

# INPEA BULLETIN

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OF ELDER ABUSE

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## INPEA : THE NEXT TEN YEARS

As our tenth anniversary comes to a close we look back on 2007 with considerable pride. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) held in Geneva on June 15th, 2007 was a recognized success with excellent outcomes. Many other noteworthy activities are reported here. Within the last decade enormous progress has been made in elder abuse awareness, prevention and intervention. More people know and understand what it is, there is more recognition of human and civil rights, more research, education, advocacy and policy development. INPEA is proud to have been part of this movement and looks to the next ten years with hope and commitment.

The landmark event of 2007 has been the North American Regional Meeting held in San Francisco in November 2007, where for the first time, there was an external evaluation of our organization. We have grown so rapidly over the years that our initial administration process, with a few people at the helm, no longer works for a large, non-profit, NGO. The Consultant at the meeting, Tim Dunkin, led us through some thought provoking issues. His final report will be forthcoming. The true test of this exercise will be in our decision in accepting the recommendations related to organizational restructuring. We felt the minutes of the meeting were so important to our members, that we are including them here. A second INPEA meeting was held and Susan Somers will be circulating these shortly. Also included here are the minutes from the WEAAD meeting. With one exception, there was an unanimous vote to hold WEAAD in Ottawa, Canada, in 2008 and in Africa in 2009. INPEA Student Section which has been on hiatus will regroup and plan some innovative WEAAD activities around the world. As always, your ideas are welcome here! In this issue we venture into bilingualism! There has been a call for francophone content and thus have added one piece of information directed to this need. We hope to expand, with original articles in other languages; there will be a Spanish contribution in the next issue. We look to members to provide this. Please check the website to see the new Representatives that we have welcomed to INPEA.

Website development remains a fundamental challenge as it represents the most realistic way of achieving world wide communication. Think of the possibilities for knowledge transfer through E-Learning! This is a relatively new approach with the goal of facilitating the development and portability of learning materials. The vision is that e-learning will become the bench-mark for valid and successful education. Why not INPEA to lead the way in global elder abuse technology.!

Elizabeth Podnieks, Editor

### AN APPOLOGY

There have been unfortunate difficulties in the editorial production of this issue. If you sent an article and it does not appear, we can only apologize and request you send it to Susan Somers [somers5@aol.com](mailto:somers5@aol.com)) for the website. We are developing criteria which we hope will prevent future incidents. Thank you for understanding.

The next decade can be an extraordinary time and a great chance opportunities.

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## IFA'S 9TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON AGING

The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) is proud to announce that a newly created non-governmental organization known as Ageing Design Montréal (ADM) will be hosting the IFA's 9th Global Conference on Ageing and Expo Ageing & Design which will take place from September 4 to 7, 2008, in the Palais des congrès de Montréal, Montréal, Canada.

ADM was created with the support of the most important partners of IFA in Canada, including the Government of Québec, the Government of Canada as well as the City of Montréal, through its Commissioner for Design. ADM brings strong local partnerships of both the public and the private sectors in the fields of ageing and design. AXA Canada remains as the principal sponsor of this event which will break new ground in Montréal next year.



The IFA's 9th Global Conference on Ageing and Expo Ageing & Design will offer a global forum for informed discussions on major ageing issues and show the impact design has on the health, participation and security of older people worldwide.

Under the leadership of the IFA the program content will provide opportunities for increased understanding of the major ageing issues with particular attention to the way "design", in its broadest term, impacts on the lives of older people. Led by IFA's international partners, which comprise some of the most influential NGOs, governments and academics, the conference will focus on the newest findings in research, policy and practice.

The Board of Directors of the International Federation on Ageing and the Board of Directors of Ageing Design Montréal welcome the tremendous opportunities that a partnership of this nature will have on influencing age-related policy and reaching out to all of the design disciplines that can impact so significantly on the lives of older people.

Anyone wishing to attend the Conference as a presenter will be able to submit his or her abstract through the ADM website from **November 26, 2007**.

For more information, please contact Ageing Design Montréal at [info@vdm-adm.ca](mailto:info@vdm-adm.ca) or visit us online at [www.ageingdesignmontreal.ca](http://www.ageingdesignmontreal.ca)

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**INPEA MEETING WITH CONSULTANT TIM DUNKIN (TD)  
NOVEMBER 16, 2007  
GSA CONFERENCE, SAN FRANCISCO**

Dialogue around the central questions, "What do we think the future of INPEA should be?"

Outcomes from the session = ideas for further development.

TD asked "what is our membership?" SS reported that 5-10,000 people are somehow involved either as individuals or as organizations.

TD asked what our annual budget is. SS reported that it is under 25,000. This was discussed as opportune when it comes to legal filing. It was named that INPEA is a charity.

TD clarified that charities are organized within states. According to INPEA by-laws INPEA is incorporated in Massachusetts.

TD discussed the wane response (= single digit) to his **pre-session survey** and how this in itself was the most interesting response.

