

IAGG NEWSLETTER

NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS: an IAGG / WHO collaboration is launched

Toulouse, September 16th, 2009

IAGG and WHO have decided to join their forces on a three major Actions Plan for the next four years. Each of these Action Plans will deal with all aspects of gerontology, from social to clinical gerontology:

1) Promoting access to innovation and clinical research for frail elderly persons. This action will include social innovation, such as home program and technology innovation, such as biomarkers. Its report will be scheduled in spring 2011.

2) Health promotion program on prevention of late onset dementia. Large intervention studies are currently undergone and the related findings will be announced in autumn 2010. The prevention of late dementia must be multidomain including, social, physical and cognitive activities.

3) Identification of the main domains for quality of care and clinical research in nursing homes. Topics such as determinants of admission in nursing homes, behaviour disorder, gerontological assessment will be included.

Worldwide experts will participate in all the review committees and international observers will also be invited to define recommendations and their related program project. Presentation of the final works will then be organized and position papers will be distributed to IAGG members, WHO networks, UN organizations and national health authorities.

These programs are part of the general framework of actions presented by IAGG President Bruno VELLAS at the XIXth world congress held last July in Paris:

Make IAGG a leader in international ageing issues. IAGG must become the reference or the voice of expertise consulted by Government, international society or organization, including WHO and UN, when they need information about important matters concerning ageing around the world.

Engage members of the IAGG as experts. IAGG must designate its scholars in all disciplines and in various parts of the world to become experts who can respond quickly to emerging world issues. They can be called upon to write short editorials and the IAGG headquarters could organize with them regular press releases on these topics.

Build research capacity in ageing. IAGG should continue to build worldwide research capacity in ageing in social gerontology, basic sciences and clinical gerontology. IAGG must develop a major network of 500 centres of excellence in these fields and assist its Student Organization. IAGG must also choose one or two areas of the developing world and help local IAGG groups to build their research infrastructure (started in sub-Saharan Africa).



PARIS CONGRESS REPORT

It was an honor and a pleasure to welcome IAGG's XIXth World Congress in Paris from July 5th to 9th, 2009. France hosted this event for the first time, even though it was one of the founding members of the Association. We are a long way from the figures of the first IAGG congress in 1950 in Belgium, where 113 registrants from 14 different countries were reported. Nearly 60 years later in Paris, a total of 5793 participants coming from 91 countries, attended the event. It was a record!!!

The organization of such an international meeting was a great move demanding years of planning and was a major opportunity to bring together a worldwide community of researchers, people involved in planning and setting up services and all those working in the fields of gerontology and geriatrics. A total of 3867 presenters introduced 3695 posters, 803 symposia, 288 oral communications, 63 satellite industry sessions, 10 keynote lectures, 5 late breaking news and 3 workshops.

Specialists came from all regions of the world: Europe, Asia/Oceania, North and South America, Middle East and Africa and during five days, they brought more than knowledge. They exchanged their ideas, shared their findings from their works and examined new fields of research.

90 countries submitted 4416 abstracts. 53 % were related to health sciences and geriatric medicine, 25 % concerned social research, policy and practice, 15 % regarded behavioural and psychological sciences and 7 % were devoted to biological science.

The congress' theme "Longevity, Health and Wealth" was a reminder that an overall view is necessary to manage the challenge of ageing. The contribution of biology and medicine is essential, but must be widened to human and social sciences, in order to develop new and successful collaborations. This multidisciplinary issue brings continuous progress that will then ensure the improvement of our elders' quality of life.

This event is the success of those who are concerned in many ways with old people: a crossroad between a team of organisers dedicated in making this conference a real milestone in gerontology, and an important number of specialists and participants passionately seeking solutions to the phenomena of ageing. This is your success as by your attendance and involvement, you have given this congress all its vitality and strength. Thank you.

Bruno VELLAS – IAGG President



COLLABORATING CENTRES PROGRAM

To foster scientific development of gerontology and geriatrics, IAGG launched a program of Collaborating Centres during the last presidency. These centres are assigned by IAGG to develop activities supporting IAGG programs. An institution or a department, division, or laboratory can be designed an IAGG Collaborating Centre. For example: university departments, national institutes, hospital departments, national academies etc. The following criteria are requested for submission: be officially recognized as a research unit within its university or organization, be multidisciplinary, offer regular training program, provide evidence of productivity such as peer-reviewed publications, provide evidence of sustainability such as budget, staff or professional support and multiple research affiliates.

