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Message from the Regional Chair

Dear IAGG Asia / Oceania Council Members

I would like to express my gratitude to all the participants, speakers, and organizers of the 2023 IAGG-AOR Conference, which took place in Yokohama, Japan, from 12-14 June. This conference provided an exceptional platform for scholars from different countries to engage in enriched discussions on various topics in geriatric medicine, resulting in the resounding success of the event. With an extensive program covering a wide range of subjects related to aging and geriatrics, the conference proved to be an invaluable opportunity for researchers and clinicians to share their work and learn from each other.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the conference organizers, namely Prof Kenji Toba, Prof Hidenori Arai, and Prof Koichiro Matsuo, whose hard work and dedication played a significant role in ensuring the conference's success.

The Executive Committee held two meetings last year, on 11 June and 29 November. During these meetings, a crucial decision was reached to develop a new IAGG-AOR microsite. This strategic improvement is intended to reduce costs and speed up the deployment process. The microsite will serve as a valuable resource for members and the public by enabling the promotion of the IAGG-AOR's work.

I am delighted to provide you with an update on the progress of our webinars. The Social & Behavioral Science subcommittee successfully organized a webinar on 23 February, followed by another webinar by the Biological Science subcommittee on August 16. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Prof. Meng-Chih Lee and Prof. Eun Seong Hwang, the chairs of these subcommittees, for their exceptional contributions. Currently, the Social Research and Planning subcommittee, headed by Prof. Julie Byles, is in the process of planning the next webinar. Once a confirmed date is available, all members will be informed.

In the spirit of collaboration, I am pleased to share that in March we will be co-hosting an International Conference for Sarcopenic

Obesity in collaboration with the Asia Oceania Association for the Study of Obesity and the Asia Working Group of Sarcopenia. The conference, to be held on 17 March 2024, in Taiwan, will focus on discussing Sarcopenic Obesity guidelines. For more details, visit <https://www.obesity.org.tw/2023sarcopenic/>.



The IAGG-AOR is pleased to announce that the 12th Master Class on Ageing in Asia, scheduled to take place in Tokyo, Japan from May 22-24, 2024, has successfully filled all available spots with a full cohort of participants. This in-person event, hosted by the Japan Geriatrics Society and The National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, has generated considerable interest, and we are grate-

ful for the overwhelming response from early career geriatricians. We look forward to welcoming a promising group of participants for this impactful program.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that Malaysia has successfully won the bid to host the next IAGG-AOR Symposium in 2028. This exciting development provides an exceptional opportunity for enhanced collaboration and the exchange of knowledge in the field of geriatric medicine.

Additionally, we are delighted to share that the Chair of the IAGG-AOR Executive Committee presided over the oath-taking ceremony on January 11, 2024, during the Induction Ceremony of Philippine Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology Officers and Board Members for the year 2024-2026. We warmly welcome our colleagues from the Philippines and eagerly anticipate their valuable contributions to our shared mission.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the advancement of the health and well-being of older adults in the Asia-Oceania region.

Sincerely,

Prof Cheng-Chieh Lin

Chairman, IAGG Asia/Oceania Region
Executive Director, Taiwan Association of Gerontology and Geriatric
Distinguished Professor & Vice-president, China Medical University, Taiwan

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Australia

Report by Prof Keith Hill

Director, Rehabilitation, Ageing and Independent Living (RAIL) research centre,
School of Primary and Allied Health Care, Monash University, Melbourne
Gary Andrews Chair for IAGG AOR

56th AAG National Conference

The Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) hosted its 56th annual conference on the Gold Coast, Queensland in November 2023. The conference theme was Reimagining Ageing: Diving into an ocean of possibilities. The conference hosted a number of international invited speakers, including the 2023 Gary Andrews International fellow (Prof Shannon Jarrott, Prof of Social Work at Ohio State University, USA), the 2023 David Wallace address (presented by Marcus Riley, Executive Chairman of BallyCara, a national independent living and aged care provider, and author of *Booming - A Life Changing Philosophy on Ageing Well*); and an opening plenary by Prof Felicity Baker (University of Melbourne, presenting on music interventions for dementia care).

