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## 1. Welcome + about this newsletter

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

I very much hope the arrival of this newsletter finds you well – and I mean really well. “Your health is your wealth” – and not something to be taken for granted, a lesson I had to learn earlier this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and encouragement you offered me in this difficult phase of my life. I have now fully recovered and would like to share with you the joy of life I’m feeling now, especially having a lively one-year old around who is discovering her world step by step.

Yes, this newsletter arrives much later than I had planned, apologies for that – this is largely due to other RC11 activities I have been involved with, which I hope will enrich our communal life as a global community of academics interested in the various aspects of individual and societal ageing. The first of these activities is of course the First ISA World Forum of Sociology in Barcelona on September 5-8, 2008 – you will find the detailed and up-to-date programme including all changes until today in sections 3 and 4 of this newsletter. More details on the logistics of the conference can be found at: [http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona\\_2008/](http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona_2008/).

Another exciting new development is our very own RC11 homepage, which will continue to be developed over the coming weeks and months. The URL is: <http://www.rc11-sociology-of-ageing.org/> (don't be disappointed if you click on that right now, there is not much to be seen yet). If you would like to help me in making it a much nicer place, a home(page) we can all feel comfortable with, please send me electronic photographs or other images of older people that we can use for our website. Thank you very much for your contributions in advance!

Coming back to this issue of the RC11 newsletter: When you turn the page, you will find a presidential editorial by Sara Arber, where she outlines the challenges lying ahead of us. This will be followed by the detailed RC11 programme in Barcelona (section 3) and the equally detailed programmes of our joint sessions with RC10 'Social Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management', RC 13 'Sociology of Leisure' and RC 53 'Sociology of Childhood' (section 4). I strongly recommend the following section 5 to your attention, which contains a very insightful account of the situation of older workers in Russia. I am deeply indebted to Eduard Karyukhin for preparing this excellent article for the newsletter. In section 6 the ISA proposes its new vision of 'Sociopedia – the living online social science library'. The ISA is still looking for volunteers wishing to play a part in this major new venture – please contact Sara Arber if you are interested or would like to know more. The conference planner will conclude this newsletter – please pay particular attention to the “Transforming elderly care at local, national and transnational levels” conference in Copenhagen in June (26-28), organised by our fellow RC11 member Tine Rostgaard, the 37<sup>th</sup> BSG conference that will take place in Bristol on September 4-6 (an unfortunate clash with our Barcelona commitment – but why don't you combine both events? There is a convenient Easyjet connection from Bristol to Barcelona, and London-Heathrow is not that far away either), and the 6th International Symposium on Cultural Gerontology in Lleida, Spain, co-organised by our former RC11 President Lars Andersson.

I hope you all enjoy reading the newsletter. Any comments or future contributions will be very welcome.

With my warmest regards,

Andreas (Hoff)

## 2. Presidential Editorial

This issue of the RC 11 Sociology of Aging newsletter contains detailed information about the interim meeting of RC11 which will take place in Barcelona, 5-8<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The meeting is in association with the ISA World Forum on the theme 'Sociological Research and Public Debate', therefore as well as the RC11 sessions, there will be opportunities to participate in plenary sessions and open debates relating to the World Forum theme.

Andreas Hoff, as Chair of the Barcelona RC11 Programme Committee and his fellow committee members - Susan Feldman (Australia), Virpi Timonen (Ireland/Finland), Lucie Vidovicova (Czech Republic) and Feliciano Villar (University of Barcelona, Spain) - have prepared an outstanding RC11 programme for Barcelona. There will be two streams of RC11 sessions throughout the World Forum, totalling 24 sessions and over 130 papers. There will also be joint sessions with three other research committees: RC10 'Social Participation, Organisational Democracy and Self-management' (2 sessions), RC13 'Sociology of Leisure' (1 session) and RC53 'Sociology of Childhood Studies' (2 sessions). I would like to warmly congratulate Andreas and his team for developing such an excellent programme.

The Barcelona meeting will provide an opportunity for RC11 members to have informal discussions about issues relating to ageing, further develop collaborative linkages and meet new colleagues. There will be an RC11 social evening on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, and a meeting with groups of older people in Barcelona is planned for the Sunday evening. If you have not booked your hotel in Barcelona yet, a number of RC11 members have booked to stay in the Hotel Gran Via (a 10 minute walk from the conference venue), so you might like to consider this hotel.

Soon it will be time to start planning for the ISA World Congress which will be held in Goteborg, Sweden, 11-17<sup>th</sup> July 2010. If you have any ideas or suggestions for RC11 themes or sessions, please let me know.

RC11 is currently developing its own RC11 website, which will contain information about RC11 events and provide a forum for information exchange among RC11 members. Many thanks to Andreas for all his work in masterminding the development of the RC11 website, which will be hosted by the Oxford Institute of Ageing. Finally, my sincere thanks to fellow members of the RC11 Executive Management Group - Lars Andersson (Vice President), Anne Martin-Matthews (Vice President and Treasurer), Susan Feldman (Secretary) and Andreas Hoff (Newsletter Editor) - for all their tireless work on behalf of RC11.

Looking forward to seeing you at the ISA World Forum in Barcelona in September 2008. Meanwhile, if you have any suggestions or comments about how to promote the activities of RC11, please let me know. Best wishes,

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### 3. RC11 Programme at the First ISA World Forum of Sociology in Barcelona, September 5-8

*Friday, 5 September 2008*

<b>15.30-17.30</b> <b>S 1</b>	<b>Symposium "Age, cohort and generation: conceptual and empirical approaches" (Chairs: Paul Higgs, UCL &amp; James Nazroo, Manchester University, UK)</b>	
1	Chris Gilleard & Paul Higgs, University College London (UCL), UK	Theorising cohort and generation in empirical research
2	James Nazroo, Manchester University, UK	Suggestions of cohort and period influences on the experience of ageing: evidence from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)
3	Anne McMunn, UCL, UK	Using gender to examine cohort and period
4	Simone Scherger & James Nazroo, Manchester, UK	Generation, cohort and the persistence of class inequalities into older age
<b>15.30-17.30</b> <b>S 2</b>	<b>"Gendered experience of ageing" (Chair: Sara Arber, University of Surrey, UK)</b>	
1	Lorna Warren, University of Sheffield & Joe Cook, University of Leeds, UK	'You've got to get to where we are': Older Women's Lives, Voices and Welfare Citizenship
2	Anthony James Brown, University of Western Sydney, Australia	Invisible Men - Older Men and Diversity
3	Adrian Lee, University of York, UK	What Research into England's Older Gay Male Identities, Welfare Needs and Service-use Experiences can Suggest for the Planning of Inclusive and Effective Older People's Services
4	Allison Kirkman, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand	Social inclusion, ageing and 'pink power'
5	Ingrid Arnet Connidis, University of Western Ontario, Canada	Same-sex relationships and the consequences of changing legislation for negotiating family responsibilities

<b>18.00-20.00</b> <b>S 3</b>	<b>Symposium "An international perspective and comparison of national intergenerational programmes" (Chair: Allan Hatton-Yeo, Beth Johnson Foundation, UK)</b>	
1	Allan Hatton-Yeo, Beth Johnson Foundation, UK	Intergenerational programmes in the UK
2	Mariano Sanchez, Granada University, Spain	Intergenerational programmes in Spain
3	Iris Marreel, 'Intergenerational Dialogue', Berlin, Germany	Intergenerational programmes in Germany (I)
4	Susan Feldman, Monash University, Australia	Intergenerational programmes in Australia
5	Thomas Fischer, Learning Innovation Institute Erlangen, Germany	Intergenerational programmes in Germany (II)