In the beginning, IAGG received more than 65 proposals from countries all over the world. In the first round, only 29 centres were approved: 13 centres in Europe, 9 in Asia/Oceania, 4 in North America, 2 in Latin America, and 1 in Africa. In partnership with the WHO organization, IAGG will continue and create a wide international network integrating research and training, in order to meet the goal of 500 centres. IAGG/WHO will select and designate centres which will then become member of the "IAGG/WHO Global Research Network for Ageing and Health". The nomination for a four-year period does not imply in any financial commitment to the IAGG/WHO but will entitle to exhibit the IAGG/WHO logo.

A NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM FOR THE IAGG

On July 5th, at the opening ceremony of the 19th World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Paris, France, Professor Bruno VELLAS (France) was confirmed as new President of IAGG for the term 2009-2013. On the Council meeting session the following day, Professor Heung Bong CHA (Korea) was appointed President-Elect of IAGG. The composition of the new Executive Board is as follows:

- . Bruno VELLAS, MD, PhD (France) is President
- . Alain FRANCO, MD, PhD (France) is Secretary General & Vice President
- . Athanase BENETOS, MD, PhD (France) is Treasurer
- . Renato M. GUIMARAES, MD, MSc (Brazil) is Immediate Past President
- . Heung Bong CHA, PhD, (Korea) is President Elect
- . Jean-Pierre BAEYENS, MD, PhD (Belgium) Europe Regional Chair
- . Peng DU, PhD (China) Asia/Oceania Regional Chair
- . Fernando GOMEZ, MD (Colombia) Latin America Regional Chair
- . Norah KEATING, PhD (Canada) North America Regional Chair
- . Isabella ABODERIN, PhD (South Africa) Africa Regional Chair

We present a short biography of the newcomers:

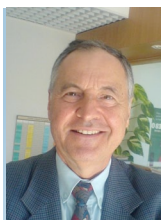
IAGG President: Professor Bruno VELLAS, MD, PhD.



Professor Bruno Vellas was born in 1957 in Toulouse, France and is currently Chairman of the Toulouse Gérontopôle, Chief of the Department of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at the Toulouse University Hospital, and Chief of Alzheimer's Disease Clinical Research Center, University of Toulouse. He is also member of the Aging Team U558 at the INSERM (National Institute of Medical Research) and is Principal investigator of the European Alzheimer's Disease Consortium (EADC). Professor Vellas obtained his medical degree (MD) and PhD from the University Paul Sabatier in Toulouse and for more than fifteen years now, he has been involved in many studies on Alzheimer's disease. Professor Vellas has published over 300 articles related to Alzheimer's Disease and specially on disease modifying treatment. He is the principal investigator of large international trials in the field of Alzheimer's Disease. He is member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Aging Society.

He is member of the editorial board of several major peer-review journals.

IAGG Secretary General-Vice President: Professor Alain FRANCO, MD, PhD.



Professor Alain Franco was born in 1944 in Grenoble, France, and obtained his Medical Degree in Grenoble in 1974, while becoming a specialist in Internal Medicine in 1978. In 1982 he became Professor of Internal medicine and Geriatric Medicine, a position he still holds, teaching geriatrics, gerontology and gerontechnology at the Joseph Fourier University, Grenoble 1. From 1989 to 2006 he chaired the Department of Geriatric and Community Medicine of CHU, Academic Hospital of Grenoble. As to research, in 1994 he founded the Grenoble Interuniversity Laboratory for Gerontology and has been directing it until 2007. From 1995 to 2000, he served in different scientific local, regional and European programs. From 2000, he served as President of the French Society for Geriatrics and Gerontology, until 2002. From 2002 to 2008, he has been President of the College of French Geriatric Professionals, that he founded. Internationally, he was the European coordinator for the Tempus Program JEP 2762 (France, Italy, Romania) from 1992 to 1995, participated in the Tempus Program CME 01194 – 95 and ERBFMBICT 961325 (Telemedicine). He is a Board member of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS) and served as 'Observer' at the GMS-UEMS for the French Geriatricians. He is the President of the French Society for Gerontechnology, SFTAG since 2006, and of the International Society for Gerontechnology, based in the Netherlands since 2008. Alain Franco has recently been asked to follow his Academic career as Professor at Nice University, France.