Regular features on the conference program provided attendees with excellent perspectives and discussion on important issues, including the ABC Radio National Big Ideas Broadcast (hosted by Natasha Mitchell), with Prof Shannon Jarrott, Marcus Riley and Chris Seiboth (Executive Lead, Community Services, Lutheran Services), and the President's symposium (chaired by AAG President Dr Claudia Meyer, with Prof Ruth Hubbard, Dr Robert Sullivan and Prof Hidenori Arai (Japan)).

As always, there was a strong focus on student and early career attendees at the conference with a series of within conference and external (social) events organised to support this group. These include the 'Lunch with the stars' mentoring session (matching early to mid-career researchers with senior researchers for a 1:1 mentoring session), and the Student and Early Career Group dinner.

The social program is another feature of the AAG conference, highlighted by the AAG Conference Dinner, which had the theme of 'A touch of Gold Coast glitter and sparkle'.

Special thanks to Conference Chair Prof Evonne Miller and the Conference Organising Committee for putting together an outstanding conference program.



L-R: AAG CEO Renu Borst with AAG President Dr Claudia Meyer



The ABC Radio National Big Ideas broadcast (L-R): Natasha Mitchell, Marcus Riley, Prof Shannon Jarrott and Chris Seiboth



The President's Symposium audience watching the presentation by Prof Hidenori Arai



The AAG Board, Division Committees and National Office staff

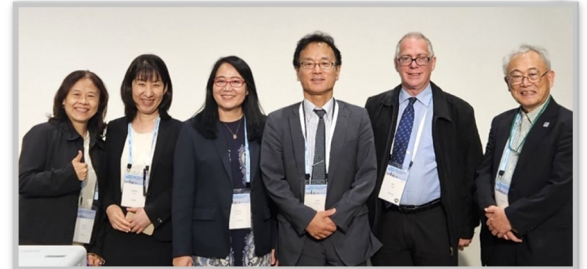
Planning is well underway for the 2024 AAG Conference, to be held in Hobart, Tasmania, from 12 to 15 November 2024. This year's theme is Fresh air, fresh thinking. For further details, see <https://www.aagconference.asn.au/>. Abstract submissions close on Friday 17 May 2024.

Australia cont.

Gary Andrews symposium at the Asia Oceania Regional Conference

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The Asia Oceania Regional Council has supported targeted symposiums at the last several regional conferences, associated with the region's Gary Andrews Academy (in memory of the enormous contributions made by Gary Andrews in advancing gerontology and geriatrics at a regional and global level). At the successful regional conference in Yokohama in June, the Gary Andrews symposium was titled: Asia Oceania perspectives on supporting carers of older people to sustain their caregiving role and optimise their health and wellbeing. Prof Keith Hill (Australia) and Prof Hidenori Arai (Japan) were the symposium chairs. Speakers and topics included:



Participants and chairs of the Gary Andrews symposium

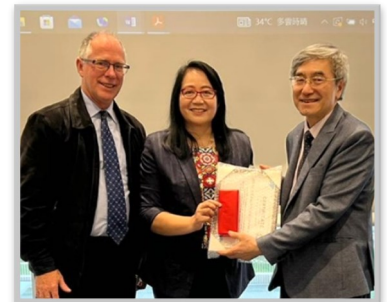
- ⇒ A/Prof Yi-Chen Chiu (Chang Gung University, Taiwan), presenting: A randomised trial to reduce behavioral problems for people with dementia and improve outcomes for their carers;
- ⇒ Yumi Shindo, M.A. & M.P.A. (Research Coordinator, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Japan), presenting on: Challenges and strategies to address caregivers of older people in Japan;
- ⇒ Prof Keith Hill (Monash University, Australia), presenting on: Research informing co-design of a new service to support health and wellbeing of older carers of older people in Australia; and
- ⇒ A/Prof Siriphan Sasat (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand), presenting on: Paid carers: A choice to fulfill family role in caring for older persons.

The presentations covered many important issues affecting both informal (e.g. family) carers, as well as paid carers, with differing perspectives from across the region. The presentations provided a basis for reflecting on current practices and potential future directions; and the valuable contributions made by both informal and formal carers to support older people remaining living in the community.

