RURAL OLDER WOMEN/WIDOWS: BEYOND POVERTY AND VIOLENCE: PROGRAMS/POLICIES CSW62 PARALLEL EVENT

Date and Time:

March 14 from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Venue: 4 W 43rd Street, Room: Green Room

Chair: Susan B. Somers, President, INPEA,

CoA NY Sub Committee

Discussant: Toni Antonucci, PhD., Secretary General, International Association Gerontology and Geriatrics

Presentations:

Andrea Ferenczi, President of AWCDH, Board, Older Women's Network Europe: "Supporting Rural Older Women's Empowerment in Central and Eastern Europe"

Katalin Hajós, Board, AWCDH, Board, IAA (International Advertising Association) Hungarian Chapter:

"Older Women in the Media"

Lois Herman, Founder/Coordinator of WUNRN: "Violence Against Older Rural Women"

Pamela Teaster, PhD, Secretary General, INPEA, Director, Center for Gerontology, Virginia Tech: "Research on Older Rural Women and Interpersonal Violence in the USA

Ferdous Ara Begum, MPA (Harvard), Board, HelpAge Intl, Former Member UN CEDAW Committee, INPEA Country Rep:

"Empowerment of older women and widows: through access to technology and basic human rights"

No RSVP required

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Looking forward to seeing you there!



Older women comprise over half the more than 2 billion older people in the world. They often remain invisible, a situation even more acute for those living in rural areas, who desperately deserve freedom from violence, access to justice and to realize their human rights.

The parallel event to CSW62 organized by The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) initiates discussions about actual challenges and opportunities in achieving equality for all these hidden women. The section focuses on the empowerment of rural women and girls; it shows how the situation of older women can be improved by the activities of NGO-s from Central and Eastern Europe, and it tackles topics such as rural women's participation and access to the media, social networking, and other communications technologies.

A presentation on violence against older rural women and research data about the situation of inter-personal violence and older rural women in the US will be shared. Also, examples will be shown concerning how technology can help empower older women in less developed countries.

The short presentations followed by discussions give opportunity to participants to express their views and experiences and introduce promising practices from different countries.

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