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1. Welcome + about this newsletter

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

I hope you had a relaxing summer break or, if you happen to live in the southern hemisphere, an equally enjoyable winter break.

The main purpose of this autumn newsletter is informing you of the latest developments in preparation of the RC11 'Sociology of Ageing' programme at the XVIIth ISA Sociology World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden, in July 2010. I think our Scientific Programme Committee coordinated by Sara Arber, with its members Lars Andersson, Sandra Torres (both Sweden), Susan Feldman (Australia), Virpi Timonen (Ireland/Finland), and Lucie Vidovicova (Czech Republic) deserves many thanks for their tireless work in organising yet another fascinating series of events of the highest academic standards, as well as opportunities for socialising and catching up with our many RC11 friends and colleagues from across the globe.

But business comes before pleasure – you may want to present your work in one of our 15 thematic RC11 sessions or one of our 4 joint sessions with other Research Committees. You will find the **Call for Papers with a submission deadline of 10 November 2009** on page 4. A list of RC11 sessions on offer can be found on pages 5-8, followed by a more detailed description of each session (pages 9-16). The 'News from the RC11 Executive Board' on the subsequent page also refers to the World Congress next year, namely to the development of RC11 membership in 2009/2010 and how to apply for a bursary to attend the World Congress next year.

The ISA World congresses are also important for another reason – a new wider Executive Board as well as the Executive Management Group running the day-to-day RC11 business (President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor) will be elected to serve 2010-2014. Details on the election procedure can be found on page 19.

Pages 20-22 contain two other calls for papers for other conferences taking place next year I was asked to circulate to you – coincidentally both also taking place in July 2010, preceding the ISA World Congress.

This is followed by information on a fascinating intergenerational initiative involving several countries from various continents – 'Homeshare International' – on pages 23-24.

The newsletter is concluded with our usual sections on 'New positions' (p. 25), 'Publications' (p. 26) and the 'Conference Planner' (pp. 27-28). My apologies to those of you who were eagerly awaiting the next 'Country report' – no country report could be realised for this issue unfortunately.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all of you who sent me contributions for this newsletter. As always, this is most highly appreciated. I hope you all enjoy reading the newsletter. Any comments or future contributions will be very welcome indeed.

With my warmest regards,

Andreas (Hoff) – Email: andreas.hoff@ageing.ox.ac.uk

2. Greetings from the President of RC11

I am pleased that RC11 has an excellent programme of 19 sessions at the ISA World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden, 11-17th July 2010, four of which will be held jointly with other Research Committees. Full details of the RC11 sessions are provided in this Newsletter. In addition, there are plans to hold a Welcome reception on the Monday evening (12th July) and an RC11 dinner on Thursday (15th July). We are grateful to our Swedish members of the Programme Committee, Sandra Torres and Lars Andersson, for preparing the RC11 social programme in Gothenburg. NB. Please submit your abstract by **10th November!**

On your way to the ISA World Congress, you might consider attending the British Society of Gerontology (BSG) annual conference. The BSG is being held immediately before the World Congress, on 6-8th July at Brunel University in west London, on the theme of 'Identities, care and everyday life', see www.bsg2010brunel.org.uk .

My continuing thanks to the RC11 Executive Management Group - Susan Feldman, Anne Martin-Matthews, Lars Andersson and Andreas Hoff - for all the work they do in supporting RC11. My particular thanks to Andreas for editing the Newsletter and for developing and maintaining the new RC11 website on www.rc11-sociology-of-aging.org where you will find all the up-to-date information about RC11 and the ISA World Congress.

It was excellent to catch up with so many RC11 members at the IAGG meeting in Paris in July and at the ESA Research Network on Ageing in Europe in Lisbon in September. I will look forward to seeing even more members of RC11 in Sweden in July.

Finally, please remember to submit your ISA abstract by 10th November. I am sure there will be a stimulating and vibrant programme of RC11 sessions in Gothenburg, and it will be an excellent networking opportunity.

All good wishes,

Sara

President RC11 (Email: S.Arber@surrey.ac.uk)

3. Second Call for Papers Gothenburg 2010



RC11 – Sociology of Aging

ISA World Congress of Sociology

'Sociology on the Move'

Gothenburg, Sweden

11-17th July 2010

Call for Papers

RC11 Abstract Submission Deadline 10 November 09

RC11 – Sociology of Aging – is organising a full programme of 19 sessions during the ISA World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden, 11-17th July 2010. We welcome submission of abstracts from a diversity of countries to present papers on aging for the RC11 sessions (overleaf). Papers with a cross-national, comparative focus and papers by researchers earlier in their career are particularly welcomed.

Full details about the 19 sessions for RC11 (4 of which will be held jointly with other Research Committees) are available on the new RC11 website - <http://www.rc11-sociology-of-aging.org/news> and on the ISA website - <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/rc/rc11.htm>

Abstracts **MUST** include:

- Name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s)
- Contact details of presenting author (postal address, telephone, fax + email)
- Title of the proposed presentation
- A maximum of 250 word description of the proposed paper, subdivided into the following sections: Introduction; Methods; Results; Conclusions.
- An indication of the Session you would like to submit your abstract to.