IAGG-AOR Regional Council meeting and award

Each Asia Oceania regional conference provides an opportunity for a face-to-face meeting between representative of all IAGG member countries in the region. A range of business items and planning for future regional activities were discussed. Of note:

- ⇒ The decision was made for the hosting of the next IAGG Asia Oceania conference – with the host country to be Malaysia, with Chair of the conference organising committee Prof Maw Pin Tan. The conference will be moved back one year to be aligned mid-way between IAGG world conferences (the next two world IAGG conferences will be held in 2026 (Amsterdam) and 2030 (Sydney), so this regional conference in Malaysia will be held in 2028).
- ⇒ An award for service to the IAGG Asia Oceania Region was made by the Council to A/Prof Siriphan Sasat from Thailand. A/Prof Sasat was secretary for the region following the regional conference in Chiang Mai in 2015 for four years, and was finishing her term on the regional council.



Award presentation to A/Prof Siriphan Sasat (centre) by Prof Keith Hill (L) and Prof Cheng-Chieh Lin

Regional councillors at the Council meeting in Yokohama June 2023



2023 IAGG Executive meeting in Argentina

In April 2023, Australia's Prof Julie Byles represented the IAGG-AOR at the IAGG Executive meeting in Buenos Aires in Argentina. The meeting was hosted by IAGG World President Jose Ricardo Jauregui and attended by delegates from all IAGG regions.

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Report by Dr Hari Thangam
Secretary, Indian Academy of Geriatrics

Indian Academy of Geriatrics (IAG)

The 20th Annual Geriatric Medicine Conference, GERICON 2023, was a resounding success, showcasing the dedication of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics (IAG) and the Department of Geriatric Medicine at AIIMS New Delhi, India.

Held from 28 to 30 September 2023, at AIIMS New Delhi, this prestigious event revolved around the theme of 'Successful aging: Navigating the intersections of digital innovations, geriatric medicine, and person-centred care'. This theme emphasised the importance of not just prolonging life, but enhancing its quality for older adults. GERICON 2023 welcomed a diverse group of attendees, including undergraduates, postgraduates, residents, faculty members, nursing officers and physiotherapists.



Indian Academy of Geriatrics: Student Chapter

Report by Afzal Parvez Khan
Vice President: Interna (2022-23)

The Indian Academy of Geriatrics' (IAG) Student Chapter, established in 2019, engages 1,121 active members across India. Operating in five domains—academics, research, community outreach, socio-cultural, and bioethics—the chapter promotes geriatric medicine awareness. Notably, the 'Students Program' at the annual 'GERICON' conference introduces undergraduates to geriatrics through research presentations and workshops.

'Project Dadhichi' conducts nationwide health camps, benefiting 150 elderly individuals with arthritis education and palliative care.

The Bioethics Unit, initiated in 2022-23, produces 'The Ethical Edge' newsletter, simplifying medical ethics for the medical community.

As of January 2024, the chapter boasts 1,261 Instagram followers.





Indonesia

Report by Nina Kemala Sari
President of Indonesian Geriatrics Association

Updating Ministry of Health Decree about Integrated Primary Health Care Technical Guidance Including Geriatric Screening using ICOPE Instrument

and

Development of ICOPE Curriculum, Training Module, and Training of Trainer for Health and Non-Health Workers/ Cadre at the National and Sub-national Level in Indonesia



In August 2023, Republic of Indonesia Ministry of Health released Updating of Ministry of Health Decree about Integrated Primary Health Care Technical Guidance including Regular Geriatric Screening using ICOPE Instrument to be used in community and primary health care.



ICOPE Training of Trainer for Health and Non-Health Workers (Cadres) at the National and Sub-National Level

Starting from July 2023, the Indonesian Geriatrics Society collaborated with World Health Organization (WHO) Indonesia and the Ministry of Health Republic of Indonesia to hold several meetings to develop the ICOPE Curriculum and Training Module and Training of Trainer for Health and Non-Health Workers (Cadres) at The National and Sub-National Level. We conducted desk reviews, consultative meetings and core group meetings, attended by Ministry of Health (Directorate of Productive and Older People's Health, Directorate of Health Workers, and other relevant directorate of the Ministry of Health), professionals, regional health training centres, and WHO.