<b>18.00-20.00</b> <b>S 4</b>	<b>"The contribution of the voluntary sector to older people's well-being" (Chair: Kathrin Komp, Vrije University Amsterdam, Netherlands)</b>	
1	Adriana Fassio, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina	Volunteering: A strategy of elderly social inclusion in Argentina
2	Zofia Szweda-Lewandowska, University of Lodz, Poland	Voluntary service among people over 60 and its problems shown by example of Poland
3	Jože Ramovš & Ksenija Ramovš, Anton Trstenjak Institute of Gerontology, Slovenia	Slovenian local intergenerational centres
4	Ciara O'Dwyer, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	A Critical Appraisal of Advocacy Initiatives for Older People living in Residential Care Settings
5	Donna Dosman & Janet Fast, Alberta University, Canada	Time spent on social participation: The convergence of age, disability and community context
6	Jean-Pierre Lavoie, McGill University, Damaris Rose, INRS, Amy Twigge & Brita Brown, CSSS Cavendish, Canada	Gentrification and the social exclusion of the elderly

**Saturday, 6 September 2008**

<b>09.00-11.00</b> <b>S 5</b>	<b>Symposium "Reconciliation of Employment and Care for Older Family Members in Central and Eastern Europe" (Chair: Andreas Hoff, Oxford Institute of Ageing, Oxford University, UK)</b>	
1	Andreas Hoff, Oxford Institute of Ageing, Oxford University UK	Introduction: Is there a Central and Eastern European care regime?
2	Valentina Hlebec, Ljubljana University, Slovenia	Reconciliation employment / family care in Slovenia
3	Zsuzsa Szeman, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest	Reconciliation employment / family care in Hungary
4	Jolanta Perek-Bialas, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland	Care for elderly parents versus work - dilemmas of an ageing workforce in Poland
5	Sarmite Mikulioniene, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania	Vulnerability of employed carers of older people and child carers in Lithuania compared

<b>09.00-11.00</b> <b>S 6</b>	<b>"Longevity and inequality" (Chair: Feliciano Villar, University of Barcelona, Spain)</b>	
1	Susan Feldman, Monash University, Australia	I have lived a long time you know: Older people's experiences of longevity
2	Sally Bould, University of Delaware, USA	The Fourth Age
3	Alda Britto da Motta, Universidade Federal da Bahia, Brazil	The ages of ageing
4	Kathrin Komp, VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands	Being young old as a question of social inequalities
5	Ingrid Jönsson & Magnus Ring, Lund University, Sweden	Equal access to elder care in policy and everyday life in Sweden
6	Jaroslava Hasmanova Marhankova, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Czech Republic	"I know nothing about ageing" – The Heterogeneity of the Experience of Ageing in Czech Republic

<b>11.30-13.30</b> <b>S 7</b>	<b>"Care-giving in later life" (Chair: Ingrid Connidis, University of Western Ontario, Canada)</b>	
1	Sara Arber, Emanuela Bianchera & Susan Venn, University of Surrey, UK	The impact of care-giving on sleep in Italy and the UK: A neglected dimension.
2	Joyce Cavaye, the Open University in Scotland, UK	Caregivers' responses to the ageing body.
3	Varda Soskolne, Bar-Ilan University, Israel	Caring for an ageing spouse: diverse caring role stressors, caregiving appraisal and psychological distress in a cultural context.
4	Praima Israsena Na Ayudhya & Nuannoy Boonvong, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand	Latent Problems of Thai Elderly and Family Caregivers.
5	Carmen Dominguez-Alcón, Universidad de Barcelona & Merce Perez-Salanova, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain	Challenges of care and participation for old persons in the 21st century.
6	B. Woźniak, B. Tobiasz-Adamczyk, M. Brzyska, T. Ocetkiewicz, M. Korpacz, Jagiellonian University, Poland	Polish participation in the "Breaking the Taboo. Empowering health professionals to combat violence against older women within families" project, undertaken as part of the European Daphne II program.
R1	Delia Langa Rosado, University of Jaén, Spain	Caregivers for old people in Andalucia by their social positions.

<b>11.30-13.30</b> <b>S 8</b>	<b>"Methodological advancement of gerontological research"</b> <b>(Chair: Lars Andersson, National Institute for the Study of Ageing and Later Life (NISAL), Linköping University, Sweden)</b>	
1	Yumiko Kamiya, Virpi Timonen & Rosanne Kenny, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	Social causes of mortality and morbidity – the current and future potential of longitudinal studies of ageing
2	Jörg Betzin & Andreas Motel-Klingebiel, German Centre of Gerontology Berlin, Germany	Concepts and measures of diversity and inequality in current ageing research – theoretical definitions and empirical conclusions between social gerontology and mathematics
3	Elizabeth Becker, National Centre for Social Research, UK	Understanding Social Exclusion in Older Age
4	Sachie Mizohata, Université de Paris V, France & Raynald Jadoul, Centre de Recherches Public Henri Tudor, Luxembourg	How to select the indicators of well-being of the rural elderly through the public debate based on an ePlatform
5	Martha Doyle, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	Lesson learnt: Conducting participatory research with older people

<b>15.30-17.30</b> <b>S 9</b>	<b>"The future of long-term care"</b> (Chair: Anne Martin-Matthews, University of British Columbia, Canada)	
1	Jerzy Kryzyszkowski, Łódź University, Poland	Long Term Care for The Old People in Poland – Social Exclusion or Social Participation
2	Tine Rostgaard, Danish National Centre for Social Research, Denmark	Ranking quality in institutional and home care services: give us respect and proper cleaning'
3	B. Tobiasz-Adamczyk, M. Florek, B. Woźniak, M. Brzyska, P. Brzyski, T. Ocetkiewicz, M. Kopacz, Jagiellonian University, Poland	Elder abuse as perceived in the professional experiences of social and health-care workers.
4	Bernadette Dallaire, Michael McCubbin, Michèle Clément, Laval University & Normand Carpentier, University of Montreal, all Canada	Severe mental illness in old age: An exploration of the influence of social and professional representations on psychosocial interventions.
5	Henglien (Lisa) Chen, University of Lincoln, UK	Resources, resources and resources - Comparing long-term care provision in Western Europe and East Asia.
6	Junko Yamashita, University of Bristol, UK / Japan	Who provides care services to older people after the Japanese LTCI's introduction? The changing gendered balance between the state, the market, the family and the NPO sector.



<b>15.30-17.30</b> <b>S 10</b>	<b>Symposium "Ageing in Europe: Longitudinal Findings from the Survey on Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)" (Chair: Karsten Hank, Mannheim University, Germany)</b>	
1	Karsten Hank, Mannheim Institute of the Economics of Ageing (MEA)	General introduction to SHARE
2	Claudine Attias-Donfut, Jim Ogg & Francois-Charles Wolff, CNAV, France	Intergenerational exchanges of time and money in a longitudinal perspective
3	Martin Kohli, Marco Albertini, European Institute Florence, Italy & Harald Künemund, Vechta University, Germ.	Comparative patterns of intergenerational support
4	Jim Ogg & Sylvie Renaut, CNAV, France	The relationship between employment and family configurations at older ages
5	Johannes Siegrist & Morten Wahrendorf, University of Düsseldorf, Germany	Quality of Life and Well-Being in 'old' Europe
6	Barbara Schaan, University of Mannheim, Germany	Marital quality and gender differences in late-life depression: Cross-national perspectives

<b>18.00-20.00</b> <b>S 11</b>	<b>"Informal support provided for/by older people" (Chair: Susan Feldman, Monash University, Australia)</b>	
1	Anneli Anttonen & Jorma Sipilä, University of Tampere, Finland	Mobilising Formal and Informal Resources In Meeting Old Age-Related Needs – A European Comparison.
2	Amandine Masuy, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium	Effect of informal caring characteristics on work exit for European women: a cohort approach
3	Piotr Brzyski, Beata Tobiasz-Adamczyk, Marek S. Kopacz, Jagiellonian University Cracow, Poland	The inverse relationship between social support and quality of life in the elderly population of Poland: the effects of tradition and the consequences of transitional processes.
4	Margarita Gedvilaite, Institute for Social Research, Lithuania	Intergenerational networks of family support in Lithuania: deviance from common patterns?
5	Maša Filipovic, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia	Importance of community and local social networks for the elderly in Slovenia and their change in time.
6	Minna Zechner & Heli Valokivi, University of Tampere, Finland	Consumers in Elder Care Services.