Please email your abstract by the deadline of **10th November** to the RC11 Programme Coordinator, Sara Arber - S.Arber@surrey.ac.uk , and **also** copy your abstract to the relevant Session Organiser(s).

Sara Arber, on behalf of the RC11 Programme Committee

RC11 World Congress Programme Committee

Sara Arber (Programme Coordinator, UK); Susan Feldman (Australia); Virpi Timonen (Ireland/Finland); Lucie Vidovicova (Czech Republic); Sandra Torres/Lars Andersson (Sweden)

September 2009

4. List of RC11 Sessions at the ISA World Congress

Gothenburg, 11-17th July 2010

1. Growing Older in Transnational Communities

Session organisers: **Christina Victor**, University of Reading, UK - c.r.victor@reading.ac.uk; **Wendy Martin**, University of Reading, UK - W.P.Martin@reading.ac.uk and **Vanessa Burholt**, University of Swansea, UK - v.burholt@swansea.ac.uk

2. Gender, Ageing and the Body

Symposium organisers: **Laura Hurd Clarke**, University of British Columbia, Canada - laura.hurd.clarke@ubc.ca and **Julia Twigg**, University of Kent, UK - J.M.Twigg@kent.ac.uk

3. Cultural Representations of the Ageing Body

Symposium organisers: **Wendy Martin**, University of Reading, UK - W.P.Martin@reading.ac.uk and **Julia Twigg**, University of Kent, UK - J.M.Twigg@kent.ac.uk

4. Aging of the Aged: The Case of the Oldest Old (80+)

Session organiser: **P. K. B. Nayar**, Centre for Gerontological Studies, India - pkbnayar@rediffmail.com ; pkbnayar@yahoo.co.in

5. Ageing Societies and the Welfare State

Session organiser: **Kathrin Komp**, Department of Sociology, VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands - k.komp@fsw.vu.nl

6. Caregiving and Carework

Session organiser: **Anne Martin Matthews**, University of British Columbia, Canada - amm@exchange.ubc.ca ; amm@interchange.ubc.ca

7. The Use of Technology in Informal Care

Session organiser: **Andreas Hoff**, Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK - andreas.hoff@ageing.ox.ac.uk

8. The Intersection of Age, Gender and Ethnicity: Implications for Studies of Old Age and Elderly Care

Session organiser: Sandra Torres, Linköping University, Sweden - sandra.torres@isv.liu.se

9. Grandparenting and Inter-Generational Dynamics

Session organisers: Virpi Timonen and Ciara O'Dwyer, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland - timonenv@tcd.ie

10. Older People's Interest Representation and the Politics of Old Age

Session organisers: Martha Doyle and Virpi Timonen, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland - martha.doyle@tcd.ie ; timonenv@tcd.ie

11. Media and Ageing: Representation and Consumption

Session organiser: Lucie Vidovičová, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic - Lucie.Vidovic@seznam.cz

12. Ageism: Structures and Agency

Session organisers: Lars Andersson, Linköping University, Sweden - Lars.Andersson@isv.liu.se and **Lucie Vidovičová**, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic - Lucie.Vidovic@seznam.cz

13. Challenges facing Researchers in Ageing in 2010

Session organiser: Susan Feldman, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia - Susan.Feldman@med.monash.edu.au

14. Differences and Similarities in the Pace and Consequences of Population Ageing in Developed and Developing Countries

Session Organiser: László Kovács, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Oita-ken, Japan - laszlo.kovacs.1966@gmail.com

15. Older Workers and Retirement: Conflicting Trends

Session organiser: John Williamson, Boston College, USA - jbw@bc.edu

16. Worlds of Difference: Qualities of Life for Older People in Developing and Developed Countries (Joint between RC11 and RC55, Social Indicators)

Session Organisers: **Jaco Hoffman (RC11)**, Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK - jacobus.hoffman@ageing.ox.ac.uk ; jaconda@iafrica.com and **Valerie Moller (RC55)**, Rhodes University, South Africa - V.Moller@ru.ac.za

17. Older People's Contributions to Societal Well-being (Joint between RC11 and RC55, Social Indicators)

Session Organisers: **Wolfgang Glatzer (RC55)**, Goethe University, Germany - Glatzer@soz.uni-frankfurt.de and **Sara Arber (RC11)**, University of Surrey, Guildford, UK - S.Arber@surrey.ac.uk

18. Aging Populations and Leisure (Joint between RC13, Sociology of Leisure, and RC11)

Session Organisers: **Ishwar Modi (RC13)**, India Institute of Social Sciences, Jaipur, India - iiiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in and **Sara Arber (RC11)**, University of Surrey, Guildford, UK - S.Arber@surrey.ac.uk

19. Aging Well and its' Societal Determinants in International Perspective (Joint between RC10, Participation, Organisational Democracy and Self-Management, and RC11)

Session Organisers: **Julia Rozanova (RC10)**, Brown University, USA - Julia_Rozanova@brown.edu and **Andreas Hoff (RC11)**, Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK - andreas.hoff@ageing.ox.ac.uk

Important Deadlines

10th November 2009

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1st January 2010

Session organisers submit details of their sessions (author names, affiliation, email, paper title, abstracts) to the Programme Coordinator.