From 28 to 31 August 2023, ICOPE Training of Trainer for Health Workers and Non-Health Workers (Cadres) was held in Jakarta, covered three pilot project areas in Indonesia Jakarta, Bandung and Bali. The ICOPE approach has now been adapted to Indonesia's standard of care for the elderly in Primary Health Care Integration and is starting to be disseminated gradually in Posyandu and Community Health Centres throughout Indonesia. Until December 2023, a total of 211 Community Health Centres in 12 Provinces have been trained by Ministry of Health and Provincial Health Services to provide services for the elderly using the ICOPE approach. As a follow-up, several Community Health Service (Posyandu) and Community Health Centres (Puskesmas) have begun implementing the ICOPE approach in their workplaces.

Indonesia cont.

Sensory check by training participants



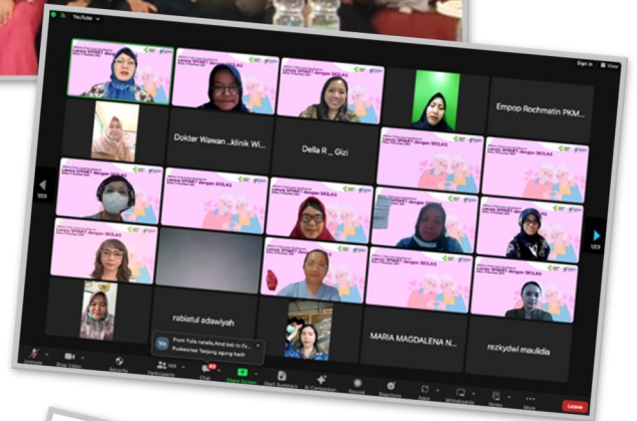
ICOPE instruments role play



ICOPE training for all primary health care and hospital in North Kalimantan Province, 19-25 Nov 2023



Dissemination of WHO-ICOPE Intrinsic Capacity Screening and Best Practice Sharing from Pulogadung PHC healthcare and cadres, via online meeting held by Ministry of Health and attended by approx. 800 participants from public health centres all over Indonesia (18 December 2023)



Socialization of the ICOPE Method of Elderly Screening at the Community Health Service (Posyandu) and Public Health Center (Puskesmas)



Indonesia cont.

Intrinsic capacity screening at the community level



The implementation of ICOPE in Indonesia will be continued through dissemination of offline and online based training, using digital

learning platforms, developing video tutorials on how to assess the intrinsic capacity of elderly people at the community to primary health care community level, strengthening the referral system at the secondary and tertiary health care service levels (integrated geriatric care team at hospitals), developing nationwide reporting systems and integrated digital monitoring, and strengthening community participation through collaboration across sectors and professionals.





Japan

Report by Prof Hidenori Arai, MD, PhD
President, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology

Yokohama
June 2023

Report on the 12th International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Asia/Oceania Regional Congress (IAGG-AOR)

We hereby provide the report regarding the 12th International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Asia/Oceania Regional Congress (IAGG-AOR)

Congress name: The 12th International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Asia/Oceania Regional Congress 2023

Location: Pacifico North, Yokohama, Japan

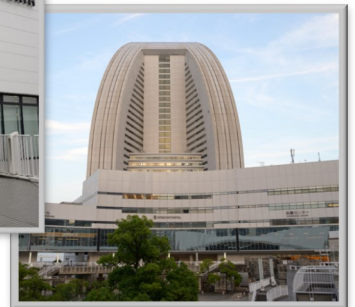
Period: On-site: 12 to 14 June 2023; on-demand: 14 to 31 July 2023

Organiser: The Japan Federation of Gerontological Societies

Chair: Kenji Toba, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Geriatrics and Gerontology

Secretary: Hidenori Arai, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology

Theme: Enhanced Wellbeing in Later Life through Innovation and Wisdom Sharing



Overview of the Conference

The 12th IAGG-AOR congress was held in Yokohama from June 12th to 14th, 2023. This is the third time held in Japan. As the world's longest-living nation, Japan has pioneered initiatives such as older healthcare systems, long-term care insurance systems, and countermeasures for dementia, and has actively applied cutting-edge technology to healthcare, welfare, housing, and mobility.