**Key Element: Minimal Response**

FLIPCHART
<u>Survey Results</u>
Themes:
A. Stronger voice
Presence
Research
B. Cleaner Organization
Roles
Decision-making
By-laws
C. Limited Resources

Point A leads to a discussion of **primary objectives** and where this organization wants to move forward. Following comments were made:

FLIPCHART
<u>INPEA's purpose/goals</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Helping people in need</li> <li>✦ Voice within United Nations – 2002 Declaration</li> <li>✦ Model for Human Rights – Policies &amp; Services</li> <li>✦ Global Issue – Assistance at Local &amp; National Levels</li> <li>✦ Need for greater focus within the U.S.</li> <li>✦ Vehicle for collaboration &amp; research</li> <li>✦ Potential for multiple level approaches</li> </ul>
Focus on Legislative Impact in countries

TD admitted concerns about pragmatic issues including comments that it would be unwise to apply/receive grants before by-laws have been changed.

TD commented that in order to get resources one must also have something to give. Did we want to be a loose network or "something else"?

Comments were made that it is time to push the membership dues discussion of a contribution of 100 dollars. One member commented that national reps should have to pay for the name of "National representative". The need to clarify INPEA's relationship with IAGG was brought up.

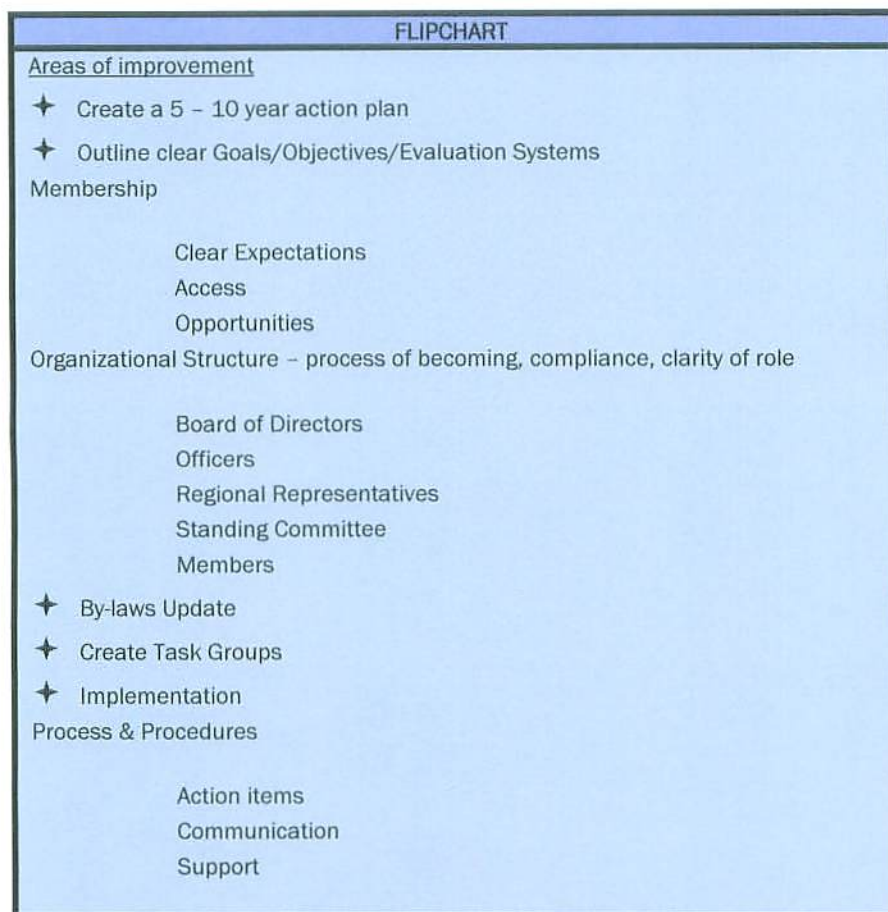
TD put forth the question, "How to push things forward? One issue is communication and rules for e.g. who gets emails etc.

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Comments were made by many members that change is needed and that we need a smarter organization, i.e. an internal solid organization with a fee structure. Also that we need to develop goals and measurable objectives. Our internal organization is not meeting our external achievements. This includes role clarification and recognition of each other's talents. We need leadership structure procedures if we are to be successful.

Additionally comments were made that much work is done but only by a few members and that it is time to spread out the responsibility, i.e. getting things done by more people.

TD interprets these comments by repeating that **we want change** and that we should tap the resources of the many. He asked: 1) **What are the key drives?** 2) **How do you intend to accomplish that?**



TD emphasized that INPEA will have to hire someone in order to "muscle up". To send out notices, keep track of things, etc... We need to address multiple levels of fundraising. Membership is only one revenue stream, though important in order for larger grants providers to see that people are involved and contributing.



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TD How were we going to pull this off? It is going to take a handful of people working hard for a long time. Goals, objectives, and evaluative systems; it is OK to beg, borrow and steal when putting together a basic document to discuss. Two elements are important- face to face time and virtual meetings of a **task group**.

Member's comments included links to general membership, use of Skype technology, monthly meetings and structured agendas, as well as regional representation.

