



ILC-Australia News
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CEPAR Funding extended for another seven years

The Centre for Population Ageing Research has been granted extended funding from the Australian Research Council to continue research into the economic and social challenges of population ageing.

http://www.cepar.edu.au/media/167273/cepar-ii-funding_final_7916.pdf

Australian Association of Gerontology Conference 2-4 November, Canberra

More than 500 delegates attended this year's Australian Association of Gerontology National Conference. The theme of the conference was "re-imagining our future" and focused on the resources and opportunities presented by an ageing society.

Paul Cann, a Fellow of ILC-UK was the 2016 Gary Andrews Travelling Fellow and keynote speaker at the conference. Paul provided insights into intergenerational tensions are relevant to a world where we are seeing increasing focus on transfers up and down the generations and concerns about intergenerational equity. A greater understanding of intergenerational interdependence is needed if we care to promote a cohesive and conclusive society for all people, regardless of age.

This year, **Professor Julie Byles** from the **Research Centre for Generational Health and Ageing**, and ILC-Australia Head, has the great honour of being the Glenda Powell National Travelling Fellow. In October, Julie visited Tasmania and Perth where she presented:

Symposium: "A woman's work is never done": a life course approach to women, work and caring. 4th October 2016. University of Tasmania

Public Lecture: Generational changes in health and wellbeing over the last 20 years. Tuesday 18th October 2016. WA Department of Health State Government Office

The Glenda Powell National Travelling Fellowship honours the life and contribution that Dr Glenda Powell made to gerontology and geriatrics in Australia and overseas. Glenda has been a member of the Australian Association of Gerontology since 1978, and was the first woman President of the AAG (1980-85) and a founding member of the Australian Geriatric Society (now ANZSGM).

Ageing in China and Australia: Promoting health, productivity and wellbeing



ILC-Australia members are collaborating on a project to compare trajectories of ageing in China and Australia, against their different contexts of economic development and evolving systems for health and aged care. In November, the members presented two symposia focusing on the early analyses of various data from China, one at the AAG National Conference and one at the Gerontological Society of America. These symposia highlighted the tremendous variability in ageing across China, depending on region, urbanization, and socio-economic status.

Left: Shane Thomas, Cathy Gong, Julie Byles, Zumin Shi, Vasoontara Yiengprugsawan at the AAG National Conference, Canberra, 2-4 November 2016.

Below: Bo Hou, Julie Byles, Merrill Silverstein, Adam Yates at the Gerontological Society of America, new Orleans, 16-20th November 2016.



Evidence on Housing and Health

ILC-AUs member Professor Yvonne Wells gave evidence to the Victorian Parliamentary Committee Inquiry in to Retirement Housing. This follows from the written submission from the Australian Association of Gerontology available here: <http://www.aag.asn.au/news-publications/aag-submissions/victorian-parliamentary-inquiry-into-retirement-housing>

NEW BOOK

Ageing in Australia: Challenges and Opportunities

A new book edited by Kate O'Loughlin, Colette Browning and Hal Kendig examines the many facets of Australia's ageing population and how society has, could and should respond to the many challenges and opportunities.

The book can be ordered here: <http://www.springer.com/gp/book/9781493964642>

NEW REPORT

Comparative country studies on health system responses to population ageing and noncommunicable diseases in Asia

This report was prepared for the Asia Pacific Observatory and compares health systems responses to ageing and chronic disease, using the management of diabetes and stroke in Thailand and Sri Lanka as case studies. These conditions are common and debilitating, but both amenable to prevention and early intervention, saving lives, reducing health care costs, and enabling older people with the health resources they need to enjoy their lives and to continue their contributions to their families and communities.

The report was edited by Vasoontara Yiengprugsawan, Judith Healy and ILC-Australia member Hal Kendig, with input by ILC-Australia member Julie Byles as a member of the Study Advisory Team.

Get the full report at:

http://www.wpro.who.int/asia_pacific_observatory/country_comparative_studies/health-system-responses-ageing-ncd/en/