The conference provided excellent opportunities to discuss the current situation of geriatrics and gerontology in Japan with the rapidly aging Asia/Oceania region, envisioning the future together.

Basic research on aging provided insights into fundamental disease concepts and clues for new treatments. Clinical research on older adults grasped the optimal treatment solutions, considering age and functionality, with recent new drugs expected to play a crucial role in treating various diseases.

The concept of frailty, especially oral frailty, has become an emblematic example of interdisciplinary collaboration in gerontology, drawing interest not only from the medical and dental fields but also from the nursing, rehabilitation,



nutrition, and caregiving professions. In recent years, medical and caring robots, IoT, and ICT have been considered optimal technologies for the health monitoring of older individuals across multiple medical domains, with rapid development anticipated in the future.

Japan cont.

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The conference featured eight special keynote lectures by world-renowned scientists on the aforementioned topics, and more than 70 symposiums on hot topics were organized, creating a program that captured the attention of participants from various backgrounds. A total of 1,724 participants attended the conference from both domestic and international backgrounds, of which, 953 attendees were from Japan, while 771 came from overseas.

The breakdown of the conducted sessions is as follows:

- ⇒ 8 keynote lectures
- ⇒ 77 symposiums
- ⇒ Special sessions
- ⇒ Student programs
- ⇒ 3 sponsored symposia
- ⇒ 2 sponsored seminars
- ⇒ 4 morning seminars
- ⇒ 15 luncheon seminars
- ⇒ 3 evening seminars
- ⇒ 95 oral presentations
- ⇒ 1039 poster presentations



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Korea

Report by Bitnah Shin
Executive secretary of the Korean Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics

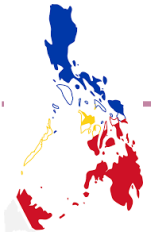
The Korean Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (KAGG)

KAGG is the largest gerontological academic association in Korea, which consists of six institutes including the Korean Gerontological Society, the Korean Society for Gerontology, the Korean Geriatrics Society, the Korean Association for Geriatric Psychiatry, the Korean Gerontological Nursing Society, and the Korean Academy of Long-Term Care.

KAGG arranged an academic conference in October 2023 titled 'The Era of Homo Hundred : Seeking the Path with Science', commemorating the 10th anniversary of The 20th IAGG WORLD CONGRESS SEOUL held in 2013. This conference aimed to contemplate past, present, and future prospects of gerontology and geriatrics.

In addition, KAGG organizes an informative forum designed to cater to the needs and interests of the public, called 'the Aging Society Forum'. The 1st forum held on December 8, 2003, and the 38th forum held on 2023. The theme of 2023 was 'Ensuring medication safety, in the era of hundred million elderly population.', 'No retirement country.' You can watch those on the KAGG YouTube channel, at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzmeWKTNTMCZ4_GM2AHBMJQ





Philippines

Report by Jose Leo V. Jiloca MD, MPH, MHA, FPAFP, FPCGM
President, Philippine Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology

Events

From 13 to 15 September 2023, we held the first Apex Summit in Geriatric Care with the theme of 'Putting the puzzle together'. All experts in the field gathered and key leaders gave lectures on the different geriatric syndrome. Thirty-three geriatric centres across the archipelago attended and participated.

Delegates during the Apex Summit in Geriatric Care held at the National Center for Geriatric Health. This event is presented by Jose R Reyes Memorial Medical Center in Collaboration with the Philippine College of Geriatric Medicine, Philippine Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology and the Department of Health.