<b>18.00-20.00</b> <b>S 12</b>	<b>"Health in later life" (Chair: Hélène Thomas, Institute of Political Studies Aix-en-Provence, France)</b>	
1	Ian Rees Jones, Bangor University, Olia Papacosta, Richard Morris, Goya Wannamethee, all UCL & Peter Whincup, St George's, all UK	Do lifestyles become more diverse in later life? a secondary analysis of the British Regional Heart Study using multiple correspondence analysis
2	Markus Zimmermann, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany	Social exclusion in different social systems in the case of multimorbidity
3	Ronica N. Rooks, University of Colorado Denver & Tamara Harris, National Institute on Aging, U.S.A.	Who's getting sicker faster among well-functioning older adults?
4	Chuks Mba, Gifty Addico, & Richard Adanu, University of Ghana, Ghana	Living Arrangements, Socio-Demographic and Health Conditions of Ghana's Elderly Persons: Results from 2006 Focus Group Discussions
5	Ruby Sain, Jadavpur University, India	Mental Depression among the Aged—A Sociological enquiry
6	Roman Romero-Ortuno, Sheila Callinan, Deirdre Finnegan, Claire Somerville & Brian A Lawlor, St James's Hospital Dublin, Ireland	The Differential Impacts of Social Contact vs. Social Engagement, Social Isolation vs. Loneliness and Living Alone on Parameters of Life Satisfaction and Physical and Mental Well-Being

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<b>09.00-11.00</b> <b>S 13</b>	<b>"Intergenerational transfers and social networks in later life" (Chair: Lucie Vidovicova, Masaryk University, Czech Republic)</b>	
1	Sarah Harper & George Leeson, Oxford Institute of Ageing, Oxford University	Developing an understanding of intergenerational transfers within families: a comparison of Europe, North America and Asia
2	Bettina Isengard & Marc Szydlik, University of Zurich, Switzerland	Living Apart (or) Together? Co-residence Patterns Between Parents and Their Adult Children in Europe
3	Mercedes Fernández Alonso, University of Malaga, Spain	Mobility and intergenerational relationships in Andalusia, Spain
4	Jeroen Spijker, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain	Current characteristics of living arrangements following bereavement of elderly persons in Spain
5	Alisa C. Lewin, University of Haifa, Israel	Cohabitation and Remarriage among the Widowed and Divorced in Israel

<b>09.00-11.00</b> <b>S 14</b>	<b>"Older migrants: Migrants growing old and migrating pensioners" (Chair: Elena Bastida, University of Texas-Panamerican, U.S.A.)</b>	
1	Angeles Escriva & Emeline Skinner, Huelva University + Department for International Development (DFID), Spain	Growing older in a world of international migration: left out or brought in? The role of migration in providing old age security in Latin America and Europe.
2	Marc Bernardot, University of Le Havre & Hélène Thomas, Institute of Political Studies Aix-en-Provence, France	Are elderly single migrants excluded and isolated?
3	Alison Bowes, Ghizala Avan & Sherry Macintosh, University of Stirling, UK	Understandings of elder abuse in black and minority ethnic communities
4	Joanne Cook, University of Leeds, UK	Exploring Older Women's Citizenship: understanding the impact of migration in later life
5	Raquel Huete & Tomas Mazon, Universidad de Alicante, Spain	Reasons for moving to Spain's Costa Blanca: A comparison between British and German retired migrants
6	Alistair Hunter, University of Edinburgh, UK	Retirement and Return among Moroccan and Tunisian immigrants in France: Diversities of inclusion in the welfare state

<b>11.30-13.30</b> <b>S 15</b>	<b>"Older workers and age-discrimination in the workplace"</b> <b>(Chair: Lars Andersson, National Institute for the Study of Ageing and Later Life(NISAL), Linköping University, Sweden</b>	
1	Carola Burkert, Institute for Employment Research Hessen, Frankfurt & Cornelia Spross, Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg, Germany	Sooner or later: Changing perception of older workers in labour markets in European comparison – Do national perspectives have changed?
2	Michael Muller-Camen, Matt Flynn, Heike Schroeder, Middlesex University Business School, UK & Dirk Hofäcker, Bamberg University, Germany	Corporate Human Resource Management policies and the employment of older workers: Germany and Britain compared
3	Kate Hamblin, University of Bath, UK	An exploration of the changes to policies for work and retirement transitions for third age individuals in EU15
4	Helen Barnes, Institute for Employment Studies, Rebecca Taylor, Policy Studies Institute, University of Sussex Brighton, UK	Managing age in the workplace – employer practices
5	Kirk Mann, Leeds University, UK	Old Dogs and New Tricks; Activating and Training Older Workers.
6	Derek Ross & Sarah Harper, Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK	Assessing Work Ability and Determinants of Work Performance of Older Workers in the UK Offshore Oil Industry
R1	Justyna Stypińska, Jagiellonian University Cracow, Poland	The present and the future of older people in labour market – the case of Poland.

<b>11.30-13.30</b> <b>S 16</b>	<b>"Migrant care workers" (Chair: George Leeson, Oxford Institute of Ageing, UK)</b>	
1	Anne Martin-Matthews & Joanie Sims-Gould, The University of British Columbia, Canada	My Home, Your Culture/My Culture, Your Workplace: Issues of Ethno-cultural Diversity in the Relationships between Home Support Workers, Elderly Clients and Family Caregivers in Canada
2	Hans Joachim von Kondratowitz, German Centre for Gerontology, Germany	Researching Undocumented Female Work in International Migration: Learning from Research on Housekeeping Services Studies for Elder Care Research
3	Jeanne Katz, Open University Milton Keynes, UK	Migrant carers in UK care homes: a clash of cultures?
4	Bernard Weicht, University of Nottingham, UK	We can't care for our elderly alone: The discourse on migrant carers in the light of demographic change
5	Veronica Montes de Oca, Social Research School & Rosaura Avalos Lopez, Social Work School, both UNAM; Ahtziri Molina Roldan, Unniversity of Veracruz, all Mexico	Those who stay behind. The role provided by transnational families to care for the elderly population in Guanajuato, Mexico
6	Hildegard Theobald, Vechta University, Germany	Elderly care and the intersection of different types of inequalities.