IAGG Treasurer: Professor Athanase BENETOS, MD, PhD.



Professor Athanase Benetos was born in 1956 in Athens, Greece. He was a Research Fellow at Boston University, Boston (1984-1987) and obtained his PhD at the University of Paris VI (1994). He was a Senior Consultant in Hypertension, at Broussais Hospital in Paris (1988-2002) and an Associate Professor of Clinical Therapeutics, at University Paris VI (1992-1995). He became Research Director at INSERM (National Institute of Medical Research) (1996-2002) and Chief of the Epidemiology Department of the Medical Centre "Investigations Préventives et Cliniques" (IPC) in Paris (1995-2002). He is currently Professor of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and Head of the Dept of Geriatrics at the University Hospital of Nancy, Senior Researcher at the INSERM (National Institute of Medical Research) and Chief of the University Centre for Research and Education on Aging (Centre EFOR-VIE, University of Nancy).

Professor Benetos has been involved in different research programs related to biomarkers of aging, Telomere dynamics, epidemiology, genetics and treatment of the age-related changes of large arteries, the role of hypertension, heart rate and other risk factors on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. He presented 225 publications in international scientific journals with peer-review committee (Medline).

IAGG President Elect: Prof. Heung Bong CHA, PhD.



The appointment of Professor Heung Bong Cha, from Korea, as IAGG President Elect, has been approved unanimously by the Council on July 6th, 2009. Professor Cha is also Chairman of IAGG's 20th World Congress Organizing Committee for the 2017 Seoul Congress. He is currently President of the Korean Association for Vision of Aging Society and Professor Emeritus of the Department of Social Welfare at Hallym University, in Korea.

Professor Cha graduated in Sociology from the Seoul National University and obtained his PhD at Choong-Ang University in Korea.

He began his career in 1971 in the Government of the Republic of Korea as Junior Secretary to the Office of the President. He then became Director of the Social Welfare Department in the Health Insurance Department of the Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea.

From 1976 to 1997, Professor Cha joined Hallym University, first as Professor of the Department of Social Welfare, then as Dean of the Social Science College and lastly as Vice President of the Establishment.

Between 1997 and 1999, he chaired the Organizing Committee of IAGG's 6th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress held in Seoul and also became President of the National Pension Corporation of Korea.

In 1999, Heung Bong Cha became Minister of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea. From 2003 to 2004, Professor Cha was respectively Dean at the Graduate School of Social Welfare at Hallym University, President of the Korean Gerontological Society, President of the Federation of Korean Gerontological Societies, President of the Korean Academy of Social Welfare.

In 2004, he was appointed Advisory Chair at the Presidential Committee on Aging and Future Society of The Republic of Korea and two years later Chair of the Ministerial Committee on Future Strategy of Health Care Security.

IAGG Asia/Oceania Regional Chair: Prof. Peng DU, PhD.



Professor Peng DU has been appointed IAGG Asia/Oceania Regional Chair as from September 1st 2009. Prof. Peng DU, PhD, graduated from the Renmin University of China in 1992. Currently, he is the Director and Professor at the Institute of Gerontology, Renmin University of China.

He is the author or editor-in-chief of *Disabled Persons in Rural China* (2008), *Population Ageing and Ageing Issues* (2006), *Population Ageing: Changes and Challenges* (2006), *Ageing Issues and Policies in European Union Countries* (2000), *Who will Provide for the Chinese Elderly* (2000), *Chinese Elderly in the Ageing Process* (1996), *The Process of Population Ageing in China* (1994), and the co author of *Social Gerontology* (1999), *The Ageing of Population in China* (1991).

Prof. Du is also a board member of United Nations International Institute on Ageing, and HelpAge International.

The new Asia/Oceania Regional Committee is composed of:

- . Professor Peng DU (China) as Chairman (dupeng415@yahoo.com.cn)
- . Professor Piu B. CHAN (China) as Secretary (pbchan@bjsap.org)
- . Professor Yasoyushi OUCHI (Japan) as Immediate Past Chairman (bxr05600@nifty.com)
- . Professor Keith HILL (Australia) as Chairman Elect (k.hill@nari.unimelb.edu.au)
- . Professor Gill LEWIN (Australia) as Secretary Elect (g.lewin@curtin.edu.au)
- . Mrs Ruth INALL (Australia) as Executive Secretary (rjinall@bigpond.com)

African Regional Chair: Prof. Isabella ABODERIN, PhD.



