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Report from Regional Chair: Professor Keith Hill

Hello everyone. Welcome to our first newsletter for 2015. This newsletter provides you with important information about the upcoming Asia / Oceania Regional Congress to be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in October this year.

Regional conferences only occur once every four years, so this is a special event that all involved in working with older people (including nurses, doctors and health professionals, educators, researchers, administrators, policy and planning staff, and other workers across community, health and residential care settings) should find valuable. As such, the conference provides an excellent opportunity for interdisciplinary interaction, and consideration of the broad

range of activities from biological, behavioural, clinical and policy and planning sectors.

The conference also broadens the perspectives from national systems that we all work within, to see how similar issues are being dealt with across a wide variety of different health, care and social systems across our region. In particular, the symposia at the Regional conference are structured to draw together presenters from several different countries on a specific theme, to support this comparative approach.

This newsletter details a number of aspects about the conference, but further information is available from the conference website (see below). A welcome from the Chair of the Organising Committee, Professor Sutthichai Jitapunkul, is also included overpage.

Planning is underway to most likely hold two Gary Andrews Academy Forums just before and just after the conference in Thailand. Details will be finalised in the near future and will be circulated through all Regional Council members.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Chiang Mai in Thailand in October.



2015 Regional Congress—Chiang Mai Thailand Abstract submission closes 20 February 2015

Mark your diary for 19-22 October 2015—to join colleagues from across the Region and other parts of the world in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The conference theme is *Healthy ageing beyond frontiers*. For regular updates on the conference, check the congress website: www.iaggchiangmai2015.com. Remember that abstracts for free papers and submitted symposia close on February 20.

Confirmed keynote speakers include Prof. Shogo Endo from Japan, Prof. Hyunsook Yoon from South Korea, Prof. Du Peng from China, and Prof. Piyarat Govitrapong from Thailand, as well as others. See overpage for additional information about the exciting conference program.

You can also contact the congress organizers to be on an email update list, so that you won't miss important timelines such as dates for symposia and abstract submissions—email: info@iaggchiangmai2015.com.

If you are interested in exhibition or sponsorship opportunities for the conference, please also contact the conference organisers. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase your products associated with *Healthy ageing beyond frontiers*.



Chiang Mai



Welcome message from the Regional Congress Chair

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we would like to invite and welcome you to the 10th Asia / Oceania Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics 2015 (IAGG Asia/Oceania Regional Congress), which will take place at the “**Rose of the North**” Chiang Mai, Thailand, from 19th October to 22nd October 2015 at The International Convention and Exhibition Center Commemorating His Majesty’s 7th Cycle Birthday Anniversary.

Thailand is located within the Heart of Southeast Asia. Our neighbours are Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines, with a population of more than 600 million. At present, planning is underway to expand aged care services in Thailand and the region. There is no doubt that Thailand and the Southeast Asia region provide a vast open market for global aged care industries, particularly for the Gerontology and Geriatrics society.

Under the theme “**Healthy Aging beyond Frontiers**”, the IAGG Asia/Oceania 2015 Congress will call together the aging and aged care community in the Asia/Oceania region to set up a forum with the Regional Society. In addition to being an excellent forum for information sharing, it will also provide a good opportunity to connect with people who work in all areas of gerontology and geriatrics in the region. Its aim is to provide an occasion for delegates to discuss, exchange, and share their knowledge, experiences and opinions for the development of gerontology and geriatrics.

Furthermore, delegates will also have the chance to experience a myriad of Thailand’s tourist and cultural attractions that are exceptional and exotic. From classic sights including fabulous temples and palaces, to natural wonders as diverse as forested mountains and beautiful beaches and islands; from delicious culinary discoveries to fabulous shopping bargains, there is plenty that will leave you with fond memories of the Kingdom of Thailand and its warm and welcoming people.

Finally, we are looking forward to meeting you, your family, and colleagues at the IAGG Asia/Oceania 2015 Congress in Chiang Mai. We hope that you will find the congress both enjoyable and valuable. We thank you in advance for participating and contributing to the success of the event.