FLIPCHART
<u>Task Group suggestions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✦ Executive Officers should provide oversight</li><li>✦ Susan Somers volunteered to work on a new By-laws Model</li><li>✦ Regional Representative involvement to make links with general members</li></ul> Use of video/voice conferencing

TD: The executive committee "owns" the responsibility for the task group. Invitations should be out in 6 weeks otherwise we have "screwed up".

TD's final comment was; "Networks tend to fade. Get fed up and build the (structural) bones of INPEA which will give INPEA a strong voice!"

**INITIAL WEAAD PLANNING SESSION  
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**Meeting summary:**

The purpose of the meeting was to 1) select/determine location of WEAAD 2008 and 2) select a group to organize the event. Canada was chosen as the location for 2008 and the capital city, Ottawa, as the venue. Elizabeth Podnieks will chair the planning committee with Lynn McDonald and Gloria Gutman as co-chairs. There are very strong possibilities of receiving funding from the Canadian government. WEAAD 2008 is suggested to be a three day event with pre- and post-day activities.

Meeting minutes:

Gloria Gutman called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to 1) select/determine location of WEAAD 2008 and 2) select a group to organize the event. This group reports to the INPEA board.

Two locations had been under consideration and discussions were focused on making a decision between

- A. An African venue in 2008
- B. Canadian venue 2008 and an African venue 2009

Rationale for choice B was based on a number of initiatives taking place in Canada that provide unique opportunities for funding and, government officials that have a strong interest in the issue of elder abuse.

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Monica Ferreira's representative for this meeting, Isabella Aboderin was asked for an opinion about an African venue for WEAAD. Isabella reported that Africa has lots of enthusiasm, but Monica feels that possibilities for government funding are slim due to time constraints. Although there is another health related event planned that would be concurrent to WEAAD the final opinion was that it is better to defer until next year.

Gloria Gutman moved that WEAAD be held in Canada in 2008 and in Africa in 2009.

The motion was seconded.

- Concerns were voiced about possible schedule problems/interference with participation at the 2009 IAGG Paris conference. It was proposed that symposia could be planned for the IAGG conference that tie into WEAAD in Africa 2009.
- An opinion was expressed that WEAAD in Africa in 2009 rather than in 2008 would be better since IN-PEA's newly cemented contacts with Richard Blewitt of Help Age could be further developed for assistance in an African WEAAD. Isabelle agreed to explore possibilities with Help Age International in Nairobi. Lynn McDonald will put Isabelle in touch with Canadian funders who support activities in Africa.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

Elizabeth Podnieks reported that the Ontario government has been preliminarily approached and is prepared to assist in setting the event in motion. Foreign Affairs Canada will be approached to take a proposal forward to the appropriate UN body to make WEAAD a permanent day of recognition. This process would be facilitated by holding WEAAD 2008 in Canada.

A main objective will be to get funding for multi-country representation at WEAAD 2008, especially from Africa with thoughts of this being a precursor to WEAAD in Africa 2009.

Suggestions for WEAAD 2008 included a pre and post day with a high profile WEAAD ceremony in between. Ottawa was put forth as the preferred venue.

Lynn McDonald described a "Theme team on elder abuse" under the auspices of NICE of Canada and indicated that NICE would be willing to co-sponsor WEAAD 2008 with financial assistance.

It was suggested that there be an event where participants pay to attend and that regional representatives be connected to the WEAAD planning committee.

It was stressed that we need to act on the lessons learned from 2007 as recorded in the wrap up minutes. It was also emphasized that we need to look at the terms of reference of the planning committee and see that all committee members are contributing. It was suggested that there be different levels/categories of participation within the committee.

The role of other organizations was discussed in conjunction with 2008 WEAAD.

It was suggested that organizations need to contribute with both time and money in order to be recognized.



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It was suggested that we need national partner organizations in order to build attendance at future WE-AADs. For example in 2008 the CNPEA will be an official partner in addition to AARP, IAGG, IFA, Help Age International and the New York NGO Committee on Aging.

It was agreed that Elizabeth Podnieks will chair the planning committee for 2008 WEAAD.

Co-chairs were strongly recommended and Lynn McDonald and Gloria Gutman were suggested and accepted. It was also suggested that an honorary committee could be appointed. It was emphasized that WEAAD 2008 should be a three day event.

Toshio Tatara voiced his concerns that "10 years of awareness is enough already and perhaps too much". He suggests emphasizing, for example, legislative/proactive themes.

Louise Arbor was suggested as a keynote speaker. Everyone needs to email ideas for WEAAD 2008 to Elizabeth Podnieks.

Kind regards,  
Christen Erlingsson  
WEAAD 2008 Planning Committee Secretary  
2007-12-12



**WORLD ELDER ABUSE ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN  
NOVEMBER 26, 2007**

**Data Analysis Status and Plan**

Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Podnieks, RN, EdD (Ryerson University)

Co-Investigators: Pamela B. Teaster, PhD (University of Kentucky) and Georgia J. Anetzberger, PhD, ACSW (Cleveland State University)

**Current Status of Data Analysis**

- Survey data from six World Health Organization regions, 53 countries, and 332 respondents were received, inputted, and organized by country and respondent by graduate students at Ryerson University. No survey received was lost or misplaced. All surveys are stored on computer disks, with copies in the possession of the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators.

