. The prize of 50,000 Swiss francs is normally awarded to individuals or teams who have

- made a significant research contribution in a particular area of gerontology or geriatrics
- encouraged and trained younger research workers
- given impetus to progress in these fields in some other comparable way, for example through their publications.

Decisions will be made by a jury comprising four representatives of the IAG, two previous winners of the IAG/Novartis (formerly Sandoz) Prize and another distinguished gerontologist.

Recipients of the prize are funded to present their research at one of the IAG Regional Congresses and will also be invited to publish a paper based on it in *Gerontology*. Papers by the most recent recipients of the Novartis Prize awarded at the 16th IAG Congress in Adelaide, Professor Ladislav Robert and Professor M. Powell Lawton, will soon appear in *Gerontology*.

Applications and nominations for the prize close soon and must be submitted no later than **31 October 1998**.

Information can be obtained from: **Novartis Prize Secretary, Charles Studer, Novartis Foundation for Gerontological Research, CH-4002 Basel, Switzerland Fax: +41-61-324 4294 E-mail: charles.studer@pharma.novartis.com**

### EWALD W. BUSSE (M.D.) RESEARCH AWARDS

Promoting international research in gerontology, two Ewald W Busse MD Research Awards will be presented at the Pan American Congress of the IAG in San Antonio, Texas, February, 21-25 1999. These awards are supported from an endowment made by Gerontology International in honor of Edwald W Busse MD, past president of the International Association of Gerontology and founding director of the Duke Aging Center. This endowment is administered by the Duke University Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development.

Two junior or mid-career gerontologists will be selected. One award will recognize a scientist from the social/behavioral sciences and the other from the biomedical sciences.

Awards are for \$US4,000 each, with up to \$US3,000 provided for travel or living expenses at the conference. Awardees must present a lecture based on their research at the conference. Deadline for receipt of applications: **November 1, 1998**

### 1999 — IPA/BAYER RESEARCH AWARDS IN PSYCHOGERIATRICS

Researchers from around the world are invited to submit original, unpublished work for the 1999 IPA/Bayer Research Awards in Psychogeriatrics.

The awards, presented biennially, are given to encourage and reward important psychogeriatric research throughout the world. They have been sponsored since their inception in 1989 by Bayer AG and the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA).

These prestigious awards carry cash prizes of 25,000 DM (first place), 15,000 DM (second place), and 10,000 DM (third place). The winners, who will be invited to present their papers at a special symposium at IPA's International Congress in Vancouver in August 1999, will receive a commemorative medallion and a travel and expense stipend to attend the Congress. The papers also will be published in IPA's quarterly journal, *International Psychogeriatrics*.

Entries must be written in English. The deadline for submission of papers is **1 December, 1998** and awards will be announced on 1 June 1999. To obtain complete instructions for submitting a paper, interested researchers should contact IPA, 550 Frontage Road, Suite 2820, Northfield, IL 60093 USA (tel: 1+847.784.1701, fax: 1+847.784.1705,

## MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS! — 1999 IAG REGIONAL CONGRESSES

It has been a time of planning for IAG Regional Congresses that will be held during 1999 in Havana, Cuba; Berlin, Germany; and Seoul, Korea. San Antonio, Texas is the location for the second Pan-American Congress of the IAG. These meetings will take on special significance as the IYOP is celebrated. They promise to be extremely valuable as a way of disseminating the latest research findings and promoting networks on ageing around the world. Provisional programs look exciting and closing dates for abstracts for further papers are quickly approaching, so contact the respective secretariats for further details. (See 'Congress Calendar')

### 2001: 17th WORLD CONGRESS, VANCOUVER

#### *Our next IAG Congress takes shape*

Mark July 1-6, 2001 on your calendar for the

#### 17th WORLD CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY Vancouver British Columbia Canada

The Organising Committee has laid the foundation for an outstanding World Congress in beautiful Vancouver in 2001. The opening ceremonies on July 1 will coincide with Canada's birthday, which is traditionally celebrated in Vancouver with a spectacular fireworks display over the harbour. The Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, where the Congress will be held, is an ideal site from which to view it.

A range of hotel rooms, 5-star to budget, within easy walking distance of the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre has been secured. Ample exhibit and presentation room space in the Convention Centre has also been secured.

The Organising Committee is currently focusing on arranging a first class scientific program, the most important aspect of any World Congress. The Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, Dr Andrew Wister and the President of the Congress Dr Gloria Gutman extend a



Prof. Gloria Gutman  
Congress President

cordial invitation to the member organisations of IAG to recommend to their Regional IAG Committees the names of potential plenary speakers, topics and organisers for invited symposia and roundtables as well as emerging issues that will be important to address. Traditionally, there are over 100 invited symposia and roundtables at the World Congress. These cover a broad range of topics in gerontology and geriatrics and bring together top experts from across the world to share the very latest and best information with Congress delegates.

All recommendations must be received by the Congress Secretariat by **January 10 1999** for compiling into a list for consideration by the IAG Program Committee which will meet in conjunction with the Pan American IAG Regional Congress, February 21, 1999, in San Antonio, Texas. Developing the best possible list of plenary speakers, and invited symposia and roundtables is critical to the success of the 2001 World Congress. Be sure your country is well represented in Vancouver by sending your recommendations to your Regional Chair for inclusion in the San Antonio list.

For further information about World Congress 2001, contact the Secretariat, at: Gerontology Research Centre, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6B 5K3 Tel: (604) 291-5062 Fax: (604) 291-5066 Email: [iag@sfu.ca](mailto:iag@sfu.ca) Website: [www.harbour.sfu.ca/iag/](http://www.harbour.sfu.ca/iag/)

## INTERNATIONAL GERONTOLOGICAL MEETINGS

#### 1999 APRIL 26 - 29

Asia-Pacific Regional Conference for the  
International Year of Older Persons  
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E-mail [council@hkoss.org.hk](mailto:council@hkoss.org.hk)

#### 1999 MAY 26 - 29

SYSTED 99  
*The elderly and the disabled in a pluralistic  
society: integration, diversity, equity*  
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#### 1999 JULY 9 - 11

Conference on Life Long Learning  
*Educational Gerontology*  
Worcester, UK  
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#### 1999 AUGUST 15 - 2

9th Congress of the International  
Psychogeriatric Association  
*Challenges for the New Millennium:  
Professional, Cultural and Regional Diversity*  
Vancouver, BC, 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](mailto:congress@venuewest.com)  
<http://www.venuewest.com/ipa99>

#### 1999 SEPTEMBER 4-9

4th Global Conference on Ageing  
*Towards a Society for all Ages*  
Montreal, Quebec  
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#### 1999 SEPTEMBER 5 - 8

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#### 1999 OCTOBER 28 - 31

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# IAG CONGRESS CALENDAR

## 1999 February 21-25

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## 1999 July 7-11

### IV European Congress of Gerontology

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## 1999 Sept 27- October 1

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### World Congress of Gerontology Vancouver, British Columbia

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## 2005

### 18th World Congress of Gerontology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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