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INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR PREVENTION OF ELDER ABUSE



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establishment

The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) was established in 1997 at the 16th World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology (IAG) in Adelaide, Australia.

mission statement

Acknowledging the diversity of culture, background, and life style of the world population, INPEA aims to increase society's ability, through international collaboration, to recognize and respond to the mistreatment of older people in whatever setting it occurs, so that the latter years of life will be free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

objectives

To increase public awareness and knowledge of the issue

To promote education and training of professionals and paraprofessionals in identification, treatment and prevention

To further advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected elders

To stimulate research into the causes, consequences, prevalence, treatment and prevention of elder abuse and neglect

accomplishments

- Launched the First World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15, 2006
- Published The Prague Papers, a special issue of the Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect (Vol.15, No. 3/4, 2003)
- Produced the Toronto Declaration for the Prevention of Elder Abuse in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) at a conference held in Toronto, Canada in 2002
- Collaborated with WHO in the study Missing Voices: Views of Older Persons on Elder Abuse, report launched at the 2nd World Assembly on Aging (INPEA/WHO, 2002)
- Collaborated with Geneva International Network on Ageing (GINA) and WHO on Global Response to Elder Abuse and Neglect
- Conducted WorldView on Elder Abuse and Neglect a worldwide needs assessment - environmental scan on elder abuse
- Organized train-the-trainer seminars on health and human rights issues related to elder abuse and neglect, Cuba (2004), Argentina & Mexico (2007)
- Participated in the first UN DPI Briefing on Social Isolation of Older Persons (2008)
- Co Chair UN International Day of Older Persons, with NGO Comm. on Ageing, NY (2008 – 2010).

current initiatives

Functions as a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) with Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (since 2003), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and is affiliated with the UN Department of Public Information (DPI).

INPEA is also a member of the Conference of NGOs (CoNGO).

- Promotes implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
- Is an active member of International NGOs for a Convention on the Human Rights of Older Persons
- Is represented in Canada's National Initiative on Care of the Elderly (NICE) Elder Abuse Theme Team
- Is one of two international special interest organizations formally affiliated with the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG)

