

**NEWS FROM IAGG 2017**

Many of us have recently returned from IAGG Global Congress in San Francisco. We had an ILC-Aus symposium

**Session Title: Late Life Changes in Housing: Choices, Constraints and Impacts on Care**

Date: July 24, 2017 Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

- Julie Byles: Home and Care: Analysis of 12 Years of Data From the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health
- Claudia Meyer (for Dianne Goeman): A Program for Homeless Persons
- Angela Herd: Hearing Older People's Voices: What Matters in Housing Design?
- Helen Barrie: Health and Welfare Profile of Australian Baby Boomers Who Rent – Implications for the Future
- Victoria Cornell – discussant.
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This was a great session, covering everything from what type of house you have, to not having a house at all. Thanks to the presenters. We are now thinking of writing a working paper from the presentations.

We also held a symposium on

**Session Title: Ageing in China and Australia: Social, Economic, and Health Implications**

Date: July 24, 2017 Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM



- Cathy Gong: Comparative Study of Care-Giving in China and Australia
- James Nazroo: Paid Work in Later Life in China and Australia
- Vasoontara Yiengprugsawan: Geographical Variations in Health, Disability, and Activities of Daily Living Among Older Chinese
- Colette Browning. Primary Health Care in China: Addressing Chronic Illness Management in Older People
- Merril Silverstein – discussant.

And followed this with a working meeting on our ageing in China project.

## AAG bid for IAGG 2029

AAG and NZAG co-hosted a stall to raise awareness of our intention to bid for the 2029 IAGG World Congress. James Beckford Saunders and other AAG members made lots of friends, many of who can't wait til 2029 to come and visit. So expect to make some new friend from around the world in Melbourne (2018) and Sydney (2019).

Click here for more information <https://www.aag.asn.au/events/category/iagg-2029>

## IAGG committees and resources

For information:

GLOBAL AGEING RESEARCH NETWORK

<http://www.garn-network.org>

ILC-AUs members include CEPAR, NARI, RCGHA

## IAGG GARN News Releases

Each News Release is dedicated to a special theme such as dementia, Alzheimer's disease, frailty, nursing homes etc. We hereby provide the latest [News Release n°2016-15](#) published on October 11, 2016. Previous issues can be consulted below:

[Download n°2016-13](#) on Nursing Homes

[Download n°2015-11](#) on Frailty & Sarcopenia

[Download n°2015-09](#) on Frailty & Sarcopenia

[Download n°2015-07](#) on Frailty & Sarcopenia

[Download n°2014-05](#) on Frailty & Sarcopenia

[Download n°2014-03](#) on Frailty & Sarcopenia

[Download n°2016-14](#) on White Book on Frailty

[Download n°2015-12](#) on Frailty video

[Download n°2015-10](#) on Frailty & Cachexia

[Download n°2015-08](#) on Alzheimer Prevention

[Download n°2015-06](#) on Nursing Homes

[Download n°2014-04](#) on Alzheimer Prevention

[Download n°2014-02](#) on Alzheimer Prevention

## ILC-GA Meeting

Julie Byles and James Beckford Saunders attended an ILC dinner and reception on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and the ILC-GA Board meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

At the dinner, we discussed “austerity” and it's effects on older people.

The meeting welcomed new co-presidents Alex Kaleche and Mary Ann Tsao.

Jack Rowe attended the start of the meeting in his new role of IAGG President, and discussed his desire for closer collaborations between IAGG and ILC.

As well as considering the business and organizational side of the alliance, the main theme of the board meeting was to consider how ILC-GA can work together to

### “design the future of ageing”

with the objective to help societies design for the future of ageing, and for older people to achieve the full potential of longer lives. The alliance are looking to run some joint projects around this theme over the next few years.

They are considering holding a protocol meeting in Singapore in 2018 (perhaps April/May, date TBA)

Possible topics might be:

- SDG indicators for ageing
- Training the health workforce for age friendly health care

- Population Ageing, Migration, Climate Change  
Ageing in a Foreign Land
- Age friendly environments
- Technological Innovation
- LTC/End of Life

ILC-GA members are active on the UN Open Ended Working Group on Ageing

<https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/>

I have appended Silvia Perel-Levin's report on ILC participation in OEWG at the end of this document.