Prof. Sutthichai Jitapunkul

Chairman, Local Organizing Committee



Some of the plenary and keynote speakers at the Asia / Oceania Regional Conference



Prof. Piyarat Govitrapong. Head of the Center for Neuroscience, Faculty of Science, and a faculty member at Research Center for Neuroscience, Institute of Molecular Biosciences, Mahidol University

Title: Melatonin in the Brain Aging Process

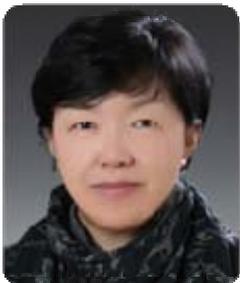
Prof. Shogo Endo. Team Leader, Aging Neuroscience Research Team, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology

Title: Attacking Memory Decline through the Knowledge of Signal Transduction Pathway (Cognitive Functions and Aging)



Prof. Hyunsook Yoon. Professor Yoon teaches social work and gerontology at Hallym University and directs the gerontology graduate program and *Hallym Aging Research Institute* there. The Hallym University was designated by the Korean government as a university specializing studies on aging.

Title: Aged Population and Social Support: a Future Trend in Asia-Oceania Region



Prof. Du Peng. Director and Professor of the Institute of Gerontology, Renmin University of China.

Title: Long Term Care System for Aged Society



Student and Early Career Researcher activities at the Chiang Mai Regional Conference

A number of activities are planned to support students and emerging researchers at the Asia/Oceania Regional Conference in Chiang Mai in October 2015. The IAGG-Council of Student Organisations (IAGG-CSO) look forward to presenting a symposium for students and early career scholars. The symposium will focus on the importance of international collaboration, strategies for facilitating networks (from a student and later career researcher perspective) and building capacity and momentum from an event such as this Congress.

There will also be a social networking opportunity, and possibly local tourist event, to allow for informal discussion/networking among the students and early career scholars. I look forward to meeting with you in Chiang Mia in October 2015.

Events for the IAGG-CSO will be promoted through the congress website in the near future.



Claudia Meyer
President, IAGG-
Council of Student
Organisations

Japan Geriatrics Society Activity Report

Global Dementia Legacy Event

The Global Dementia Legacy Event Japan was held at Roppongi Academy Hills from November 5th to 7th, 2014. The Ministry of Health, Labor & Welfare, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, and Tokyo Dementia Care Research & Training Center organized this event. Over 300 delegates from more than ten nations including many members of the Japan Gerontological Society attended. As decided in the G8 Dementia Summit in London last year, Japan is expected to play a major role in innovative care and prevention, and productive discussion on "New Care and Prevention Models" was held.

URL: <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/policy/care-welfare/care-welfare-elderly/141003.html>

Upcoming meeting

On June 12-14, 2015, Yokohama, Japan; the 29th Meeting of the Japan Gerontological Society will be held as a joint meeting of the Japan Geriatrics Society, the Japan Socio-Gerontological Society, the Japan Society for Biomedical Gerontology, the Japanese Society of Gerodontology, the Japanese Psychogeriatric Society, the Japan Society of Care Management, and the Japan Academy of Gerontological Nursing. In addition to symposiums for each society, 8 interdisciplinary symposiums for mutual discussion are planned.

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Call for bids—Asia/Oceania Regional Congress, 2019

The Regional Congress for the IAGG Asia / Oceania region is held every four years. The Regional Council is currently calling for bids from countries within the region who may be interested in hosting the next (2019) conference of the Asia / Oceania Region.

Bids must be submitted through a member organisation of the IAGG from within the Asia / Oceania Region. If you are considering submitting a bid, you should inform the regional office (see below) at your earliest convenience, but by no later than Sunday 19 July 2015

Documentation outlining the requirements for the bid process are available from Dr Tony Coles, email: tcoles@aag.asn.au

Other Conferences in the Region 2015

APRIL 2015

- **30th Annual International Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International**, Perth, Australia. April 15-18. - www.adi2015.org

MAY 2015

- **Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting**, Perth Australia. 6-8 May 2015. - www.anzsgmconference.org

JUNE 2015

- **3rd International Conference on Ageing in a Foreign Land**, Adelaide, Australia. June 24-26. <http://www.ehospice.com/australia/Events/tabid/1113/smId/3871/EventType/0/Audience/0/Country/0/Region/0/ArticleID/8092/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>
- **29th Meeting of Japan Gerontological Society**, Yokohama, Japan. June 12-14. 29rounen@coac.co.jp

OCTOBER 2015

- **Asia / Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics**, Chiang Mai, Thailand. <http://iaggchiangmai2015.com/>

NOVEMBER 2015

- **Australian Association of Gerontology Conference**, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia. (Theme—Place, spirit, heart: Exploring experiences of ageing.) November 4-6. <http://www.aag.asn.au/national-conference/2015-conference>