Professor Isabella ABODERIN is a Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford (OIA). Isabella leads the Institute's programme of work on Africa and is Co-ordinator of the African Research on Ageing Network (AFRAN). She has extensive expertise in qualitative research and experience of quantitative analysis and survey design. Her research interests centre on three areas:

- Social and life course determinants of health in old age
- Ageing and development in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)
- Intergenerational family support and social change in SSA

Prof. Aboderin currently leads a comparative mixed method research project on the "Dimensions and Determinants of Health in Old Age in Nigeria and Kenya" and, together with key AFRAN partners is developing further cross-national research and training on issues of older persons' health in SSA. Other responsibilities include serving as fellow of the World Demographic Association (WDA) and member of the Ageing & Society editorial board. Prior to joining the Oxford Institute of Ageing in 2004, Prof. Aboderin coordinated the World Health Organization's initiative on Life Course and Health as part of its broader Ageing and Life Course programme, and worked as a research consultant among others for the UK Department for International Development (DFID). Prof. Aboderin holds a PhD from the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, UK (2000); an MSc degree in Health Promotion Sciences from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK, and a BSc degree in Cellular and Molecular Pathology from the University of Bristol, UK.



IAGG CREATES THE NEW AFRICA REGION

As Past President Dr. Renato Maia GUIMARAES pointed out that "The IAGG logo is a flower with 5 petals representing the five continents. However, one petal was missing, since Africa was not fully integrated to the IAGG". With the support of all its members, the Council voted unanimously at the last meeting in Paris, for the creation of the IAGG Africa Regional Chair. For the first time in the history of the IAGG, the voice of Africa can be heard on our Executive Committee. Prof. Isabella ABODERIN (South Africa) accepted the task of chairing the Africa Region, which has currently only two members: Tunisia and South Africa. Representation of this continent is a major step for gerontology worldwide and Prof. ABODERIN's knowledge of the local conditions of ageing will help IAGG foster African gerontology and geriatrics and improve awareness and actions in this part of the world.

WELCOME TO:



Mongolian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics

The application for membership of the Mongolian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics was approved by vote at the 7th July Council meeting. It is an honour to welcome this new IAGG member who has been invited to take part of the IAGG Asia/Oceania regional chair. The organization was created in 2007 and today counts 50 members. Their address is: c/o Gerontological Center -105, Tsagdaa street, 11th khoroo, Sukhbaatar district, Ulaanbaatar-210620, Mongolia.

Contact: President - Dr. Oyunkhand Ragchaah (ragchaah@yahoo.com)

PAST & NEW IAGG STANDING COMMITTEES



ISG - International Society for Gerontechnology

This organization, based in the Netherlands, has been officially recognized as an IAGG Standing Committee during the last Paris congress. The ISG encourages and promotes technological innovations in products and services that address older peoples' ambitions and needs on the basis of scientific knowledge about ageing processes including cultural and individual differences. With more than 200 members, the ISG aims at designing technology and environment for independent living and social participation of older persons in good health, comfort and safety.

Contact: President - board@gerontechnology.info Website: <http://www.gerontechnology.info>



ICGSO - International Council of Gerontology Student Organizations

Established in 2002, the objective of ICGSO is to draw attention to and increase involvement of students in worldwide gerontology and to foster international networking and input into the IAGG on education, training, and other substantive issues. The ICGSO is made up of student sections coming from 17 IAGG member societies.

Contact: President - Anthony KUPFERSCHMIDT (akupfers@sfu.ca)



INPEA - International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse was founded in 1997, dedicated to the global dissemination of information as part of its commitment to the worldwide prevention of the abuse of older people.

Contact: President – Dr. Lia DAICHMAN (liadaichman@fibertel.com.ar)
Website: <http://www.inpea.net>



AFRAN - African Research on Ageing Network

AFRAN is a dedicated research network of key African and international scholars, policy-makers and civil society representatives in the field of ageing. It is formally endorsed by the United Nations Programme on Ageing as an essential partner in furthering the Research Agenda on Ageing and implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the African region.