31st January 2010

Programme Coordinator to submit full details of the RC11 session program (authors' name, affiliation, e-mail, and paper title) to ISA.

1st May 2010

Pre-registration deadline for all programme participants (presenters, chairs, discussants, etc.). Otherwise their names will not appear in the Programme Book and abstracts of their papers will not be published.

1st May 2010

Deadline for on-line submission of abstracts of accepted papers to the *Cambridge Sociological Abstracts* web site. Abstracts are only accepted by the system from those who are already registered for the Congress.

5. Details of RC11 Sessions for ISA World Congress

Gothenburg, 11-17th July 2010

1. Topic: Growing Older in Transnational Communities

Session organisers: Christina Victor, University of Reading, UK - c.r.victor@reading.ac.uk; Wendy Martin, University of Reading, UK - W.P.Martin@reading.ac.uk and Vanessa Burholt, University of Swansea, UK - v.burholt@swansea.ac.uk

Description: In recent years there has been an increasing interest in transnational networks and identities as people grow older. Globalisation is affecting older people directly or indirectly through the processes of migration, such as, people growing older in their nations of settlement, relocation to a new country during mid to later life, or experiences of adult children migrating. Transnational networks moreover highlight interconnections between nations of origin and nations of settlement, for example, in relation to economic and cultural phenomena and how experiences of families, care and support are continually being exchanged and rewritten. The aim of this symposium is to bring together a series of papers that explore the interplay of transnational networks, gender and ageing; and the lived experiences, family lives and social networks of older people living in transnational communities.

2. Topic: Gender, Ageing and the Body

Symposium organisers: Laura Hurd Clarke, University of British Columbia, Canada - laura.hurd.clarke@ubc.ca and Julia Twigg, University of Kent, UK - J.M.Twigg@kent.ac.uk

Description: Whilst it is recognized that men and women's perceptions and experiences of their ageing bodies are different there has, until recently, been limited empirical and theoretical research into gender, ageing and the body. With an increasing interest in the significance of gender to how people experience their ageing bodies, the aim of this symposium is to bring together a series of papers that highlights men and women's experiences and perceptions of growing older in gendered bodies. This symposium will therefore provide important insights into the role of masculinities and femininities as well as explore the interplay between gender, ageing and the body.

3. Topic: Cultural Representations of the Ageing Body

Symposium organisers: Wendy Martin, University of Reading, UK - W.P.Martin@reading.ac.uk and Julia Twigg, University of Kent, UK - J.M.Twigg@kent.ac.uk

Description: There has been an increasing interest in the social, cultural and biological dimensions of our bodies as we grow older. Cultural approaches have,

for example, highlighted the ways in which ageing bodies are given meaning within and by culture; and how biological processes of ageing are contingent on the social and cultural milieu in which we live. This symposium brings together a series of empirical and theoretical papers that will critically explore cultural representations of the ageing body. The aim of the symposium is therefore to highlight how ideas within culture about ageing and bodies can influence our understandings and experiences of the ageing body.

4. Topic: Aging of the Aged: The Case of the Oldest Old (80+)

Session organiser: P. K. B. Nayar, Centre for Gerontological Studies, Kochulloor, Trivandrum 695 011, India - pkbnayar@rediffmail.com ; pkbnayar@yahoo.co.in

Description: There is a tendency to treat all the old as a homogenous category and to design policies and programmes on that basis. However, the oldest old, those who are 80 years and over, are more likely to be economically more dependent, socially more deprived, psychologically more depressed and physically more disabled and diseased than the rest of the old (60-79 age group). Because of this situation, their needs and problems cannot be adequately and appropriately met by the policies and programmes designed with the young old in mind. What makes the problem critical is that, their proportion in the older population is increasing very rapidly. Over the next 4 decades, there will be a more than four-fold increase in their numbers. The session invites papers focusing on the oldest old, for example problems of family support, social-psychological support and health care support. Issues relating to the oldest old can also be examined from the point of view of the UN Principles for Older Persons - Independence, Participation, Care, Self-fulfillment and Dignity.

5. Topic: Ageing Societies and the Welfare State

Session organiser: Kathrin Komp, Department of Sociology, VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands - k.komp@fsw.vu.nl

Description: The interplay of ageing societies and the welfare state is at the centre of many contemporary debates. On the one hand, the influence of the welfare state on ageing societies is stressed, for example the influence of the welfare state on the reshaping of the life-course and on social inequalities among older persons. On the other hand, the influence of ageing societies on the welfare state is discussed, for example leading to the introduction of strategies to counter the pressure that ageing societies exert on social insurances. In the session, both kinds of causal influences will be discussed.

6. Topic: Caregiving and Carework

Session organiser: Anne Martin Matthews, University of British Columbia, Canada - amm@exchange.ubc.ca ; amm@interchange.ubc.ca

Description: The proposed session will focus on the relationship between the paid and unpaid labour of care. Papers focused on the training, recruitment and

retention of paid care workers, and the global challenges of meeting anticipated needs for care will be especially welcome.