Organizing committee (L-R): Dr. Venjune Tansiongco, Dr. Claudine Merced, Dr. Viviene Akut, Dr. Carla Gialogo, Dr. Jose Leo Jiloca, Dr. Milagros Barzaga, Dr. Miguel Ramos, Dr. Marjorie Nolasco, Dr. Famela Gaglac and Dr. Nina Bravo



Activities

One of the many activities held last October 2023 was the Elderly Filipino Week. As an advocate for anti-elder abuse the National Commission for Senior Citizens and the National Center for Geriatric Health hold a multisectoral meeting on this matter. Reviewed were existing legislations that would support this advocacy.



A speech delivered by Atty. Franklin Quijano- National Commissioner, National Commission for Senior Citizens during the Multisectoral meeting on elder abuse attended by senior citizens and Dr. Gabrielle representing the Department of Health

Older persons attending a lecture on falls prevention during the Elderly Filipino Week



National Center for Geriatric Health Training Officer, Dr. Jose Leo V. Jiloca, giving opening remarks during the Apex Summit

NCGH as a recipient of NCSC partner during the Elderly Filipino Week



Philippines cont.

Achievements

There is a new set of officers for the Philippine Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology after a successful election held last December. This was also a break after the Covid 19 pandemic hit the country. The oath-taking and induction ceremony was led by the president of the International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology Asia Oceania Region, Prof. Cheng Chieh Lin.



Induction of New Set of PSGG Officers and Board and oath taking ceremony led by Prof. Lin with Dr. Derrick Chan

PSGG Officers and Board of Directors 2024-2026 (L-R) Prof. Matthew Marquez- PRO, Daisy Taruc- Board , Mailyne Guevarra- Board , Dr. Divine Salonga- Treasurer , Dr. Ma. Teresa Ramirez – Board, Dr. Carolina Lourdes Dumlao – Past President , Faith Rosales – Board , Dr. Marivic Tangco- Secretary , Dr. Jose Leo V. Jiloca – President



TV guest on a local show in the discussion of nutrition of older persons representing as Board Member – PCGM, PSGG and Alzheimer's Disease Association of the Philippines (ADAP)



Future

February 2, 2024

Stakeholder's Collaborative Meeting with the National Commission for Senior Citizens. During the event, the Philippine Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (PSGG) alongside with other stakeholders such as the National Institute of Health (NIH) Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and Department of Health (DOH) will present its programs and activities.

February 17, 2024

PSGG is set to have a strategic planning to review its mission and vision and organize the activities of the society for the next 5 years.

There will be quarterly regional meetings with the allied health care professionals in the Philippines. Out of 17 regions we will target at least 5- 6 regions to highlight our integrated care for older persons.

August 24-25, 2024

There will be an annual convention where new members of our society will meet at the National Capital Region (Manila). Foreign speakers will be invited.



Taiwan

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Report by Ding-Cheng (Derrick) Chan, MD.PhD, FACP
Director, Department of Geriatrics and Gerontology
Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine, National Taiwan University Hospital
Co-Chair, Asia Pacific Fragility Fracture Alliance

Taiwan Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology (TAGG) granted logistic support for the International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology Asia Oceania Region (IAGG AOR) in several online meetings in 2023.

We also actively participated into the 2023 IAGG AOR Congress in Yokohama with nearly 200 delegates with poster or oral presentations, delivering talks for nearly 40 symposiums, several lunch symposiums, and joining the IAGG AOR executive and council meetings. The following photos would bring back the good memories.



Delegates arrive in Yokohama



IAGG AOR Chairman conducting during the opening ceremony



IAGG AOR council meeting



Opening ceremony

TAGG is also actively involved in COVID-19 prevention and treatment for older adults.



Post-COVID guideline press release



2024 COVID vaccination guideline

Taiwan cont.

In June, more than 1000 delegates participated in our annual scientific meeting.



Annual meeting registration



Poster grant round



Every year, the post-graduate education committee designs and hosts three continuing medical education (CME) courses in March, June, and November.

Education Committee meeting



Every year we train about 40 new geriatric fellows in Taiwan and most of them pass the examination to become geriatricians.