<b>15.30-17.30</b> <b>S 17</b>	<b>Symposium "Parenting grandparents in South Africa, Spain and the USA - diversities and commonalities; discourses and debates" (Chair: Jaco Hoffman, Oxford Institute of Ageing, UK + North West University, South Africa)</b>	
1	Sally Newman, Pittsburgh University, U.S.A	Parenting grandparents in the United States – research perspectives
2	Sharon Lowe, President 'A Second Chance Inc.'	Parenting grandparents in the United States – perspectives from the field
3	Sacramento Pinazo-Hernandis, Valencia University, Spain & Julian Montoro-Rodriguez, California State University San Bernardino, USA	Parenting grandparents in Spain
4	Maylene Shung-King, Oxford University, UK + Cape Town University, South Africa	Parenting grandparents in South Africa (I)
5	Jaco Hoffman, Oxford + North West University, South Africa	Parenting grandparents in South Africa (II)

<b>15.30-17.30</b> <b>S 18</b>	<b>"Retirement and well-being in an extended working life"</b> <b>(Chair: Ian Rees Jones, University of Wales Bangor, UK)</b>	
1	Sarah Vickerstaff, University of Kent & Wendy Loretto, University of Edinburgh, UK	Extending Working Life: Class and Gender Differences in Opportunities and Threats
2	Jonas Radl, European University Institute, Italy	Age cultures and retirement behaviour across Europe
3	Sarah McLoughlin, University of Oxford, UK	Exploring the Impact of Retirement on Well-being in the European Union
4	Katsiaryna Padvalkava, University of Birmingham, UK / Belarus	Diversities of ageing, discourses and debates
5	Yetunde Aluko, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Nigeria	Women's adjustment to and satisfaction with retirement in Nigeria

<b>18.00-20.00</b> <b>S 19</b>	<b>Symposium "Meaning and Practice of Transmission of Historical Remembrance across Generations and Cultures in Community Development Processes"</b> (Chairs: Juan Gutierrez & Iris Marreel, 'Intergenerational Dialogue', Berlin, Germany)	
1	Maria Julieta Oddone, Latin-American Faculty for Social Sciences (FLACSO), Buenos Aires; Liliana Gastron, D. Lacasa & G. Lynch, Nacional University of Luján, Argentina	Collective Memory in Argentina: generational and transgenerational impacts of socio-historical events
2	N.N.	This session is organised by various international, Spanish and Catalan NGOs. It will involve NGO representatives, as well as older and younger people themselves.
3	N.N.	
4	N.N.	
5	N.N.	
6	N.N.	

<b>18.00-20.00</b>	<b>"Do Old-age Pensions provide adequate security in old age?" (Chair: Ronica N. Rooks, University of Colorado Denver, U.S.A. )</b>	
<b>S 20</b>		
1	Uwe Fachinger, Vechta University, Germany	The income situation of the elderly: The older the people, the lower their income? Some theoretical remarks and empirical findings for Germany
2	Carmen Baumeier University of Lucerne, Switzerland	The Ideational Embeddedness of Welfare Markets: Discourses on the Recommodification of Old Age Pensions in Switzerland and Germany
3	Myra Hamilton, University of Sydney, Australia	Contract and Retirement Incomes in Australia and Britain
4	Raquel Abrantes, Liliana Charles & Marcha Miranda Inter-American Centre for Social Security Studies, Mexico	Pension Systems' in Latin America: Do They Provide Adequate Protection to the Elderly?
5	Andreas Motel-Klingebiel, German Centre of Gerontology Berlin, Germany	Resources, evaluations and social contexts - dynamics of diversity and social inequality in later life in a multi-level perspective

**Monday, 8 September 2008**

<b>09.00-11.00</b> <b>S 21</b>	<b>"Knowledge in later life" (Chair: Stephen Reder, Portland State University, U.S.A.)</b>	
1	Stephen Reder, Portland State University, U.S.A.	Different Strokes for Ageing Folks: Measuring Literacy Changes across the Lifecourse
2	Mary Hamilton, Lancaster University, UK	Negotiating Changing Literacy Technologies in Later Life
3	Uta Papen, Lancaster University, UK	What are you giving me these for?' Challenging dominant views on older adults + health literacy
4	Trish Hafford-Letchfield, London South Bank University, UK	Participation through learning: a study of opportunities for Older People using social care services in the UK
5	Ricca Edmondson, Galway University, Ireland	Sociological and Intercultural Approaches to the Diversity of Wisdom in Later Life
6	Feliciano Villar & Carmen Triadó, Barcelona University, Spain; Sacramento Pinazo, Valencia University, Spain; Julian Montoro-Rodriguez, California State University San Bernardino, U.S.A.; Carmen Solé, Ramon Llull University, Spain; Montse Celdrán, Rovira i Virgili University, Spain	Older people participants in university educational programs: motivations, evaluation and gains

<b>09.00-11.00</b> <b>S 22</b>	<b>"Demographic ageing and social policy" (Chair: Virpi Timonen, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland)</b>	
1	Ewa Fratzczak & Iga Sikorska, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland	The relationship between fertility and population aging in Central and Eastern Europe.
2	George Leeson, Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK	Investing in Later Life: findings from the 4 <sup>th</sup> wave of the Global Ageing Survey.
3	Hedva Sarfati, Former ILO director of the Industrial Relations Department, Geneva, Switzerland	Demographic ageing and the pension impasse - is social dialogue the way?
4	Silke Van Dyk & Stephan Lessenich, University of Jena, Germany	Diversity and normalization: The (self-)management of ageing in times of individualized life courses.
5	Kenneth Howse, Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK	Assessing long-term care regimes: do justice and equity matter?
6	Susan McDaniel, University of Utah, U.S.A	'You've Got to Start Young': Contexts and Flows of Ageing in Canada and the U.S.



<b>11.30-13.30 S 23</b>	<b>"Other research on ageing I: Age discrimination, mobility and internet use" (Chair: Liliana Gastron, Nacional University of Luján, Argentina)</b>	
1	Lucie Vidovičová, Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic	Tip of the iceberg or mirage? On dynamic of age discrimination and age ideology
2	Marta Sugareva & Kamellia Lillova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences	Perceptions of ageing in a cross-ethnic perspective in a transitional society – the case of Bulgaria
3	Agnes Nemenyi, University Babes-Bolyai, Romania	Ageing of population and some specific socio-demographic problems of rural population in Romania
4	Karel Schmeidler, Transport Research Centre Brno, Czech Republic	ITS Support of ageing drivers generation
5	Satu Heikkinen, Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute, Sweden	To drive or not to drive – the construction of the category of older drivers in Swedish transportation politics
6	Pekka Räsänen, University of Turku, Finland	Ageing population and the digital divides across the Nordic countries

<b>11.30-13.30 S 24</b>	<b>"Other research on ageing II: Future challenges of ageing societies, identity, social networks" (Chair: Andreas Motel-Klingebiel, German Centre of Gerontology, Germany)</b>	
1	Libby Brooke, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia	Managing employment pathways to reintegrate older women in employment
2	Davorka Vidović, Political Science Research Centre Zagreb, Croatia	Social exclusion and older people in transition countries: The case of Croatia
3	Julia Twigg, University of Kent, UK	Clothing, Identity and Age
4	Cathy Hayles, The Flinders University of South Australia, Australia	'Friendly competition': discursive interaction in Masters sport
5	Clary Krekula, University of Karlstad, Sweden	Elderly living alone: a study of social network as related to household arrangements
6	Matthew Norton, University of York, UK	A Systematic Review: The impact of the regulation and inspection process on residential care for older people

#### 4. Joint Sessions with other ISA Research Committees in Barcelona, September 5-8

(I) Joint Session of RC 10 'Social Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management' and RC 11 'Sociology of Aging'