7. Topic: The Use of Technology in Informal Care

Session organiser: Andreas Hoff, Oxford Institute of Aging, University of Oxford, UK - andreas.hoff@ageing.ox.ac.uk

Description: So-called 'smart home' technologies, health monitoring techniques and assistive technologies counterbalancing the impact of physical, cognitive, vision, and hearing impairment are beginning to revolutionise formal and informal care provision. These technologies have the potential to improve care recipients' well-being substantially. 'Telecare' technologies can also help family carers monitoring the person in their care using various sensors placed around the care recipient's home, taking immediate action if needed, without being physically present. However, gains in physical ability and greater independence may come at a high price: a less intimate caring relationship, in which the care recipient becomes monitored from a distance and 'remote-controlled'. This session will explore how the use of modern technologies changes the caring relationship between care giver and care recipient in informal care, including the benefits arising from such technologies, and the possible emergence of new risks.

8. Topic: The Intersection of Age, Gender and Ethnicity: Implications for Studies of Old Age and Elderly Care

Session organiser: Sandra Torres, Linköping University, Sweden - sandra.torres@isv.liu.se

Description: The manner in which social positions such as age, gender and ethnicity interact with one another to bring about different outcomes has been the topic of great debate for some years. Although numerous advancements have been made in the way in which gender-oriented social gerontologists study how gender mediates the process of aging and the social position(s) that old age can be, the same does not hold true for ethnicity-aware gerontologists. This session aims to shed light on the implications that the idea of intersectionality can have for studies of old age and elderly care that aim to be both gender and ethnicity-aware.

9. Topic: Grandparenting and Inter-Generational Dynamics

Session organisers: Virpi Timonen and Ciara O'Dwyer, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland - timonenv@tcd.ie

Description: Grandparents have always played an important role in family life, but over the last twenty years, many have taken on increased responsibility for their grandchildren due to changes in families and society. Conversely, the capacity of some grandparents to be involved in the lives of their grandchildren has been diminished as a result of geographical distance and divorce. Grandparents are also parents, and their relationship with their own children can have a powerful mediating impact on the quantity and quality of relationships with grandchildren. Papers for this session should be focused on some aspects of relationships

between two or more generations, and the impact of social and economic changes on these relationships.

10. Topic: Older People's Interest Representation and the Politics of Old Age

Session organisers: Martha Doyle and Virpi Timonen, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland - martha.doyle@tcd.ie timonenv@tcd.ie

Description: Older people's interest groups have been in existence for a considerable length of time in some countries (such as the United States), and are relatively new additions to the political landscape in many others. Very little is known of the key characteristics and agendas of these groups and of the old-age specific activities of other relevant actors such as trade unions; even less is known of the ways in which they seek to influence policies, the channels they utilise to exert influence, and the impact (if any) that they have on policy-making in ageing societies. The session invites papers that analyse the nature, origins, agendas and impact of interest organisations that represent older people.

11. Topic: Media and Ageing: Representation and Consumption

Session organiser: Lucie Vidovičová, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic - Lucie.Vidovic@seznam.cz

Description: In the mainstream social theories are media accounted for one of the most important agents of the reality construction. In theories dealing with ageism and age discrimination the media is considered a source of the biased images of old age and ageing in society, and is regularly accused of under-representing older people. On the other hand, it is suggested that the media can play a very important role in the removal of negative images of aged people – by changing the presented images. This session will provide empirical evidence of the ways that the media present old age and how (and if) there is change in the media consumption between cohorts and age groups in the context of ageing populations.

12. Topic: Ageism: Structures and Agency

Session organisers: Lars Andersson, Linköping University, Sweden - Lars.Andersson@isv.liu.se and Lucie Vidovičová, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic - Lucie.Vidovic@seznam.cz

Description: Although ageism is a widely used concept in social theory, policy and in public debates, there seems to be little consensus about its origins, and how to integrate its explicit and subtle expressions. This session will provide the starting point for discussions on determining structures and the agency of older people in different societies.

13. Topic: Challenges facing Researchers in Ageing in 2010

Session organiser: Susan Feldman, Healthy Ageing Research Unit, Primary Care Research, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia - Susan.Feldman@med.monash.edu.au

Description: The international community of researchers engaged in generating knowledge about the experience of growing older continues to expand, yet researchers in this field continue to face a range of challenges as they strive to undertake high quality, well funded and published research. This session will provide the opportunity for RC 11 members - experienced and emerging researchers alike, to share their experiences and offer insights into how some of the substantial challenges may be addressed at a local, national and international level.

14. Topic: Differences and Similarities in the Pace and Consequences of Population Ageing in Developed and Developing Countries

Session Organiser: László Kovács, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Oita-ken, Japan - laszlo.kovacs.1966@gmail.com

Description: The session welcomes scholars with different backgrounds both from the developing and developed part of the world with an interest in the change in the age distribution of the population and encourages potential contributors to present their research findings about demographical, sociological, psychological aspects of the growing proportion of elderly population, as well as the economical, political (in particular socio-political) connotations of the change in the age-structure of population.