The eight session of the working group was held in NYC from 5 to 7 July 2017

<https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/eighthsession.shtml>

There was also a High Level Political Forum on the SDG – with the theme “eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity for older persons”.

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/news/2017/07/eradicating-poverty-older-persons/>

The ILC-GA have requested that ILC-Aus submit a proposal to host the ILC-GA meeting in Sydney in 2019.

The meeting also expressed their tremendous gratitude and respect to Baroness Sally Greengross for her term as President, and to bestow upon her the title of ILC Ambassador.

I have copied Sally's response to the committee here:

*Dear Colleagues and Friends,*

*I am writing to express my gratitude, following our meeting, to all of you for the honour you have bestowed on me by making me special Ambassador, a role I will carry out with pride and dedication. For me, the ILC Global Alliance is very special as I was involved right at the beginning in discussing it with Bob Butler, and then a little later, with Françoise, and from time to time in those early days, with Mr Morioka.*

*I think the future work that we do will benefit enormously from the collaboration which will now begin between my dear friend Alex and with Mary Ann, who I have known since she was Chair of HelpAge International and who will bring a huge amount of expertise and vision to our work. Together they will form a brilliant team.*

*I am delighted that an agreement was reached to base our work on the future of an ageing world and I am sure that by focusing on the future we will be unique as an international collaborative body and our work will gain more and more recognition, as well as being of increasing value.*

*I do want to thank Ursula and the ILC USA for all they did to make our visit to San Francisco both enjoyable and of immense benefit. A big thank you as well to Jack Rowe for enabling us to view the city from on high and his hospitality and desire to forge close links between the IAGG and the ILC GA as we go forward.*

*Thank you all again for your friendship and I really enjoy working with you and hope to continue for as long as I am able, to contribute to the work of the Global Alliance, as well as through my role in the ILC-UK and as your special Ambassador. Also, a thank you to the governance committee, led by Rosy, for the splendid job they did, which was of immense help in our meeting.*

*All best wishes*

*Sally*

### **ILC-UK Commission on Dementia and Music – due 1 Sept 2017**

Dr Catherine Barrett Director, Celebrate Ageing. Curator, Museum of Love

Will respond on behalf of AAG.

other responses would be welcome.

The ILC-UK has launched a Commission on Dementia and Music, designed to explore the current and potential role of music-based interventions in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and end of life care for people with dementia. According to the Alzheimer's Society, there are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to over one million by 2025. By 2051, it is estimated that this will have reached two million people. Currently in the UK, one in six people over the age of 80 have dementia, with 40,000 people

under the age of 65 living with the disease. As such, an increased and sustained public and policy focus on dementia is crucial. This is an independent Commission, with the ILC-UK providing the governance and secretariat while the Commissioners, drawn from a wide range of different sectors, will drive the agenda and findings. This work is kindly being supported by the Utley Foundation. As part of this high level Commission, we are seeking written evidence from a range of experts, framed by two overarching questions. Please click here to download a written evidence template, which provides further information about the Commission, the call for evidence and the questions which we would like to put to respondents. Please note that not all questions may be relevant for all respondents and we would therefore be happy to receive partial submissions. The written submissions will form a key part of the evidence base for a final report due to be published in December of this year. The final report is intended for a policy and public audience, so written submissions should be accessible but at the same time, informative, thought provoking, ideally challenging while offering solutions/recommendations. Please send any written evidence (strictly using our template) to our email address set up for this purpose: [dementia@ilcuk.org.uk](mailto:dementia@ilcuk.org.uk), and please note that the deadline for submissions is 5pm Friday 1 September 2017.