- A graduate student and the Co-Investigator at the University of Kentucky undertook preliminary data analysis for ten countries representing all regions. The Principal Investigator and both Co-Investigators presented the results at the 2006 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.

Complete data from the four regions (i.e., Southeast Asia, Asia, Africa, Mediterranean) requiring no translations to English were subjected to both quantitative and qualitative analysis by a graduate student at Cleveland State University during the summer of 2007.



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### Data Analysis Plan

#### NOVEMBER 2007-FEBRUARY 2008

- A graduate student from the University of Kentucky also will do an initial data analysis of the above four regions. Afterwards the Co-Investigators will independently analyze the data and seek consensus on findings. Throughout standard methods for qualitative analysis of answers to open-ended questions (i.e., reading and re-reading content, identifying themes, coding for sub-themes) and basic descriptive quantitative analysis (i.e., frequency counts and percentages, measures of central tendency and variation) will be employed. Where there are multiple respondents for a country, a majority or better must agree on an item in order to report it as the country's response.
- The Principal Investigator will secure the remaining translations to English for the regions of Europe and the Americas. There are 42 such translations (two in French and the remainder in Spanish and Portuguese). She will contact Bettye Malks for help in this, with back up from faculty at the University of Kentucky, if needed.
- Additional surveys will be accepted from Europe and the Americas through the end of February 2008 as long as they are submitted in English. No additional surveys will be accepted for analysis from the remaining four regions.

#### MARCH-JUNE 2008

The Co-Investigators will do the quantitative and qualitative analysis of survey data from Europe and the Americas using methods described above and with the help of graduate students, as available.

#### JULY-SEPTEMBER 2008

The Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators will collaborate to develop a report on Scan findings for presentation and dissemination.

#### OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2008

- The first presentation of complete Scan results is planned to take place in conjunction with October 2, 2008 International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) held at the United Nations in New York City. The Principal Investigator will make these arrangements in cooperation with others from the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse.
- The second presentation of complete Scan results is planned for the November 21-25, 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. The Principal Investigator will submit an abstract (deadline March 14, 2008) for the presentation, which will include herself, the Co-Investigators, and others, as appropriate depending on the type of presentation venue selected.

Other presentations are possible, such as the 2008 International Federation on Ageing (IFA) Global Conference on Ageing and Expo Ageing & Design to be held in Montreal, depending upon available time and resources.

#### DECEMBER 2008-DECEMBER 2009

- The Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators will collaborate to develop articles on the Scan for publication consideration by such journals as *The Gerontologist*, *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, and *Hallym International Journal on Aging*.
- The third presentation of complete Scan results is planned for the World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Paris. The Principal Investigator will take the lead in submitting an abstract for the presentation.



## ROBERT BRENT: TREASUER OF INPEA

Robert Brent is Professor of Economics at Fordham University, Bronx, New York. His main research area is Cost-Benefit Analysis, and he has written a number of text books and articles in this area. He is currently writing a book on HIV/AIDS interventions. The main task in CBA is to find ways of valuing outcomes in monetary terms to form the benefits so that they can be compared with the costs to help determine whether any government expenditures or interventions are socially worthwhile or not. His first research study in Elder Abuse will be, in connection with Pat Brownell and others in INPEA, to use the revealed preferences of those elderly abused to estimate their willingness to pay to avoid the three main forms of elder abuse (Financial, Medical, and Psychological) that go through the New York legal system.

Robert Brent was appointed Treasurer of INPEA at the beginning of 2006. His main task is to monitor the funds going into and out from the INPEA bank account. The aim is to achieve transparency so that members of INPEA can see who is contributing to INPEA and how these funds are being allocated.

## THE GAMBIA, WEST AFRICA VISIT TO UK

### *Breaking the Silence of Elder Abuse!*

Priscilla Jones, President of the Association for the Prevention of Elder Abuse in the Gambia, made the trip to England on the 8th October to further her knowledge on the problems of Elder Abuse and how the UK deals with them.

During her stay a number of visit's to care homes, private care providers and other organizations such as charity shops allowed Ms Jones to gather information that can be useful in fighting against elder abuse in the Gambia.



On Monday 15th October at the Town Hall in Ely, Priscilla Jones signed a memorandum of Understanding and Partnership with Ed Mullenger of Elder Protection declaring that both parties would share information which would benefit both countries in the fight against the abuse of elderly people. The signing of the document was witnessed by the Mayor of Ely, Mr Ron Bradney, June Tester and Ross Hawes both campaigners against elder abuse.