15: Topic: Older Workers and Retirement: Conflicting Trends

Session organiser: John Williamson, Department of Sociology, Centre for Retirement Research, Boston College, USA - jbw@bc.edu

Description: Over recent years, older workers have been encouraged to remain in the labour market for longer and state pension/retirement ages have increased in many western countries. Age discrimination legislation, plus reductions in the value of state pensions have also encouraged delayed retirement or return to employment following formal retirement. In contrast, the looming 'global recession' may mean that older workers are the first to lose their jobs or will be encouraged to leave the labour market to 'make way' for the younger unemployed. The session will discuss the nature and implications for older people of these conflicting trends.

16. Joint session between RC11 (Sociology of Aging) and RC55 (Social Indicators) from within the RC11 session allocation - Topic: Worlds of Difference: Qualities of Life for Older People in Developing and Developed Countries

Session Organisers: Jaco Hoffman (RC11) Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK - jacobus.hoffman@ageing.ox.ac.uk ; jaconda@iafrica.com and Valerie Moller (RC55) (Past-President: International Society for Quality of Life Studies), Rhodes University, South Africa - V.Moller@ru.ac.za

Description: What it means to grow old in dignity differs according to culture, social organisation, and the level of living of a society. Gerontologists and social indicators researchers need to be aware of these differences and the challenges they pose to empowering older people living in vastly different circumstances to make the most of their social and economic environment. Efforts to assess the difficulties and opportunities by means of qualitative and quantitative assessment may be a first step to moving towards better solutions for a later life of quality in both developed and developing societies. Particularly welcomed for this session are papers reporting on assessments of quality of life of older people in their part of the world.

17. Joint session between RC55 (Social Indicators) and RC11 (Sociology of Aging) from within the RC55 session allocation - Topic: Older People's Contributions to Societal Well-being

Session Organisers: Wolfgang Glatzer (RC55), Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany - Glatzer@soz.uni-frankfurt.de and Sara Arber (RC11), University of Surrey, Guildford, UK - S.Arber@surrey.ac.uk

Session description: Older people make extensive contributions to societal well-being, for example through paid work, subsistence agriculture, voluntary work, neighbourly and community support, unpaid care for grandchildren, and unpaid care for sick/disabled family members. The session will examine the nature and extent of these contributions by older people and how they vary between developed and developing societies. Both conceptual and measurement issues will be addressed.

18. Joint session between RC13 (Sociology of Leisure) and RC11 (Sociology of Aging) from within the RC13 session allocation - Topic: Aging Populations and Leisure

Session Organisers: Ishwar Modi (RC13), India Institute of Social Sciences, Jaipur, India - iiiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in and Sara Arber (RC11), University of Surrey, Guildford, UK - S.Arber@surrey.ac.uk

Description: The aging of populations in all parts of the world is a matter of serious concern, more so, in the context of the breaking down of joint and integrated families and the growth of nuclear families. Young adults under pressure of career opportunities are moving away from home leaving older people behind, which may cause them to live lonely and isolated lives. In the absence of other adults and children in the family they are often at a loss as to how to spend their increased free time. The session will examine whether leisure can become a means for creating spaces for older people to bond with others, providing meaning to life and for utilizing their wisdom gained through life's experiences.

19. Joint session between RC10 (Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management) and RC11 (Sociology of Aging) from within the RC10 session allocation – Topic: Aging Well and its' Societal Determinants in International Perspective

Session Organisers: Julia Rozanova (RC10), Brown University, USA - Julia_Rozanova@brown.edu and Andreas Hoff, Oxford Institute of Aging, University of Oxford, UK - andreas.hoff@ageing.ox.ac.uk

Description: Increasing alarm that the graying of the population may raise societal costs of eldercare has drawn attention on factors that keep older persons independent, productive, and healthy in later life, and led to emergence of the aging-well perspective. As numerous studies found positive associations between social participation and various aspects of older adults' physical and mental health, there is an assumption that keeping busy and socially engaged is an easy and inexpensive way to age well, and whether one achieves wellness in later life is up to the individual. This session aims to deconstruct this assumption by considering diverse individual and societal determinants of a person's ability or inability to age in a healthy state. It invites papers that explore factors that may expand or constrain opportunities for aging well for men and women who may differ by race, ethnicity, class, health and disability status, and other characteristics, and who live in different social, cultural, and economic contexts. It also welcomes papers that adopt interdisciplinary approaches or make cross-cultural comparisons.

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September 2009

6. News from the RC11 Executive Board

RC11 Membership

Years in which ISA Sociology World Congresses take place are always challenging years for RC11. Organising an excellent scientific programme on the one hand and providing meeting and socialising opportunities for RC11 members as well as other participants in the RC11 programme are very important and very much at the heart of RC11. The RC11 programmes at previous ISA World Congresses were showpieces of our activities, resulting in a steady growth in membership numbers over recent years.

The fact that research on ageing has become rather popular lately must not make us complacent – we need to continue recruiting new members and encouraging old members to renew their memberships to maintain our high standards, which may be more difficult these days given the current economic climate.