##### *"Aging, social exclusion, and social participation in a globalizing world"*

Convenors: Julia Rozanova, University of Alberta, Canada (RC10) & Andreas Hoff, Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK (RC11)

**Sunday, 7 September 2008 – 09.00-11.00**

Joint session 1		"Social exclusion in old age: multiple disadvantage"
1	Hélène Thomas, Institute of Political Studies Aix-en-Provence & Marc Bernardot, University of Le Havre, France	Exclusion, loneliness and seclusion of frail and precarious elderly in France: which indicators, which realities, which issues?
2	Marijo Hebert, University of Montreal, Kareen Nour, Brita Brown & Nona Moscovitz, CREGES- CSSS Caven-dish, Canada	A way to promote social solidarity among community dwelling people
3	Olivia Ng, University of Melbourne, Australia	Older People, Respect and Social Inclusion
4	Patrick Barrett, University of Waikato Hamilton, New Zealand	A Comparative View of Old-age Vulnerability in New Zealand
5	Donna Dosman, Janet Fast & Satomi Yoshino, University of Alberta, Canada	Barriers to Social Participation for Persons with Disabilities in Canada
6	Isolda Belo da Fonte, Joaquim Nabuco Foundation Recife, Brazil	Old age in Brazil: perspective of gender and social exclusion
R1	Anna Stepchenko, University of Latvia, Latvia	Link between Transition and Social Exclusion of Elderly in Latvia

**Sunday, 7 September 2008 – 11.30-13.30**

Joint session 2	<b>"Varying levels of social inclusion strategies for older people"</b>	
1	Jay A. Mancini, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, U.S.A.	Community Social Organization and Aging Societies
2	Julia Rozanova, Norah Keating, Herbert Northcott, University of Alberta, Canada & Susan McDaniel, University of Utah, U.S.A.	The influence of community culture and structural inequalities on social engagement of older rural Canadians
3	Andreas Hoff, Oxford Institute of Ageing, Oxford University, UK	National, Regional and Local Social Inclusion Strategies for Older People in Europe"
4	Eileen Fairhurst & Marilyn Fitzpatrick, Manchester Metropolitan University, Glenda Cook & Jan Reed, University of Northumbria, Julia Ryan & Tracey Williamson, University of Salford, all UK	Older People, Participation and Collaborative Governance in Post-Industrial Cities in England
5	Bernadette Jonda, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany	Activities on the federal state level to develop new forms of intergenerational relations in Municipalities with Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saxony-Anhalt cited as examples.
6	Glaucia da Silva Destro de Oliveira, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.	The meanings attributed to the elderly in a public policy in Santos city

(II) Joint Session of RC 13 'Sociology of Leisure' and RC 11 'Sociology of Aging'

***"Leisure in ageing societies"***

Convenors: Susan M. Shaw, University of Waterloo, Canada (RC13) & Sara Arber, University of Surrey, UK (RC11)

**Sunday, 7 September 2008 – 15.30-17.30**

Joint session	"Leisure in ageing societies"	
1	Dirk Steinbach, University of Applied Sciences of Salzburg, Austria	Implications of demographic change on Sport-for-All in Austria and Germany
2	Georg Mueller, University of Fribourg, Switzerland	Media Consumption in an Aging Society: An Empirical Analysis of Age-, Cohort-, and Period-Effects
3	Stella Chatzitheochari & Sara Arber, University of Surrey, UK	Exploring 'Active Ageing': Time Use Patterns of Older People in the UK
4	Eileen Green & Carrie Singleton, University of Teesside, Middlesbrough, UK	ICT Use as Community-based Leisure for Older Women
5	Evgenija Spasova & Stela Dimkova, Bulgaria	Organization of Leisure Time of Elderly in a Small Community in Bulgaria
6	Deepa Mathur, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India	Abundance of Leisure: Human Development Policies for An Aging Society

(III) Joint Session of RC 53 'Sociology of Childhood Studies' and RC 11 'Sociology of Aging'

***"New forms of interaction between children and older adults in ageing societies"***

Convenors: Doris Bühler-Niederberger, University of Wuppertal, Germany (RC53) & Andreas Hoff, Oxford Institute of Ageing, U of Oxford (RC11)

**Saturday, 6 September 2008 – 11.30-13.30**

Joint session 1		"New perspectives on intergenerational relations"
1	Robin Shura Patterson, Case Western Reserve University, U.S.A.	Fashioning New Conceptualizations of Family and Intergenerational Responsibility in an Aging Society
2	Laura Dunne & Rym Akhonzada, Queen's University Belfast, UK	Looking Forward: A systematic review of children and young people's perceptions of old age
3	Jeehun Kim, University of Oxford, UK	Changing intergenerational relations, from 'solidarity' to 'ambivalence' and 'displaying family'?
4	Benedita Edina da Silva Lima Cabral, Universidade Federal de Campina Grande Paraíba, Brazil	Elderly and Family – Contemporary Multigenerational Brazilian Family Sustainability

**Saturday, 6 September 2008 – 15.30-17.30**

Joint session 2		"New perspectives on the grandparent-grandchild relationship"
1	Merril Silverstein & Sarah Ruiz, University of Southern California, U.S.	The Role of Grandparents in Promoting the Successful Development of Grandchildren: A Contingent Resource?
2	Robin Mann, George Leeson & Hafiz Kahn, Oxford Institute of Ageing, UK	Grandchildren and their Grandfathers: Perceptions, Influences and Relationships
3	Katharina Mahne, German Centre of Gerontology Berlin	Caring for grandchildren and receipt of instrumental support in a longitudinal perspective
4	Ignace Olazabal, CREGÉS-CSSS Caven-dish, Canada	Social participation among baby-boomer grandparents in the province of Quebec
5	Mpiana Kalula, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa	Title: How an old age person can be affected by an infected HIV child in South Africa?

## 5. Country report: Limited Opportunities for the Employment of Elderly People in Russia

By Eduard Karyukhin

Labour, according to S.I. Ozhegov's dictionary, is a helpful human activity, intended to produce with the use of tools of production material and intellectual creations [19]. According to a prominent Soviet gerontologist A.A. Bogomolets the first principal of a rational life is work – the entire organism must work (14). The position of any age group in the labour market is characterised by two main factors: the level of active work (the ratio of the economically active population of an age group to the entire employable population in that age group) and the level of employment [32].

Employment is the state of being employed, a ratio of the number of working people to the entire population of a certain age [19, 20, 23]. Interest in the problems of aging of the employable population has arisen from the background of demographic research between 1950 - 1960, including in the USSR. The researchers discussed various aspects of the problem of employment as well as unemployment of elderly people [1, 30, 16, 33, 8, 7] and note the complex nature of the problem including socio-economic and socio-psychological aspects as well as anthropology in general. According to V. Henry who studied employment and unemployment among elderly people, unemployment among pensioners is closely related to their alienation and isolation from society. Employment and unemployment are expressions of the dynamics of the psychology of personality when the process of release from the employment depends not only on old age but also on experience gained during a lifetime. According to S. Forsman studying employment and unemployment among pensioners identifies such problems as psychological (subjective self-esteem of the elderly), financial (lower salary), demographical (competition with younger employees) as well as one of adaptation (an unwillingness to learn a new profession) [16]. There are general and age-related employment types within the population. General employment of the whole population depends on a limit for a maximum working age that is set for each country. When reviewing the problems of employment within a population terms such as *average life expectancy*, *mortality of the working population*, *mortality*, *survival to a given age*, and *average active work duration* are used. When talking about motivation for employment among elderly people experts point out the following factors: continuation of work activity, the desire to negate feelings of loneliness, reserves of unspent energy, interest in work as well as familiarity with a job and a team.