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IAGG Student Travel Awards

The IAGG Student Travel Grant was established in 2008 to provide funding for students to present their papers at the World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, to be held every four years. Its' purposes are

. to provide financial support for excellent students enrolled in Masters or Doctoral programs in the field of Aging to attend the World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, making possible the presentation of high-quality research projects by new scholars.

. to promote the integration of students from different cultures, allowing the exchange of experiences, the establishment of collaborative and exchange networks, thus narrowing the gap between developed and developing countries.

The 2009 winners are:

Lizanle de Jager (African Region) MA in Psychology at Northwest University Potchefstroom, South Africa. Report entitled "An exploration of loneliness amongst older women: Loss of identity".

Peter Abadir (North American Region), Post Doctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Report dedicated to "Biology of frailty".

Anna Rita Atti (European Region) PhD, at Karolinska Institute, Sweden. Report carried out on "Multimorbidity and cognition".

Jarbas de Sá Roriz-Filho (Latin American Region) PhD at University of São Paulo School of Medicine, Brazil. Report made on "Diabetes and Alzheimer's disease".

Lola Kola (African Region) MPhil /PhD in Sociology at University of Ibadan, Ibadan Nigeria. Report concerned "Burden of caring among informal caregivers of the elderly in Nigeria".

Lu Song (Asia/Oceania Region) PhD in Gerontology at University of Xi'an Jiaotong, China. Report on "Intergenerational support of rural elderly in China".

Rosalind Willis (European Region) PhD in Gerontology at King's College of London, UK. Report undergone on "Family support".

Shannon Freeman (North American Region) PhD at Tokyo University, Internal Medicine and Rehabilitation. Report submitted on "Functional ability of centenarians".

Yiu-Tung Suen (Asia/Oceania Region) PhD in Sociology at Oxford University, UK. Report received on, "Aging men".

Myrtle Douglas (African Region) MA in Psychology at Northwest University, South Africa. Report entitled "African migration in post-apartheid South Africa".

Nelson Javier Ramirez (Latin American Region) MSc at National University of Colombia. Report concerns "Neuroscience".



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ARGENTINA: The **Sociedad Argentina de Gerontología y Geriatria (SAGG)** organized their last congress from September 2nd - 5th 2009 at the Pan American Buenos Aires Hotel. More than 2000 professionals attended this event around the following topics: promotion of health, fostering of physical and psychical activity, improvement of sanitary and social assistance, handling of dementias.

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AUSTRALIA: the **Australian Association of Gerontology will host IAGG's 9th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress** that will be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre from the 23rd - 27th October, 2011. Focus will be made on "Ageing well together: regional perspectives". More than 1200 delegates are expected to attend: researchers, practitioners, academics and policy makers, working within the field of ageing.

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EUROPE: The **7th IAGG European Regional congress** will be held in Bologna, Italy from April 14th - 17th, 2011. This year's theme will be "Healthy and active ageing for all Europeans". The congress will provide a unique opportunity for scientific interdisciplinary dialogue among experts in biological, biomedical, chemical, clinical, engineering, nursing, psychology, social sciences, public health and policy.

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KOREA: IAGG's next 20th World Congress will be hosted by Korea. The IAGG Council has validated its choice for the organization of this event that will take place in 2013, from June 23rd to 28th at the Seoul Convention and Exhibition Centre. Facing the challenges of global aging and the increasing need for digitalization, the organizing committee led by Professor Heung Bong CHA, has chosen "Digital Aging: New Horizon for All Age" as the main theme for the Congress. We wish them all our best for a successful organization.

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NEW ZEALAND: We are happy to announce that on September 2, 2009, the national office of the **New Zealand Association of Gerontology** has appointed Dr. Valerie Wright-St.Clair as new President. You can contact her at: valerie.wright-stclair@aut.ac.nz.

Contact: national@gerontology.org.nz Website: <http://www.gerontology.org.nz>



SPAIN: Under the auspices of the IAGG, the **1ST International intensive course in geriatric medicine** will be organized from 28th - 30th April, 2010 in Barcelona, Spain. Further information will be given soon.

Contact: ispedito@wanadoo.fr



UNITED KINGDOM: It's a pleasure to announce the nomination of Professor Richard Faragher as new President of the **British Society for Research on Ageing (BSRA)**. His contact is: r.g.a.faragher@bton.ac.uk. The organization promotes research to understand the causes and effects of the ageing process.