## NEWS FROM NORWAY



The leading lady in the struggle against elder abuse in Norway, Ms. Olaug Juklestad, has moved into the ranks of retired persons. Olaug Juklestad's contribution has been of fundamental importance for the development of education and research on elder abuse in Norway as well as the establishment of centres for victim support. She was the first head of the earliest elder abuse centre in Norway, and has since 1995 worked as Adviser of Research and Development, first at the National Centre for Information and Studies on Violence and then at the new National Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies. Olaug Juklestad has written numerous books, reports and articles about elder abuse. She has been, and still is, a popular lecturer both in Norway and internationally, and she has held numerous positions in voluntary organizations working in the field of elder abuse and general gerontology. Fortunately, being retired does not lead Olaug into idleness and as a pensioner she is still writing, lecturing and promoting the cause of victims of violence.

Olaug Juklestad's position will be taken over by Dr. Kristin Skjørten. Dr. Skjørten has for more than two decades been among the leading researchers on family violence in Norway. She has done research on victims as well as perpetrators and has published both nationally and internationally on a diverse range of topics in the field of violence.

Ole K Hjemdal  
Senior researcher

## NEWS FROM TOGO

In Togo I presented INPEA to three other NGOs within our ASTERADHD, CIRADD and AMRAD. All of them filled out the membership form after explanation. The three NGOs accepted to work with UNI.SOL.D (my organization) for INPEA.

In Abidjan(Côte d'Ivoire) I worked with the network Léo Lagrange. This meeting was for the explanation of popular education. During the meeting I met some representatives of countries and I talked with them about INPEA. After discussions two of them filled out the membership form. One from Nigera ( NGO GAMA) and the other from Burkina Faso( NGO FONSIDEV).

National Representative from TOGO  
Samuel Kwaku Dzahini

## NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Ariela Lowenstein with colleagues, Prof. Zvi Eisikovits and Dr. Tova Band-Winterstein, finished the second stage of the Israeli National Prevalence Survey. This study included a qualitative study of 50 families where at least the elderly victim and the perpetrator under-went an in-depth interview. In several families additional family members were also interviewed. A large national workshop is planned on the results of the study. The findings will also be presented in the upcoming bi-national conference of the Israel Association of Gerontology early February 2008.

An article about the findings of the Survey is pending acceptance in the Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect.



## NEWS FROM ISRAEL

An article on elder abuse in Israel, presenting a broad description and analysis of policy, legislation, research and practice by Ariela Lowenstein and Israel Doron was accepted for publication in the Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect.

Currently a doctoral student, supervised by Ariela Lowenstein and Zvi Eisikovit finished data collection on elder abuse in residential settings and the thesis is being written.

Prof. Lowenstein participated in November in an expert group convened by the European Commission on Elder Abuse and she is part of a steering committee which is planning a large European Conference on the topic to be held on March 17, 2008 in Brussels.

Ariela Lowenstein was also elected as one of co-chairs of an Elder Abuse theme team within the Canadian NICE – National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly, headed by Prof. Lynn McDonald of the University of Toronto. The team met in November (just before GSA) and worked in 3 sub-groups to plan evidence based dissemination on various measures of Elder Abuse.

Ariela Lowenstein who was just elected as one of co-chairs of an Advisory Committee. To the Minister of Pensioners in Israel, will lecture on Elder Abuse as part of the first conference that the Pensioners Ministry is launching on : Violence against Elders

## THE FUNDS FOR OLD PEOPLE IN WRONG HANDS

Fault must be substituted with the responsibility on progress. It is the absurd exclusion of the elderly women from the Strategy on Gender Equality and its negative impact that obliges us to react. We are women with contributions; we can move Albanian society towards a positive orientation. The first to be involved in the democratic movement and to initiate the new changes, at the very beginning of our society's transition, were we and our children. Women opened their doors from the very start of the student movement, to the maltreated students by the dictatorship policy. In March '91 we established the first independent women movement to encourage the new changes. On the 16 November 1991 we organized the first women demonstration over the difficult economic situation that had plagued the country. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1993, an early dream: the Unification of Albanian Women from ethnic territories and Diaspora became a reality thanks to the assistance of Mr. Joseph Dioguardi (Albanian-American Civil League). We demanded the change, leaving aside the reprimands, keeping in mind that nobody can be blamed because of historic and sociological factors. The change is an evolutionary process that requires patience towards yourself and others, goodwill education and time. We are conscious that no individual, institution or nation can have a future if they don't know to cooperate. But, after 17 years of struggle we feel excluded by individuals of old structures, perpetually in decision-making, who do still follow the same practices as in the period of communism. As a result the network of Older People Organizations, such as ASAG etc, already trained by international bodies that deal with ageing, have been barred from participation in the Social Services Distribution Programmed, a multi-million dollar project financed by a World Bank credit loan, a DFID grant and the Albanian Government. The considerable funds from this project were irresponsibly distributed among the members of the board of directors in blatant contradiction with any professional ethics.

The most important objective of the International Plan of Action on Ageing (a Political Document signed by the President and Albanian Government in the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid 2002) asks for the involvement of older people and their representatives in finding out better alternatives to meet their social needs. Exclusion is a synonym of failure. Failure to recognize, understand and respond to -the very issue in question; as it is the case of the centre for older people in the mini-municipality Nr. 10, headed by Mr. Gert Bogdani. Significant funds were wired to the association "Woman in Development" to manage such an important endeavor, while totally ignoring its past and present absent capacity and contribution in the field of ageing.