**The dynamics and tendencies of employment** among elderly people within job markets in the country will be shown further at national and regional levels taking into account both the age and sex of employees. Ratings of employment of elderly men and women in the USSR in age groups of **50 - 59** and **60 and older** studied in 1926, 1959 and 1970 are shown in the table below [31].

Table 1: Percentage of the employed at certain ages

Age, years	Men			Women		
	1926	1959	1970.	1926	1959	1970.
50-59	95,7	90,0	90,0	69,3	67,2	74,3
60 +	74,4	53,0	19,0	38,2	32,1	4,4

As shown in the table the dynamics of employment among elderly people in the USSR for almost a 50-year period is characterized by a decreasing number of employed elderly men of a younger cohort and by an increasing number of employed elderly men of an older age as well as by a significant increase of employed women. The employment ratings among elderly women of 50-59 years of age had a tendency to increase by 18%. The data provided in the table confirms the tendency of decreasing active work among elderly people as well as decreasing average expectancy of active work in the USSR in these years. All subsequent years including post-Perestroika Russia are characterized by a progressive process of aging within the population. Since the end of the 1980s the demographical aging occurred within a background of negative socio-economical processes that would lead to the depopulation of the 1990s. Decreasing numbers of the "young" cohorts of elderly people between 60-64 years of age and increasing numbers of elderly people of 80 years of age and older characterised aging at that time. During the same period the economically-active population was declining. This decline had a cyclical nature reaching the figure of 70,968 thousand people in 2001 (95% of the 1992 figure) with 91.1% of these in employment [2]. The formation of job markets caused unemployment and, according to the authors, the level of employment was fluctuating among the economically active population from 5.2% in 1992 to 13.2% in 1998 reaching 8.9% in 2001. Among the factors affecting the rate of registered unemployment were the unique qualities of the labour and pension legislation.

The unemployment tendencies among the elderly in Russia did not change until the end of the 1980s making up 30-33% of working pensioners within the entire social group. In future a decrease in the employment ratings was detected. In 1992 the elderly between 60-72 years of age made up 5% of the entire employed population, whereas in 1996 it was 3.3% meaning a decrease from 3.6 to 2.2 million people. According to the provided data the percentage of the working elderly fell from 29.3% in 1989 to 26.3% in 1995. During that period among women up to 55 years of age the decrease went from 53.3% to 43.5%. Among elderly women between 55-59 the employment increased from 37.8% to 45.3%. Among men of up to 60 years of age the percentage of the employed decreased from 51.1% to 48.4% whereas in the group of the employed 60-65 year-olds an increase from 39.1% to 42.1% was detected. In the table below we demonstrate the volume of employment among the elderly based on data provided by the employment services [9,26].

Table 2: Employment rate among pensioners (applicants for employment services)

1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
40%	15.4%	17.5%	12.5%	18.9%

According to L. Figlin [32] since 1993 the number of workers older than retirement age declined. In 1995 the number of workers who were older than working age decreased by 34.4%.

In the end of the 1990s this tendency of decreasing employment among the elderly remained. Based on the poll of more than 1000 people over 50 years of age M.B. Denisenko [6] reported that the percentage of the employed pensioners was 21.7% including 26.0% - men and 19.8% women. She also demonstrated that in the age group of 60-65 years practically every second elderly person had a job and by the age of 65-70 years this was already 16.7%. The employment level of elderly women was lower than their male counterparts and progressively declined with age. The poll also revealed that the maximum level of employment was among respondents with the minimum level of pension benefits. By 2004 according to the Russian Federation's Ministry of Labour the percentage of working pensioners was 18.5% [18]. Gerontologists point out a significantly lower figure - 12% [28].

According to V.V. Kozhevnikov and co-authors after 2006 the percentage of employable population will start to decrease rapidly due to the demographic fall in the birth-rate during the 1990s [11].

Taking a regional sample of employment among elderly people N.N. Smirnova [26] divides the country's regions in accordance with the degree of involvement of the elderly in active work into three groups:

1. regions where the percentage of working pensioners does not reach 25% (Severo-Kavkazsky, Tsentralno-Chernozemny, Uralsky, Zapadno-Siberian, Volgo-Vyatsky, Povolzhsky, Severny)
2. regions where employment among pensioners reaches 25-30% (Severo-Zapadny, Vostochno-Sibirsky, Tsentralny)
3. regions where working pensioners make up over 30% (Dalnevostochny, Kaliningradskaya region).

According to other experts [29] regional employment ratings among pensioners are different: in the age group of 55-60 years old no more than 15% of men and 12% of women are permanently employed. A very small number of pensioners find jobs through the employment services. According to the author, in 1993 the percentage of working pensioners was 17%, and in 1994 it fell to 13%.

Analysing the ratio of the elderly's active work in each of the regions [21,12,13,34,27,17,25,5] paints on the whole quite a pessimistic picture: according to the authors of the Nizhny Novgorod report the current job market both in the centre and in the regions is not willing to utilise the experience, skills and knowledge of the older generation. 75% of the pensioners in the city of Oryol who took part in the poll are convinced that it would be very problematic and virtually impossible to find employment. Despite having said that, two thirds of the respondents need to find additional income. 60% of the elderly people who have taken part in the poll view the impact of market forces on active work as negative. Therefore, in the researcher's opinion, come increased pessimism, disappointment and a negative attitude among the elderly towards societal change. Another poll taken among Oryol pensioners [4] shows that during delays in pension payments only 5% of the respondents said that they were living on their current income from work while the majority (50%) used their food reserves. Studying these situations showed that only 7% of pensioners in Orlovskaya region had a job, with 63% of these worked in their old jobs and 30% in different professions. A link between the wage rate and the level of education completed



was also established. Only one in nine pensioners in Orlovskaya region who wanted to find a job either failed or were rejected and these were mainly elderly women.

The poll in the city of Kemerovo showed that only 5.6% of elderly people had wages as their main income source. From 16.2% of the respondents who mentioned extra income in addition to their pension. 47.9% named salary, 11% - casual income and 6% - seasonal earnings. According to Yaroslavl city researchers 40.4% of elderly people do not have any additional income apart from their pension [24].

It is worth noting that at the polls elderly people rated active work in fifth place among other problem areas of social policy. However, when analysing the respondents' views on governmental social policy for the elderly "creating conditions for adequate active work" was rated as second in importance after raising pension levels.

A comparative analysis of the social status of pensioners in the City of Ivanovo shows that in 1997 in comparison to 1995 the percentage of people with a permanent job increased 1.5 times and the percentage of those with a second job increased threefold [17]. After the crisis of 1998 employment among pensioners in Ivanovo rapidly decreased from 17.4% in 1997 to 1.8%. It appeared that 90.9% of pensioners do not have a job. The employment analysis and research demonstrated that the number of unemployed pensioners increased from 82.7% in 1995 to 90.8% in 2001 with the number of employed pensioners receiving a pension decreasing from 11.9% in 1995 to 6.4% in 2001. A similar tendency was also seen for those pensioners who had sparse additional income: their percentage decreased from 4.3% in 1995 to 3.7% in 2001.

Social scientists of the Mordovsky University [25] when studying regional problems of social adaptation of the elderly showed a very small degree of utilization of pensioner workforce. That degree was dropping even when the research was being conducted. Although there are no real indicators of the extent of the pensioners' involvement in active work, when polled to subjectively evaluate the utilization of their experience and knowledge the elderly chose the option "utilized but very rarely" over all others. When characterizing active work of pensioners in the city of Kazan experts report that 76% of those are unemployed [5].