### UPDATE on The LANDINGS

We have completed phase 1 of our “It Takes a Village” project with The Landings at Turramurra. The residents have extended the project beyond our initial scoping exercises and pilot exercises. They would like to look at extending the prototype to other villages, and as part of a research project. We are continuing discussions with them and jointly looking for research and industry partners.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**AAG WEBINARS** <https://www.aag.asn.au/events/category/upcoming-webinars-61>

- Funding Outside the Box: How to Source Alternative Streams of Income to Fund Your Ageing Research 31st August
- Role of physical activity in prostate cancer survivorship 5th Sept
- Doorways to data 14th Sept

**AAG National Conference** – <http://aagconference.asn.au/article/program>



### OPPORTUNITY

The World Health Organization (WHO) Centre for Health Development (WHO Kobe Centre) is inviting researchers in ASEAN countries<sup>1</sup> to submit Letters-of-Intent for descriptive or implementation research addressing issues in ensuring and sustaining Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in light of population ageing in the ASEAN region.

The call focuses on research to accelerate universal health coverage in light of population ageing in ASEAN Countries, with an emphasis on innovation

[http://www.who.int/kobe\\_centre/wkc\\_call\\_lois\\_asean\\_july\\_2017.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/kobe_centre/wkc_call_lois_asean_july_2017.pdf?ua=1)

Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

The research should address one or more of the themes listed below, and can be descriptive research and/or implementation research. The selected theme must be of relevance to the ASEAN regional or country context.

### Descriptive research

- Service delivery configurations that promote quality of life, and address coordination between health and social sectors
- Funding for UHC, and models in diversifying public funding for health services in light of population ageing
- Scenario planning and specifically the identification of how different policy options can impact on health in the future
- Size and scope of the private health care sector in delivering health care and social services to older populations
- Age-specific health spending (i.e., 65 years+), and how spending is allocated across the health system in order to identify efficiencies
- Country-focused studies: rapid assessment or country-specific study of key issues and emerging challenges in preparing for the “health system of the future”
- Applicability of program/social/technological innovations across different country settings

### Implementation research

- Evaluation of the impact of human resource innovations on access and quality, particularly for older populations, including:
  - deployment and retention
  - “task shifting”
  - appropriate balance of specialists vs generalists and allied health workers
- Evaluation of the impact of strategies to integrate care on quality of life and functional ability
- Assessment of financial protection mechanisms and their effectiveness in reducing out of pocket (OOP) payments for older populations
- Evaluation of the impact of innovations and technologies on:
  - extending the reach of the health and social systems
  - promoting empowerment and participation among individuals, families, and communities
  - improving quality and efficiency within the health system

The deadline for submission of LOIs is 15 September.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS (not included in 2017 ILC-Aus biennial report to ILC-GA)

Please add below

### Peer reviewed Journal Articles

- Wilson L, Pandeya N, Byles J, Mishra G. Hysterectomy and incidence of depressive symptoms in midlife women: the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health. *Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences*. First published online 13 February 2017. doi: 10.1017/S2045796016001220
- Dolja-Gore X, Tavener M, Majeed T, Nair BR, Byles JE. Uptake, prevalence and predictors of first-time use for the 75+ Health Assessment Scheme. *Australian Journal of Primary Health*. First published online 16 June 2017. doi: 10.1071/PY16108
- Yiengprugsawan, V., Healy, J., Kendig, H., Neelamegam, M., Karunapema, P. and Kasemsup, V. (in press [accepted 9th July 2017]). Reorienting health services to people with chronic health conditions: diabetes and stroke services in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand. *Health Systems & Reform*.

### Book chapters (in press):

- Fine, M. and Kendig, H. (in press). Normalising old age: Social valorization, aged care and international trends in ageing. In R. Held and J. Armstrong (eds), *Social Role Valorisation and Ageing Services*, Valor Institute: Plantagenet, CA
- Kendig, H., Gong, C. and Cannon, L. (in press). Implementing age friendly cities in Australia. In T. Buffel, S. Handler and C. Phillipson (eds), *Age-Friendly Communities: A Global Perspective*, Policy Press: Bristol
- O'Loughlin, K., Feist, H. and Kendig, H. (in press). Australia's baby boomers as the future older generation. In T. R. Klassen, M. Higo and N. Dhirathiti Klassen (eds.), *Ageing and Old-Age in Asia-Pacific*. Routledge: Singapore. Chapter 15.