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We are positive: Women of the third generation, universal in care-giving experiences, must be on a special focus, because these women are caretakers of culture. They play the main role in the transmission of knowledge, traditions and moral to the younger generations, including such practices as the respect for the parents and taking responsibility in bringing up and educating grandchildren. From the global discussions it is affirmed that the women of the third generation are a factor in change.

Our goal is to change such practices as: the deformation and limitation of our presence where decisions are made, which obliges us to ask for involvement in public debates, in strategies, in the creation of a political agenda for us, from us, because every woman has her voice.

A poor and inadequate lifestyle at an older age is and will remain a factor of fear and uncertainty for younger generations. There is no better than now to act together towards encouraging participation and change in defining and supporting the older persons' role in our lives.

Mira Pirdeni



La Fédération internationale du vieillissement (FIV) est heureuse d'annoncer la création d'une nouvelle organisation non-gouvernementale, Vieillissement Design Montréal (VDM) qui prend en charge l'organisation de la 9e Conférence mondiale de la FIV sur le Vieillissement ainsi que de l'Exposition Vieillissement & Design; l'événement aura lieu au Palais des congrès de Montréal, Canada, du 4 au 7 septembre 2008.

VDM a été mise sur pied avec l'appui des principaux partenaires de la FIV au Canada, lesquels incluent le Gouvernement du Québec, le Gouvernement du Canada et la Ville de Montréal, en la personne de sa Commissaire au Design. L'organisation s'associe de plus à d'importants partenaires locaux, privés et publics, qui apportent un soutien précieux à l'événement. Par ailleurs, AXA Canada confirme sa participation, à titre de partenaire principal de cet événement unique.

La 9e Conférence mondiale de la FIV sur le Vieillissement ainsi que l'Expo Vieillissement & Design constitueront un forum de choix où on abordera de nombreux problèmes liés au vieillissement et l'impact qu'a le design sur la santé, la participation à la société et la sécurité des personnes âgées à travers le monde.

Le programme, placé sous le leadership de la FIV, sera axé sur une meilleure compréhension des défis liés au vieillissement et sur les voies de solution offertes par le design, pris dans son sens le plus large. Les séances de la conférence et l'exposition mettront l'emphase sur les plus récentes recherches, pratiques et politiques en la matière, et s'adresseront aux principaux partenaires de la FIV à travers le monde, issus d'ONG influentes ainsi que de milieux gouvernementaux, universitaires et industriels.

Le Conseil d'administration de la FIV et le Conseil d'administration de Vieillissement Design Montréal accueillent avec enthousiasme l'occasion de créer des ententes et des partenariats qui pourront influencer les politiques et recherches portant sur le vieillissement et le design, et ce dans le but d'améliorer la qualité de vie des personnes âgées.

Le site Internet de VDM sera en mesure, dès le 26 novembre 2007, de recevoir les propositions des présentateurs et présentatrices intéressés à participer à l'événement.



Pour plus d'information, contactez l'équipe de Vieillesse Design Montréal à [info@vdm-adm.ca](mailto:info@vdm-adm.ca), ou visitez le [www.vieillessementdesignmontreal.ca](http://www.vieillessementdesignmontreal.ca) <<http://http://www.vieillessementdesignmontreal.ca>> .

Répandez la bonne nouvelle !

## REGIONAL MEETING, OLDER PEOPLE AND DISASTER IN LATIN AMERICA

The 16 and 17 of October, in the auditorium of the Andean Community in Lima Peru, took place the Regional Meeting Disasters in Latin America, consider as the first in this part of the world.

Representatives of different organizations, public sector, ngo, older people associations, medias, universities, humanitarian aid, where together to analyze one of the issues that actually concern to the international community because the terrible disasters that happens everywhere, never seen since the perspective of the older people, one of the most affected populations.

Experts from WHO PAHO, HelpAge International Oxfam America, researchers of Nicaragua, Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, Bolivia, Peru, did important case studies and highlight the condition of older people in emergency situations not only as affected but also looking with their particular contributions, that often aren't consider.

All get the commitment to sensibly the authorities in risk management, that have the responsible to protect the people in the different countries in the Region, to take measures to make less vulnerable the older people and to include them in the policies in the risk management policies.

This important meeting has the support of WHO, and also several organizations as HelpAge International, and INPEA, and was promoted by Tiempos Latin American Network  
Luz Barreto, Peru

## INPEA UN REPORT

INPEA: Promoting a Human-Rights Based Approach to Prevention of Elder Abuse

Submitted by: *Patricia Brownell, PhD, and Susan B. Somers, JD,*

*December 28, 2007*

INPEA has long held that freedom from Abuse, Neglect and all forms of societal deprivation undeniably invoke health (both physical and mental health) and human rights issues for Older Persons. Propelled by this belief, efforts are underway to establish INPEA as a pro-active player in the Human Rights arena. Maximizing INPEA's NGO consultative relationship with the UN, Patricia Brownell, INPEA's Main Representative to the UN at NY Headquarters and Susan Somers in NY and Geneva, have moved INPEA to action as they attend and monitor meetings. Through strategic utilization of the network of the UN NGO community, INPEA has successfully embarked upon a journey to raise awareness, within the UN Third Committee, The Human Rights Council, (HRC), and DPI educating Member States, Special Rapporteurs, and numerous NGO's of the Human Rights of older persons, often the most invisible sector of the world's population.