In looking at some of the tendencies of employment among elderly women we see that employment of women of any age (in different countries) is generally lower than that of men [23]. In the past it was explained not by the loss of earning capacity but by a different social status of a woman in the society and family. When characterising women's employment in general experts identify negative shifts: women are pushed out from the skilled labour force, management, banking as well as industrial labour [15]. On the whole, among women seeking employment two age groups experience most difficulties - women of 16-28 years of age and women of 45-55 years of age [10]. The research showed that among women 35% in the age group of 55-59, 19% in the age group of 60-64 and only 8% between 65-69 continue working [29]. The decline of the market in rural areas and regional centres also deprives women of a choice of work. There is an increasing gap between work levels for men and women. The differentiation ratio of payment for labour on the basis of sex in the Russian economy is currently 30%. For example, women made only 1.4% of the senior management of the administrative authorities in 74 federal government organizations with male governmental workers getting on average much higher salaries [3]. As a result

women are not only unable to exercise their rights but they also remain unaware of them.

In her work E. Chekanova [33] is investigating the roots of injustice towards women. Women work all their lives and only a small part of that work receives payment. The reasons are different: traditional behaviour norms, gender roles regarding housework, underdevelopment of public services. The fact that women reach pensionable age earlier than men provides them with more opportunities for continuing their active work. However the majority have to leave work. Thus, during 1992-1996 among all working women the percentage of female workers in the age group of 55-72 decreased from 10.2% to 8.3% [9]. Employers value elderly female workers for their skills and qualifications but on the other hand their strengths are neither appreciated nor recognized and ultimately are not fairly reflected in their salaries. One of the ways for elderly women to return to professional activity is to start working in positions that require lower qualifications.

N.P. Romanova [22] conducted a research on employment, motivation and other aspects of active work among single elderly women of Zabaikalye region. She established that the majority of the elderly women in this category intend to continue working after reaching their pension age. However women with higher education as well as women with a specific skill such as sewing, knitting or nursing skills have more chances to find additional work. Material needs remain the main reason for elderly single women continuing to work during pre-pension and pension age.

Specialists of the Department for Social Work at Syktyvkarsky University studied the social status of unemployed female pensioners [28]. The study showed that 66% of the respondents live purely on their pension funds, their meals being very poor and unvaried, and the majority cannot afford to buy new clothes or footwear. To improve their situation 5% of the respondents sell their possessions, 25% breed poultry and cattle and only 6% of these elderly women attempt to find occasional work. The conclusion of the authors of this research is that elderly unemployed women are one of the most vulnerable groups of the population and are currently in a very critical situation.

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Articles will be in English. Each article will have a Spanish and French abstract. If authors make a Spanish or French version of the article available, the translation will be posted as well.

3.

The ISA will employ its infrastructure of research committees/working groups/thematic groups to commission articles. In principle each research committee or ISA group could suggest one or more entries to be included and members who could write an article.

The ISA office will be responsible for the logistics of commissioning, reviewing, and processing and updating of articles. In 2008 ISA aims at commissioning 50 articles/350.000 words.

4.

Sage will host *Sociopedia.ISA*. It is responsible for the creation and maintenance of Sociopedia on the Internet. It will make *Sociopedia.ISA* free accessible to ISA-members, but password protected. Non-members will have access to abstracts but must pay per view (PPV).

*Sociopedia.ISA* will be a portal to other Sage journals as long as it concerns 'state of the art' articles that meet the editors' criteria. Sage will 'advertise and sell' *Sociopedia.ISA*. It will eventually build *Sociopedia.ISA* into the subscription packages and rate to libraries for ISA-publications.

5.

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## 7. Work in progress I: The African Research on Ageing Network (AFRAN)

The subsequent information was compiled by Jaco Hoffman who together with Isabella Aboderin coordinates AFRAN. At the same time, Jaco is a RC11 Executive Board Member. Jaco is currently a Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Ageing while he continues to be affiliated with North-West University in South Africa. If you have any questions or comments on AFRAN please feel free to contact Jaco at [jacobus.hoffman@ageing.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jacobus.hoffman@ageing.ox.ac.uk).

The African Research on Ageing Network (AFRAN) is a United Nations endorsed programme, hosted by the Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford in partnership with the Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA), in Dakar, Senegal.

Please see below an impressive record of recent, current and future AFRAN activities aiming at influencing the public and policy discourse in Sub-Saharan Africa by raising the general awareness of older Africans' specific situation in the context of societies having to deal with more pressing issues.

- **Centralized Knowledge Base on Ageing in Africa – AFRAN / UNECA**  
As an important outcome of the First East African Research - Policy Dialogue on Ageing in Nairobi, Kenya (16-18 September 2007), which AFRAN organized, UNECA (United Nations Economic Commission for Africa) has agreed to a formal collaborative partnership with AFRAN. This joint AFRAN - UNECA initiative, funded by Help the Aged, is a comprehensive knowledge audit and establishment of a centralised knowledge base on existing research and evidence on ageing in Africa. The creation of such a knowledge-base is a vital first step for building an effective information base to guide future research and to promote evidence-based policy action on ageing in Africa. It is of particular importance for the region given that a) a substantial amount of widely dispersed and un-coordinated research and data on ageing and older persons already exists in the region, and b) it is imperative that inevitably limited resources available for research be used as efficiently as possible.
- This past April (14 – 18), **eleven African delegates, funded by the Sir Halley Steward Trust, participated in the Oxford Institute of Ageing Spring School 2008** ("The Multi-Disciplinary Toolkit for Global Ageing Research") at the University of Oxford.
- The **second AFRAN Research-Policy Dialogue** in partnership with the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) and Help the Aged will take place on 8 – 10 July 2008 in Abuja, Nigeria, this time specifically focusing on issues of health and old age. The theme of the dialogue is: '*Advancing Health Service Provision for Age-related Non-Communicable Disease and Older Persons in sub-Saharan Africa: Identifying Key Information and Training Needs*'. The dialogue will bring together 30-35 key policy, practice and research representatives from seven major African nations: Botswana, Kenya, Ghana, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa. The overall purpose of the dialogue is to (i) pinpoint key information and training needs that are critical for advancing health service provision for age-related disease and older persons and (ii) establish concrete plans and networks for addressing these needs.



- On 27 – 30 August 2008 the World Demographic Association, St Gallen, Switzerland presents an **AFRAN Special Session on Intergenerational Solidarity and Old Age Support in Africa and Asia: What Roles for Family and State?** See: [www.wdassociation.org](http://www.wdassociation.org)
- AFRAN will **participate in IFA's 9<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Ageing**, 4 – 7 September 2008 in Montréal, Canada. See: [www.ageingdesignmontreal.com](http://www.ageingdesignmontreal.com)
- An AFRAN session on **Parenting-grandparents in South Africa, Spain and the USA - diversities and commonalities; discourses and debates** will take place during the International Sociology Association World Forum, Barcelona, Spain on 5 – 8 September (see the RC11 programme on p. 13 of this newsletter).
- On 7 – 13 December the United Nations International Institute of Ageing (INIA -[www.inia.org](http://www.inia.org)) in partnership with the North-West University ([www.nwu.ac.za](http://www.nwu.ac.za)), South Africa will present a **training programme in Social Gerontology in sub-Saharan Africa**.