CME course, March



Multiple choice exams



Oral exam faculties

IAGG Council of Student Organisations

Report by Dr Claudia Meyer
Senior Research Fellow, Bolton Clarke
President, Australian Association of Gerontology
Outgoing IAGG-CSO Asia-Oceania Regional representative

It has been an honour to serve as the IAGG-CSO Asia Oceania representative for the past six years, since the 2017 IAGG World Congress in San Francisco. In that time we have connected with, and supported, students and early career scholars during the IAGG Asia Oceania Congresses in Taipei (2019) and Yokohama (2023), through workshops, symposia and 'Lunch with the Stars'.



Claudia at the 2023 IAGG Regional Congress

We have advanced the creation and support of student sections of IAGG member countries in the Asia-Oceania region, specifically offering travel scholarships to individuals dedicated to progressing student networks in their own countries. It has been the consistent support of the IAGG Asia-Oceania President and their teams that have allowed our group to flourish. I look forward to seeing the group further develop under the leadership of Kiirtaara Aravindhan (Malaysia) and representatives Emi Inagaki and Lachlan Green (Australia).

Introducing new IAGG-CSO AOR leaders

International CSO Vice-President: Dr Kiirtaara Aravindhan, Malaysia

I am a budding geroscientist from Malaysia with a passion for research on aging, mental health and neuroscience and advocacy work. Having recently completed a PhD in Health (Medicine) at the University of Malaya, I have been actively involved in various aging-related research and community engagement projects.

As I step into the role of Vice President for the IAGG-CSO, I carry with me the honour of representing young and upcoming researchers in the field of aging. I am also fortunate to be part of a dedicated and ambitious team that intends to develop a network of students and early career researchers that transcends borders. We have huge ambitions for our term, with plans to create opportunities for knowledge, experience, resource and information sharing, as well as professional development. So if you're interested in joining the cause at any capacity, or have ideas to share, do feel free to reach out to me via socials or email for a chat. Exciting times ahead for all of us!



Kiirtaara Aravindhan

AOR Representative: Emi Inagaki

I am honored to serve the IAGG as a member of the AOR representatives. My academic background includes being an ophthalmologist with an MD degree and a PhD in medicine, currently pursuing an MPH candidate at Keio University School of Medicine in the Center for Supercentenarian Medical Research Group.

To comprehensively address the complex challenges in the field of gerontology, I strongly support adopting a multidisciplinary approach on an international collaboration. Additionally, drawing from my diverse experience as a clinician scientist, my vision involves creating platforms that facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences among different stakeholders aiming to bridge the gap between the sectors. In addition to research efforts, I also strive to contribute by prioritising work-life balance and mentorship for sustainable careers. We highly value and appreciate your input and suggestions for new projects, so please feel free to contact us anytime.



Emi Inagaki

AOR Representative: Lachlan Green, Australia

It's an honour to step into the Asia-Oceania Region representative role with IAGG, and I hope I bring strong experience to the committee. I am a PhD candidate in the Queensland Bioethics Centre (Australian Catholic University) and I have been an aged care professional for over eight years. In this time, I've held a number of appointments, including with Leading Aged Services Australia and the Australian Association of Gerontology.

As a co-representative for the region, I'm excited to develop opportunities for students to connect across the region. We envision a strong, interconnected network of ageing researchers that share opportunities and knowledge across borders. I look forward to working and connecting with the region's students and early-career researchers in the coming years, and encourage anyone wanting to get involved to reach out.