### UN NYC: DPI Affiliation:

#### DPI Annual Conference "Climate Change"

Pat Brownell, planned and participated in a side event bearing witness to the harmful effect of climate change on older persons, through a panel presentation and testimony by a Fordham student of the impact on her own parents.

#### **DPI Briefings:**

Susan Somers and Temple Byar attended several DPI weekly briefings, and suggested improvements to the accreditation process to assure full access to all NGO's.

Susan Somers is serving as co –chair of the 2008 International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) which is a significant DPI Briefing regarding older person, to be held the first week of October 2008. James Collins, a 2007 IDOP Co-Chair, and IAGG UN NGO Representative to NY will also serve on the committee.





## INPEA UN REPORT

### ***UN Geneva, Human Rights Council:***

Proceedings commenced with a daylong celebration marking the beginning of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ***Universal Declaration of Human Rights, (UDHR)***, an unparalleled accomplishment of the UN Member states, entered into on December 10, 1948, in recognition of atrocity of the Holocaust. INPEA will be involved in formal recognition of the rights of older persons in particular. More news to come on our website in January.

Accomplishments were highlighted December 11th by the submission of a written statement entered into the record of the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the HRC. The statement, submitted under agenda item: PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS...and entitled, ***The important issue of the violation of human rights of older persons. (A/HRC/6/NGO/63)*** and also available at [www.inpea.net](http://www.inpea.net). It was distributed widely by Susan, as an advocacy paper, to various representatives of Missions, during the weeklong HRC session in Geneva. The statement's foundation was largely *INPEA's 2002 Valencia Statement*, which was proposed in preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Assembly on Ageing, a recently published paper by INPEA and ILC Argentina, President, Lia Daichman, MD, presented at the Global ILC Health & Human Rights Forum in the UK, and findings by HelpAge International in a recent report on the failure of the humanitarian aid community to respond to the needs of older persons. Moreover, Susan brought the issue of neglect of older person's health to the attention of Mr. Paul Hunt, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right of Everyone to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health.

INPEA, among other things, hosted two Parallel Events during Human Rights Council Sessions in Geneva, the first on June 15<sup>th</sup>, acknowledged the Second World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the second and most recent was held during the second session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the HRC, December 12, 2007. It was a co-operative effort supported by INPEA National Representative to Switzerland, Dr Charles Henri Rapin, and IAGG UN Representative and long time INPEA supporter Prof. Astrid Stuckelberger. Astrid introduced the ***Leon Declaration: Main Conclusions and Recommendations of the Research Forum on Ageing, 5-8 November, 2007*** ([www.inpea.net](http://www.inpea.net)) which she and colleagues developed at a recent UNECE Ministerial Conference in Leon, (Spain).

Upcoming important opportunities within the HRC include providing input for the **Second Session Universal Periodic Review (UPR): Deadline for input is Jan 18, 2008. Countries to be reviewed include:**

***Gabon, Ghana, Peru, Guatemala, Benin, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Pakistan, Zambia, Japan, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, France, Tonga, Romania, and Mali.***

Regional Representatives and National Representatives are urged to bring issues of concern regarding the rights of older persons to INPEA's attention before Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Via e mail to ([sbsomers5@aol.com](mailto:sbsomers5@aol.com)) so that all concerns may be presented.



### ***INPEA student representative to the United Nations/NYC,***

***Temple Byars***, has assumed the role of student coordinator of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) 2008. A second year Master's of Social Work student at Fordham University, Temple's field work assignments include serving older adult victims of family abuse at the Jewish Association of Services to the Aging (JASA), and representing INPEA at the United Nations/NYC. She is looking forward to her spring 2008 learning assignment of reaching out to and coordinating student responses to WEAAD around the world. Karol Markosky, social worker at the Council of Senior Center and Services (CSCS) in New York City, served in this capacity as a graduate student in 2006. University-based INPEA representatives should designate a student representative to plan a WEAAD event on campuses or in local communities, and contact Temple at [templemsw@gmail.com](mailto:templemsw@gmail.com). Questions can also be sent to Temple's task supervisor for her UN projects, Pat Brownell, at [brownell@fordham.edu](mailto:brownell@fordham.edu)



## INPEA Africa Grows by Leaps and Bounds

INPEA Africa is delighted to welcome another two countries to the family – Burkina Faso and Togo – which brings the total number of member countries in the region to eleven. Typically, an individual interested in the fight against elder abuse in his/her country applies for membership of INPEA, who is then invited and encouraged by the Regional Representative to establish a country chapter and to recruit a strong membership. Country chapters draft their own constitutions – if they want one, and determine their own procedural rules. They also elect a National Representative, whose name is submitted to the INPEA Global Network for acceptance. National representatives and executive committee members of a chapter steer and oversee local and national activities to create awareness, and address and prevent elder abuse. The national representative, or the chapter's secretary, reports on activities and progress from time to time to the Regional Representative – who in turn reports actions in the INPEA Bulletin, and so on.

