



Qualifications and Procedure for Nomination of National Representatives

Background: Establishment and Status of INPEA

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 and Geriatrics (IAGG) in Adelaide, Australia.

INPEA is an independent US Non-Profit Corporation tax exempt legal entity incorporated under the Laws of the State of Massachusetts, USA in May 1999.

It is one of two international special interest organizations formally affiliated with IAGG.

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
- 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).

- Collaborated with the World Health Organization (WHO) in the study *Missing Voices: Views of Older Persons on Elder Abuse*, produced for the 2nd World Assembly on Aging (INPEA/WHO, 2002).
- Produced the *Toronto Declaration for the Prevention of Elder Abuse*, in collaboration with WHO, at an elder abuse conference held in Toronto, Canada (2002).
- Published The Prague Papers, a special issue of the *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect* (Vol.15, No. 3/4, 2003).
- In 2010, in collaboration with eight other international NGOs, produced *Strengthening the Rights of Older Persons*, a resource document for working towards a UN convention on the rights of older persons.

World Wide Representation

Until recently, INPEA has had six Regional Representatives, one each for: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America and Oceania. It also has National Representatives in over 60 countries.

In September 2010, a seventh region, the Middle East North Africa (MENA) Region was established.

Qualifications and Role and Responsibilities of INPEA National Representatives

- National (country) Representatives should have a strong interest/concern/commitment to the issue of elder abuse and to the work of INPEA.
- National Representatives must be members “in good standing” of INPEA (i.e. have paid-up dues or been granted a financial hardship waiver) at time of appointment.
- National Representatives are “neutral” and do not represent any specific organization when acting on behalf of INPEA.
- National Representatives act to promote the work of INPEA and to achieve as wide a membership (organisations/groups/individuals) within their country as possible.
- National Representatives should be able to speak about activities related to elder abuse detection, mitigation and prevention, research and education in their country. This will involve contact and liaison with others in the field within the country in order to obtain and disseminate information about new developments.
- National Representatives should plan on liaising with their Regional representative on a regular basis, including providing reports as requested.

The Executive Committee stresses the importance of building infrastructure within each region – specifically, channels of communication, and working relationships between the Regional Representative and the National Representatives of the countries comprising the region.

Term of Office of INPEA National Representatives

- National representatives will serve until June 2013 which is when the next cycle of INPEA elections are scheduled to take place (the normal term of office is 4 years).
- Representatives may undertake one further term of office (i.e. 8 years in total) before a break of at least one term.

Nomination Process

- Nominations for new or vacant positions are processed on a bi-annual basis. Deadlines for submission of nominations are June 1 and December 1.
- Nominations should be supported by one or more INPEA members from the nominee's country of residence and nominees should agree to nomination rather than volunteering their services.
- Nominations should be submitted on the official nomination form (copy attached) and should be submitted to the Secretary General of INPEA and your Regional Representative.

For further information visit the website www.inpea.net or contact your Regional Representative or the Secretary General.

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NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM

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Susan B. Somers Secretary General, INPEA
sbsomers5@aol.com and your Regional Representative

NOTE: New members are welcome to stand for nomination but must be “members in good standing” (paid-up annual dues or granted a financial hardship waiver) at time of appointment