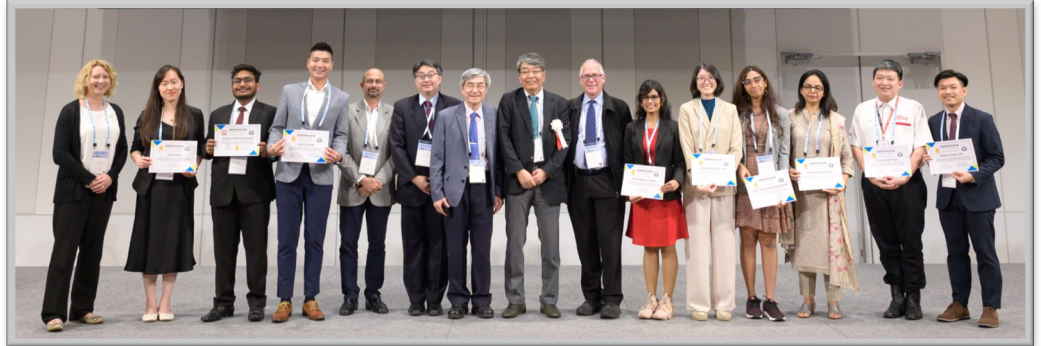
Lachie Green

IAGG-AOR Regional Congress 2023 Awards

Nine members of IAGG's Council of Student Organisations (CSO) received grants to attend the Regional Congress in Yokohama. These grants were sponsored by the IAGG-AOR Council, as part of its commitment to upholding the objectives of uniting gerontology and geriatric scholars from multidisciplinary backgrounds worldwide and, in this case, specifically within the Asia-Oceania region. Preference was given to applicants from a low- to middle-income country.

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In their applications, students were asked to explain their contribution in gerontology/ageing in their own country, how they would benefit from attendance at the Congress and how they would use their experience to apply knowledge/learnings at home. A tenth student was supported by the Indian Academy of Geriatrics.



We once again congratulate these recipients pictured here with members of IAGG-AOR's leadership team:

Advanced Scholar Grants: Pramod Kumar, Alpana Raizada, Ambica Singh and Jing Pan

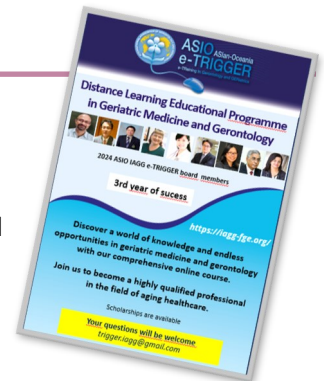
Student Travel Grants: Lim Kian Yuan, Chan Siu Wing Alex, Kiirtaara Aravindhan, Chai Sen Tyung and Saowaluk Noon

Indian Student Award: Afzal Parvez Khan

E-TRIGGER program

Hundreds of scholars from across Asia-Oceania have been engaging in the IAGG e-Trigger program. Designed for clinicians and others working with older people, the program aims to raise awareness, knowledge and skills in caring for older people.

Each month, the scholars and faculty participate in a three-hour webinar. Each hour of the webinar is structured to provide an expert lecture, a clinical case study, and an on-line discussion. Scholars have also been engaging in small group work to share experiences across the region. New scholars are welcome.



InAge Expo

Aichi SKY Centre in Japan was home for the inaugural Independent Ageing Expo in October 2023. Delegates from around the globe came together to discuss critical issues in gerontology and innovative responses. The expo provided a platform for dialogue and collaboration between government, academia, industry, and the community. The aim was to shift the conversation from 'challenges' to 'solutions'.



As Convention president Prof Hidenori Arai said, 'The Independent Ageing Convention has the aim to support the growing economy and related business sectors; to develop the industry and forge new collaborations; to showcase innovative solutions, products, services, technologies that can be adopted by the different stakeholders and business types in this growing economy; to create networking opportunities for attendees and exhibitors; and to create an informative program reflecting on business, consumer and healthcare needs.'

Further conventions and expos are in planning stages. More information is available at <https://independent-ageing.kenes.com>

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Upcoming events

We encourage submission of key conferences that might be of interest to IAGG / association members across the region, for inclusion in this section of future newsletters.

Please email newsletter contributions or items of interest to Ms Renu Borst, Chief Executive Officer of AAG and the AAG Research Trust, and Executive Officer of IAGG Asia/Oceania Region, at ceo@aag.asn.au

Date	Event	Location	More information
6-10 May 2024	World Ageing Festival 2024	Singapore	https://www.worldageingfestival.com/
26-30 August 2024	Aged Care Conference Bali 2024	Bali, Indonesia	https://events.humanitix.com/aged-care-conference-bali-2024
28-30 August 2024	New Zealand Association of Gerontology 2024 Conference	Wellington, New Zealand	https://gerontology.org.nz/news-and-events/nzag-events/
12-15 November 2024	57 th AAG Conference	Hobart, Tasmania	https://aag.asn.au/