The chapter model works well in Africa, which is a vast region and where communication, or indeed communication technology is not always ideal or available. Chapters affiliate numerous organisations and associations that serve and represent the interests of older persons, and in many countries constitute a very large membership. Communication with members, or their organisations, is facilitated (chapters disseminate information to their members direct) – rather than being dependent on the Regional Representative's listserv, which simply includes the national representatives. Thus, the INPEA movement in Africa is built on collective, rather than individual membership – and is substantial and successful.

We have to thank our national representative of INPEA Togo, Samuel Kwaku Dzahini, who has been instrumental in recruiting new member countries in his sub-region. Samuel has raised a critical problem, however, which is that the majority of West African countries are Francophone, and INPEA Africa has thus far only communicated with member countries in English. Of course, we are extremely keen to overcome this obstacle – to welcoming a greater number of French-speaking countries into the family, and the language problem and how it may be overcome are to be discussed in the upcoming INPEA meeting in San Francisco. As INPEA grows, so too will the question of which languages should be used in the network become more prominent. Africa's "problem" may well be experienced already in other regions and with other languages, and forward strategising for the network requires that a solution be found.

INPEA Nigeria has welcomed a new National Representative – Pastor Christian Chukwu, who replaces John Francis Fagjot, who stood down because of a planned extended stay in the USA. John Francis made an important contribution to the initial growth of the chapter, for which we thank him. We are delighted with the range of activities that Pastor Chukwu has introduced and the chapter is undertaking, some of which are reported elsewhere in the bulletin.

We have a dream in Africa, which is to host WEAAD in 2009 – and are already giving thoughts to possibilities and a host country.

**Monica Ferreira**

Regional Representative: INPEA Africa



## ELDER ABUSE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UK 2007

The past year has seen significant and sustained progress on elder abuse issues across the UK. In June we saw the publication of the UK prevalence study on Elder Abuse, a national, representative sample of community dwelling older adults. The findings from the study were launched in London on 14<sup>th</sup> June as a precursor to World Elder Abuse Awareness Day celebrations held the following day. This study was funded by the charity Comic Relief with co-funding from the government Department of Health (DH). It was undertaken by teams from the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) and King's College, London and project managed by Bridget Penhale on behalf of Comic Relief and DH. The study consisted of a number of different phases, including a quantitative survey and qualitative interviews of a number of individuals who disclosed abuse in the survey, as well as a scoping exercise concerning the development of a methodology to examine abuse within care home settings. The report of the study is available from the Comic Relief website; [www.comicrelief.org.uk](http://www.comicrelief.org.uk) or from the National Centre ([www.natcen.ac.uk](http://www.natcen.ac.uk))

As part of the launch of the study findings the Minister for Health announced that there would be a review of the policy guidance relating to adult protection (and including elder abuse). This review will take place over the next year and will include consideration as to whether there is a need for primary legislation concerning adult protection. Minister Lewis also announced that work on developing systems for data collection would also take place in the coming year and a working party has now been established with representation from practitioner and academic communities as well as from (government) regulators and policy makers.

Since the summer the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has been developing a policy on Prosecuting Crimes against Older People, including elder abuse and this policy is now subject to a consultation process until the end of January 2008. It is planned that the policy will be launched in the latter part of 2008. The autumn of 2008 will also see the implementation of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act (passed in late 2006) establishing an Independent Safeguarding Authority. Work is also gathering pace in Scotland concerning the implementation of the Adult Support and Protection Act and the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act, with the production of Codes of Practice and guidance documentation.

Comic Relief has continued to support efforts to tackle elder abuse by funding a number of intervention projects across the UK. These will be subject to evaluation of their effectiveness and this will provide valuable information and inform future planning. The charity Action on Elder Abuse continues to run its Helpline and to be involved in a number of projects and partnerships, whilst the charity Help the Aged is continuing with a campaign to raise awareness about elder abuse and to lobby government about the issue (including holding an All-Party Parliamentary Seminar in Elder Abuse, which was held in the spring).

Further information about these initiatives are available from Bridget Penhale, European Board Member, INPEA and/or Ryan Sampson, UK national representative for INPEA.





# CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to INPEA National Representative for Sweden, Christen Erlingsson, who in November 2007 successfully completed her doctoral studies at the University of Kalmar in Sweden. Dr.

Erlingsson's thesis is titled :

"Elder abuse explored through a prism of perceptions. Perspectives of potential witnesses"

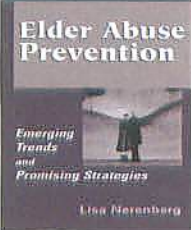


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