In Gothenburg 2010 RC11 can take pride in yet again organising one of the more extensive programmes. Being able to organise as many as 20 sessions (15 thematic sessions, 1 business meeting, and 4 joint sessions with other Research Committees) is a result of our comparatively large membership base of currently 128 paid-up members.

However, we cannot take this for granted. We will only be eligible to have that many sessions in Gothenburg if our membership numbers don't fall below a certain level. Compared with last year we already lost 19 members – another 57 memberships are up for renewal by the end of this year!

Therefore, if your RC11 AND ISA memberships are about to expire by the end of 2009 – please renew them as soon as possible!

Bursaries to attend ISA World Congress

RC 11 has been advised by the ISA that the following guidelines apply to those members of ISA and RC 11 who are considering applying for financial support to travel to the 2010 ISA World Congress in Gothenburg:

1. *Who is eligible?*

Individual members of the ISA in good standing (i.e. having paid their individual membership fees) coming from developing countries (listed in [economies B](#) and [economies C](#)) and who play an active role in the Congress programme either as a session chair or a paper giver.

2. *What will the grants be?*

The grants can be allocated for one or more of the following items:

- Congress registration fee (available also for [economy A countries](#))
- Airfare (in full or in part)
- Accommodation (in full or in part)

3. *How to apply?*

One can apply for a grant only to one Research Committee / Working Group / Thematic Group. **Multiple applications will not be considered.**

A letter of application shall be sent before January 31, 2010 to the Programme Coordinator of the Research Committee, Working and/or Thematic Group where a paper will be presented – Sara Arber (s.arber@surrey.ac.uk) for RC11.

4. *Decisions*

The Board of each RC/WG/TG will review all applications and recommend the allocation of available funds. A list of the selected individuals will be posted at the ISA website by mid-March 2010, so that all successful applicants can register to the Congress before May 4, 2010, the deadline for early registration.

7. Procedure for electing the new RC11 Executive Board in 2010

Members of the next RC11 Executive Board (who will serve from 2010-2014) will be elected at the Business Meeting at the ISA World Congress in Gothenburg (on 14th July 2010).

There will be elections in 2010 for 6 Officer positions on the Executive Management Group (EMG) and elections for 'up to 12 Officers-at-Large'. The elections will be for the following RC11 Officer positions:

President (currently Sara Arber)

Vice President (currently Anne Martin-Matthews)

Vice President (currently Lars Andersson)

Treasurer (currently Anne Martin-Matthews, although it is proposed that this position should not be shared in future)

Secretary (currently Susan Feldman)

Newsletter Editor (currently Andreas Hoff)

The RC11 Executive Management Group (EMG) met at the IAGG Congress in Paris on 8th July, and agreed the following procedure for the next RC11 elections:

1. In February 2010, a request will be sent by email to the whole RC11 membership for nominations for EMG positions and for the 12 'Officers-at-Large' by 10th May. This request for nominations will also be circulated in the Winter RC11 Newsletter and by reminder email in mid-April, requesting nominations by 10th May 2010.
2. Each nomination should include a short paragraph about the candidate for nomination. Candidates for nomination must be paid up members of RC11 and the ISA, and the person nominating should also be a paid up member of RC11 and the ISA.
3. A list of the nominees for EMG Officer positions and for RC11 Officers-at-Large will be circulated to the RC11 membership by early June 2010.
4. Any RC11 member who is not planning to attend the 2010 World Congress will be invited to send in their votes for EMG Officers and RC11 Officers-at-Large by 1st July to the Secretary (Susan Feldman).
5. The election of EMG Officers and RC11 Officers-at-Large will take place at the RC11 Business Meeting in Gothenburg by a vote of RC11 members present at the meeting. In addition, any votes cast in advance by RC11 members not attending the World Congress will be counted together with the votes cast at the RC11 Business Meeting.

If you have any comments about these election procedures, please let me know.

Sara Arber
President RC11
September 2009

8. Other Calls for Papers

BSG 39th Annual Conference - Change of Venue to Brunel University "Identities, care and everyday life" - 6th to 8th July 2010

The BSG 2010 organising committee are delighted to announce that Brunel University, the Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies (BIAS) and the School of Health Sciences and Social Care will now be hosting the BSG 2010 conference. Brunel is conveniently located within the M25 with fast and easy access to and from London, Heathrow Airport and the motorway system.

Sub-Themes to include:

- Global Ageing
- Culture and Diversity
- Ageing Bodies
- Care and Caring
- Theoretical Perspectives
- Inter-professional Research and Practice
- Innovations in Policy and Practice
- Ethical and Philosophical Debates
- Health and Wellbeing
- Methods and methodologies

Keynote Speakers:

Helen Bartlett, Professor and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Monash University, Australia

Anne Martin-Matthews, Scientific Director and Professor, Institute of Aging, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Canada

Fiona Ross, Dean and Professor of Primary Care Nursing, St George's, University of London, UK

Julia Twigg, Professor of Social Policy and Sociology, University of Kent, UK

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- Submission of abstracts: by 29th January 2010
- Submission of symposium proposals: by 29th January 2010
- Early-bird registration, up to and including: 7 May 2010
- Full programme available: by 30 April 2010