## REPORTS

- Byles J, Mishra G, Hockey R, Adane A, Chan H, Dolja-Gore X, Forder P, Harris M, Majeed T, Loxton D and Tooth L. Use, access to, and impact of Medicare services for Australian women: Findings from the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health. Australian Government Department of Health. June 2017.  
[https://www.alsw.org.au/images/content/pdf/major\\_reports/2017\\_ALSWH%20MRL%20Final.pdf](https://www.alsw.org.au/images/content/pdf/major_reports/2017_ALSWH%20MRL%20Final.pdf)

## OTHER ITEMS of INTEREST

- Please share any items of interest and I will happily put them up on our facebook page and share them in this update.

## Membership

- AAG have paid the Annual ILC-GA membership fee FY2016-2017.

## Next Meeting: AAG National Conference

- Friday 10 November – 745 to 845am – location Crown Metropol, Perth

## News from ILC-GA and other ILCs

*The Future of Ageing Conference*

Wednesday, 29th November 2017

Amnesty International Human Rights Action Centre, 15 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA

For more information visit: <http://www.futureofageing.org.uk/>

## Visit ILC – GA web page for more information

<http://www.ilc-alliance.org/index.php/home>

**Short report on my participation at the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the  
Open-ended Working Group on Ageing and related meetings  
New York , 3-8 July 2017**

**Silvia Perel-Levin, 26 July 2017**

The 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Open-ended Group on Ageing took place in NY on 5-7 July 2017. This session was the first to discuss concrete elements that an international binding instrument would include. Following proposals made at last session in December 2017 and the decision of the Bureau, the 8<sup>th</sup> session focused on two key areas:

- Equality and non-discrimination
- Violence, abuse and neglect. T

The meeting included panels with experts, interventions and interactive discussions between Member States, UN agencies, NGOs and National Human Rights Institutions.

The Independent Expert, Rosa Kornfeld-Matte stressed that the lack of an international legal framework hampered efforts to improve the lives of older persons. Craig Mokhiber, Director of the NY Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) stated that the existing legal and policy framework is largely inadequate to address age discrimination and that this represents a serious normative gap.

All expert panelists agreed that while the human rights system has increased its attention on old age, the existing framework has not addressed systematically and comprehensively the challenges faced by older persons. The prevalent ageism in society, in law, policy and practice perpetuates the invisibility and exclusion of older persons and provides a fertile ground for human rights abuses.

The 9<sup>th</sup> session of the OEWG in 2018 will continue to focus on specific elements for a possible instrument and the topics selected are:

- Autonomy and independence
- Long-term and palliative care.

It is expected that the topics discussed in the 8<sup>th</sup> session will continue being addressed both at the next OEWG and during the inter-sessional period at different international and regional fora due to the interdependent nature of human rights and the need to explore more in-depth the specific obligations by Member States.

I participated at all the NGO morning briefings that provided a good space for discussion among civil society. Throughout the OEWG I interacted with Member States and all stakeholders; I held very productive meetings with members of ILC Canada and the ILC GA team in NY; I took the floor at the main session on three opportunities on behalf of ILC Canada or the GA.

ILC GA co-signed a joint statement by 30 NGOs calling on Member States to approve a budget at the next General Assembly for future sessions of the OEWG to ensure meetings are run with all appropriate resources including interpretation. Some of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> sessions had to be interrupted because of the lack of interpreters.

I participated as invited discussant at a side event on the launch of a report on human rights in long term care, event organized by the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI). <http://www.ennhri.org/ENNHRI-at-the-OEWG-on-Ageing-2017>

I was also a speaker at the GAROP (The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People) preparatory workshop on 3 July. As a member of GAROP steering committee, I was involved in the planning of the workshop.

Further information with links to the videos of the OEWG with all panels and interventions from the floor and to my presentation at the GAROP workshop can be seen at the GAROP website:

<http://www.rightsofolderpeople.org/outcomes-oweg-eighth-session/>

On 30 June, I had a meeting with Craig Mokhiber, Director of the New York Office of OHCHR and Deputy to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights in his office at the UN secretariat. We discussed ways of strengthening the links between the work done at the UN in NY and Geneva and how to increase the visibility of older persons at the human rights system.

On 8 July, I participated at a GAROP strategic meeting where issues of governance, fund-raising and objectives were discussed. It was agreed that an election for a next steering committee would be called after the next OEWG.