## 8. Work in progress II: The Oxford Institute of Ageing Spring Schools

The First Oxford Institute of Ageing Spring School, which was held in Oxford April 14-18, 2008, turned out to be a great success. It attracted over 70 participants drawn from regions across the globe. The Spring School provided a "Multi-Disciplinary Toolkit for Global Ageing Research", equipping the next generation of researchers with the tools they need to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The detailed programme of this year's event can be found at: <http://www.ageing.ox.ac.uk/>

A truly multi-disciplinary learning experience, the School has drawn on Oxford academics from three divisions, and presented a unique opportunity for interaction between leading experts (including Claudine Attias-Donfut, Axel Börsch-Supan, Alastair Buchan, Wolfgang Lutz, Jay Olshansky) and emerging researchers in bio-demographic, social and behavioural research, to explore both individual and population ageing. The School filled an existing gap in academic skills in global ageing research and once again emphasized the University of Oxford, and the Oxford Institute of Ageing, as a first in this endeavour. See a photo of delegate group at the Spring School venue, Manor Road Building:



One delegate - Giang Thanh Long from Vietnam but currently researching in Tokyo - summed up his feelings in an appreciative email: "I just summarized the OIA activities in my website. Please take a look here. Again it was really, really a great event." <http://www.runsystem.net/long/Pics/GRIPS/2008-04-13-OIA.htm>

Given the very positive response received, the OIA decided to hold Spring Schools on Ageing on an annual basis from this year onwards. The date for the next event was already set: April 19-24, 2009. If you are interested to learn more, please feel free to contact Angelika Kaiser at [angelika.kaiser@ageing.ox.ac.uk](mailto:angelika.kaiser@ageing.ox.ac.uk).

## 9. Conference Planner 2008

Next, I compiled a list of conferences broadly related to ageing, covering a global range of countries and issues. I am particularly grateful to those of you who provided me with information on upcoming conferences.

- May 29-30, 2008 Dublin, Ireland  
Health in Ageing - Achievements and Potential of Longitudinal Research  
<http://www.tilda.ie>
- May 30-31, 2008 Vancouver, Canada  
Creative Expression, Communication and Dementia and Mindscapes 2008  
<http://www.cecd-society.org/2008/index.htm>

The following conference/conference venue represents quite a different way of organising a conference – a cruise on board of a cruise liner across the Mediterranean Sea. Perhaps, we ought to look into this for our next inter-congress conference????!!!

- May 31 – June 6, 2008 from Venice, Italy to the Greek islands and back to Venice  
Family Medicine: Focus on Aging Issues  
[http://www.continuingeducation.net/course/details.php?program\\_number=438](http://www.continuingeducation.net/course/details.php?program_number=438)
- June 16 – 17, 2008 Ottawa, Canada  
Building Knowledge & Networks to Address Elder Abuse: Pathways to Human Rights  
<http://www.inpea.net/>
- June 25 – 27, 2008 Madrid, Spain  
COST Action 34: "Gender and Well Being: The Role of Institutions from past to present"  
URL: <http://www.ub.es/tig/GWBNet/>
- June 26 – 28, 2008 Copenhagen, Denmark  
Transforming elderly care at local, national and transnational levels  
<http://www.sfi.dk/sw52776.asp>
- June 27 – 29, 2008 Los Angeles, U.S.A.  
Understanding Aging: Biomedical and Bioengineering Approaches  
<http://www.mfoundation.org/UABBA/>
- July 7 – 10, 2008 Stellenbosch, South Africa  
XIV Congress of the South African Sociological Association (SASA)  
<http://www.sasaonline.org.za/>
- July 10 – 13, 2008 Colorado Springs, U.S.A.  
National Clinical Geropsychology Conference: Grief & End-of-Life Care  
<http://www.uccs.edu/geropsy>

- July 26 – 29, 2008 Tsukuba City, Japan  
7th World Congress on Aging and Physical Activity  
<http://www.isapa2008.org/outline.html>
- July 26 – 31, 2008 Chicago, U.S.A.  
11th International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease  
<http://www.alz.org/icad>
- August 11 – 14, 2008 Orlando, U.S.A.  
2008 Florida Conference on Aging  
<http://www.fcoa.org>
- August 28 – 30, 2008 St. Gallen, Switzerland  
4th World Ageing and Generations Congress  
[http://www.wdassociation.org/dcPage.aspx?pageid=cms\\_frontend\\_article&pagetype=file&hrub=hrub\\_48&rub=46&key=245&mstrub=frontend\\_hrubs\\_e&toolbar=e&vitem=c](http://www.wdassociation.org/dcPage.aspx?pageid=cms_frontend_article&pagetype=file&hrub=hrub_48&rub=46&key=245&mstrub=frontend_hrubs_e&toolbar=e&vitem=c)
- September 4 – 6, 2008 Bristol, UK  
The 37th Annual Conference of the British Society of Gerontology  
<http://www.bsg2008.org.uk/>
- September 4 – 6, 2008 Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
IFA's 9th Global Conference on Ageing, Health, Participation and Security through an Enabling Environment  
URL: <http://www.expoageing.com/2/home.html>
- September 5 – 8, 2008 Barcelona, Spain  
First ISA Forum of Sociology: Sociological Research and Public Debate – RC11 'Sociology of Ageing' sessions on "Diversities of ageing: Discourses and debates"  
URL: [http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona\\_2008/rc/rc11.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona_2008/rc/rc11.htm)
- September 8 – 12, 2008 Tokyo, Japan  
HORIBA-APRU Research Conference 2008 on Gerontology: "Strategies for Aging in Place"  
<http://gerontology.jp/conference08/index01.htm>
- October 1 – 3, 2008 Melbourne, Australia  
4th Annual Conference on Elder Abuse - Giving A Voice To Those Who Are Silenced  
<http://www.eapa.asn.au>
- October 12 – 14, 2008 Melbourne, Australia  
3rd Australian and New Zealand Falls Prevention Conference  
<http://www.anzfpconference.com>
- October 16 – 18, 2008 Lleida, Spain  
The 6th International Symposium on Cultural Gerontology: "Extending Time, Emerging Realities, Imagining Response"  
URL: <http://web.udl.cat/dept/dal/cultgero/index.htm>

- October 27 – 28, 2008 London, UK  
The 4th National Medicine for Old Age Psychiatrists Conference  
<http://www.oldagepsychiatry.co.uk>
- October 28 - 30, 2008 Greenville, North Carolina, U.S.A.  
North Carolina Conference on Aging  
<http://www.aging.unc.edu/nccoa/index.html>
- November 18 – 21, 2008 Fremantle, Australia  
Australian Association of Gerontology 41st National Conference  
<http://www.aagconference.com>
- November 21 – 25, 2008 Gaylord National Harbor, Maryland, U.S.A.  
61st GSA Annual Scientific Meeting  
URL: <http://www.geron.org/>
- November 30 – December 3, 2008 Leiden, Belgium  
6th European Congress of Biogerontology - Ageing and individual life history  
<http://biogerontology.lifespannetwork.nl/index.cfm?p=762C5355-3048-9110-62C491CC677856AA&usid=A7756A16-1DE0-5C8B-DF78194F2BE8558B&nwslid=762C5364-3048-9110-629BF15FA53F3D4C>
- July 5 – 10, 2009 Paris, France  
The 19th IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics  
<http://www.paris2009.org/>

## 10. Outlook

That's it for the moment. I hope, you enjoyed reading this newsletter and it contained information useful for you. As always, I look forward to receiving your comments on this newsletter and your suggestions on how to improve future editions. Furthermore, I would really appreciate any electronic images of older people you could send me for inclusion in our new homepage. And finally, I look forward to meeting many of you in the beautiful city of Barcelona later this year!

With warm regards,

Andreas (Hoff)