Further details

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5th International Carers Conference – July 2010



**5th international
carers
conference new frontiers in caring: 2010 and beyond**
Thursday 8th July, Opening Reception | Friday 9th July – Sunday 11th July 2010, Conference
Royal Armouries, Leeds, UK

[Who should attend](#) | [Why you should attend](#) | [Make a submission](#) | [Book your place](#)

5th International Carers Conference

Thursday 8th July, Opening Reception | 9th - 11th July 2010, Conference
Royal Armouries, Leeds, UK | www.carersconference.com

Conference themes

- Health, Social Care and Well-being Services
- Caring and Employment
- Technology, Design and the Built Environment
- Financial and Legal Planning, Products and Services

The [5th International Carers Conference](#) - New Frontiers in Caring: 2010 and Beyond, is taking place in Leeds on 8th - 11th July 2010

It will bring together the international community of researchers, practitioners and those with an interest in caring to debate critical issues and exchange expertise and experience.

First Call for Abstracts – 31 December 2009

The conference is an opportunity for academics and practitioners to showcase their research or practice to an international audience in workshops and poster sessi.

[Submit an abstract for consideration](#)

Booking your place

We are now taking bookings for the conference. You can book your place via the [website](#) or you can download the [registration form](#) and fax it to us on +44 20 7490 8830.

Answers to frequently asked questions are available to view on www.carersconference.com or you can **call Nikki Insley on +44 20 7324 4357.**

We look forward to seeing you in July next year.

The conference is organised by Carers UK and supported by the University of Leeds, Yorkshire Forward and Leeds Conferencing.

9. Work in Progress: Homeshare International



What is Homeshare?

Homeshare is an exchange of housing for help. A householder offers accommodation to a homesharer in exchange for an agreed level of support. The householder may need help with tasks, or income from a modest rent, or a combination of both. Homeshare also provides security and companionship.

Homeshare is a very flexible concept. It can meet many needs and be adapted to different countries, cultures and circumstances. Homeshare benefits:

- Older people
- Young people, including students
- People living with a disability
- Single parents
- People who need additional income
- The community as a whole

Homeshare programmes are generally run by non-profit organisations, although some are run by universities or local authorities.

Where are Homeshare programmes?

There are active programmes in the USA, Canada, the U.K., France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Italy, Australia and New Zealand. Homeshare International via its International Advisory Group network keeps the Directory of Programmes on its website up to date, see www.homeshare.org

Homeshare International

Founded in the UK in 1999, Homeshare International aims to forge links between existing programmes and to stimulate the development of new programmes. We aim to:

- Provide a link between all Homeshare programmes around the world, enabling them to share information;
- Run the biennial World Homeshare Congress;
- Raise awareness of Homeshare and its potential among professionals, politicians, and policy makers;
- Stimulate the setting up of new programmes;
- Support and encourage good practice in running programmes;
- Encourage potential householders and homesharers to join the programmes;
- Encourage and facilitate research on the contribution that Homeshare can make and the barriers faced by Homeshare in different countries.

1st World Homeshare Congress 2009

Held in July 2009 in Paris, and attended by 42 delegates from 8 different countries. The meeting opened with a keynote on the future of intergenerational relationships from Claudine Attias-Donfut of CNAV, France and Malcolm Johnson's "Homeshare – the time has come" set the stage. Current research presentations from Köln, Melbourne, Vermont, Padova and U.K. were followed by workshops on risk, barriers, start-up challenges and marketing, including the use of the internet. A "presentation on a memory stick" from Minnesota giving details of the St Croix programme which has been set up as a "for profit" Homeshare programme. A draft Homeshare Charter was agreed, and a second Congress will be held in 2011.

Who's Who

Homeshare International is run by **Elizabeth Mills OBE** of Oxford, U.K., supported by a board of Trustees. The current Trustees are:

Professor Malcolm Johnson (Chairman), Bristol U.K., **Nan Maitland** (President and Founder), London, U.K., **Hilary Todd**, Oxford, U.K., **Dr Martin Beck**, Tübingen, Germany, **Beris Campbell**, Melbourne, Australia, **Jeremy Porteus**, U.K., **Alan Burnett**, U.K., **Alain de Penfentenyo**, Paris, France

The charity also has the benefit of an International Advisory Group, who provide information and support for the charity. The current IAG members are:

Josep Solans, Viure i Conviure, Barcelona, Spain; **Stella Antonio**, ISCSP, Portugal; **Angela Catley**, UK Homeshare Association, U.K.; **Typhaine de Penfentenyo**, Ensemble3Génération, France; **Helmut Berghaus**, Wohnen für Hilfe, University of Köln, Germany; **Carmel Hurst**, Wesley Homeshare, Melbourne, Australia; **Kirby Dunn**, Vermont Homeshare, U.S.A.; **Angelo Mussoni**, University of Padua, Italy

How you can help

We are constantly updating the information on our website. There are several ways in which Homeshare International would appreciate your help:

1. If you are aware of any Homeshare programmes in your country, please could you let us have contact information so that we can ensure that they are included in our Programme Directory; we are particularly keen to know about programmes in the Netherlands, Scandinavia and the accession countries of the EU, and further afield in Africa, South America and Asia.
2. If you, or a colleague, is interested in setting up a Homeshare programme, we will be delighted to provide advice and materials

Elizabeth Mills OBE
Director, Homeshare International

September 2009

Homeshare International is a charity registered with the Charity Commission no. 1081517

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10. New Positions

From *The Globe and Mail*, Canada's national newspaper 26 April 2009

Dr. Susan McDaniel

The University of Lethbridge is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Susan McDaniel as Director of the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy, and Prentice Research Chair. The Prentice Institute is housed at the University of Lethbridge and founded, thanks to a multi-million donation from the late Dr. John Prentice and his family, to promote research of big-picture issues relating to global population change and demographics.