Website: <http://www.bsra.org.uk>



UNITED STATES: As member of IAGG's North America Region, the **Gerontological Society of America (GSA)** presented a bid to host IAGG's 21st World Congress in San Francisco, USA for 2017. The Council voted unanimously in favour of this candidacy in view of GSA's long experience in organizing major events and of the city's important conference infrastructures. The theme of this future milestone will be "Global Aging and Health: Bridging Science, Policy, and Practice". Best wishes to the organizing committee...

Website: <http://www.geron.org>

OTHER FUTURE WORLDWIDE EVENTS

(in chronological order)



November 18-19, 2009 - Rome, Italy: GerontoNet Research Symposium on Clinical trials on frail elderly persons. A two-day event with eight conferences presenting the last findings of therapeutic, preventive and clinical trials.

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February 11-13, 2010 - Monte Carlo, Monaco - the 1st International Congress on Alzheimer's Disease and Advanced Neurotechnologies is organized by AMPA (Association Monégasque Pour la recherche sur la maladie d'Alzheimer). It will rally the world-class experts and leaders in neurotechnology and neurodegenerative diseases in Monaco under this year's theme: "A meeting of the Minds in Monaco"

Contact: info@meetingoftheminds2010.com Website: <http://www.meetingoftheminds2010.com>



March 22-26, 2010 - Toronto, Canada: 20th Annual Rotman Research Institute Conference - The Frontal Lobes. For the third focusing on the frontal lobes: three keynote speakers will be present; over 40 internationally recognized presenters organized into nine thematic areas with all sessions plenary; interactive discussions among presenters and audience; moderated poster sessions; and two trainee awards for each of three poster sessions, for the best posters of that session.

Contact: pferreira@baycrest.org Website: <http://www.rotman-baycrest.on.ca>



April 28-30, 2010 - Antalya, Turkey: 4th International Social and Applied Gerontology Symposium. This event is taking place every 2 years and gathers specialists in the field of gerontology from Turkey and all around the world. The meeting will take place at Akdeniz University in Antalya. Objectives of the symposium: society, policy and science.

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May 27-30, 2010 - Vancouver, Canada: ISG 2010 - 7th World Conference of Gerontechnology. The World Conference is the principal multi-disciplinary meeting for professionals working in the field of gerontechnology. The conference brings together people who design, develop, prescribe, research, set policy for and use technology to enhance the health, functional capacity and quality of life of older adults.

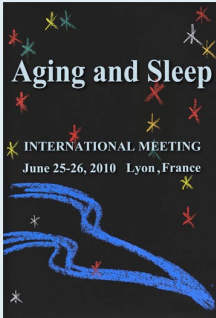
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: You are invited to submit an abstract for the ISG 2010. Presentation options include symposia, free papers, and posters. Accepted abstracts will be published in Gerontechnology, the official journal of the society. The deadline for submission of abstracts is January 15th, 2010. To submit online or for more information you can visit their

Website: <http://www.sfu.ca/isg2010>



June 24-27, 2010 - Barcelona, Spain: COLONGY meeting. The first international congress in controversies in Longevity, Health and Aging is an exhaustive forum for worldwide experts to share and compare experiences, in order to outline the right treatment for patients. It will promote true clinical discussion between practising physicians and researchers on unresolved pressing issues. Abstract submission deadline is scheduled for March 24th, 2010 and early registration will be closed on May 1st, 2010.

Contact: colongy@comtecmed.com Website: <http://www.comtecmed.com/colongy>



June 25-26, 2010 - Lyon, France: Aging and Sleep 2010. This international and interdisciplinary meeting is organized for physicians, health care providers and researchers to promote the latest advances in geriatric sleep medicine IASRG (International Association of Sleep Research in Gerontology). It will focus on diagnostic and therapeutic processes that have, or will have, real clinical utility in the elderly. The expert faculty will present how best to implement the main diagnostic tools and therapeutic strategies in your clinical practice.

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October 19-20, 2010 - Nice, France: 9th Congrès International Francophone de Gériatrie et de Gérontologie. This year the French-speaking countries' congress will focus on three major themes: «Mediterranean sea is a crossroad for gerontology», «Therapeutics in geriatrics», and «Gerontechnology helps homecare».

Contact: info@cifgg2010.com Website: <http://www.cifgg2010.com>



REMINDER FOR ALL IAGG NATIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

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