Dr. McDaniel is an internationally recognized sociology researcher and demographics expert. A former Alberta resident, she was most recently Senior Scholar at the Institute of Public and International Affairs, and Professor of Family and Consumer Studies at the University of Utah. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the recipient of many research and teaching awards, including the University of Alberta's University Cup, for an outstanding record of excellence in both research and teaching.

Dr. McDaniel joins the University of Lethbridge on July 1, 2009, as Professor in the Department of Sociology, in addition to her five-year appointment as Prentice Institute Director. As well as being heavily involved in research, graduate education and research leadership, Dr. McDaniel will also contribute to the undergraduate teaching program at the University of Lethbridge.

11. Publications

Edmondson, Ricca & von Kondratowitz, Hans-Joachim (Eds.) (2009) Valuing Older People. Bristol: Policy Press.

How can we understand older people as real human beings, value their wisdom, and appreciate that their norms and purposes both matter in themselves and are affected by those of others? Using a life-course approach, "Valuing older people" argues that the complexity and potential creativity of later life demand a humanistic vision of older people and ageing. It acknowledges the diversity of experiences of older age and presents a range of contexts and methodologies through which they can be understood. Ageing is a process of creating meaning carried out by older people, and is significant for those around them. This book, therefore, considers the impact of social norms and political and economic structures on older people's capacities to age in creative ways. What real obstacles are there to older people's construction of meaningful lives? What is being achieved when they feel they are ageing well? This collection, aimed at students, researchers, practitioners and policy-makers, offers a lively and constructive response to contemporary challenges involving ageing and how to understand it.

Connidis, Ingrid Arnet (2010) Family Ties & Aging, 2nd ed. LA: Pine Forge Press/Sage.

This new and advanced textbook provides an integrated and thorough representation of what we know from the current research. Whereas books on families and aging have traditionally focused on ties to a spouse and to children and grandchildren, this Second Edition of Family Ties & Aging is more extensive and more reflective of contemporary society. This text includes groups and relationships that typically receive short shrift, exploring such neglected populations as single, divorced, and childless older people and their family relationships, as well as sibling relationships among the elderly, live-in partnerships not formalized by marriage, and the kinds of family ties forged by gay and lesbian persons over the life course. This Second Edition weaves the vast range of information we now have about the many facets of family relationships and aging into a critical, comprehensive, and integrated whole. New to the Second Edition Updated chapters include research and theoretical developments in the field since publication of the First Edition Media coverage of related issues will be part of this updated edition New topics are covered, such as: Intimate relationships in later life; Gay and lesbian partnerships; Sibling ties; Elder neglect/abuse; and Theoretical developments The entire book has been edited to further enhance its readability Intended Audience : Family Ties & Aging, Second Edition is an ideal textbook for upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses such as Families & Aging, Sociology of Aging, or Introduction to Gerontology in Family Studies, Sociology, or Gerontology departments.

12. Conference Planner 2009/2010

Next, I compiled a list of conferences broadly related to ageing, covering a global range of countries and issues. I am particularly grateful to those of you who provided me with information on upcoming conferences.

- October 7-9, 2009 Wellington, New Zealand
New Zealand Association of Gerontology & Age Concern New Zealand Conference 2009
<http://www.gerontology.org.nz/conference.html>

- October 22-24, 2009 Winnipeg, Canada
Canadian Association on Gerontology 38th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting
http://www.cagacg.ca/conferences/400_e.php

- October 30, 2009 Lisbon, Portugal
International Workshop on the Socio-Economics of Ageing
<http://pascal.iseg.utl.pt/~armindo/ageing/>

- November 4-6, 2009 Tripoli, Lebanon
Middle East Congress on Age, Ageing and Alzheimer's
<http://www.meama.com/secondconference/index.htm>

- November 13-14, 2009 Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador
International Congress on Longevity Medicine
<http://www.longevidadecuador.com/>

- November 18-20, 2009 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
2009 Quetelet Seminar "Population Policies in Europe and in North America"
Contact: isabelle.theys@uclouvain.be

- November 18-22, 2009 Atlanta, U.S.A.
62nd GSA Annual Scientific Meeting
<http://www.geron.org/Annual%20Meeting>

- November 25-27, 2009 Canberra, Australia
Australian Association of Gerontology 42nd National Conference
<http://www.aagconference.com/>

- December 3-5, 2009 Orlando, U.S.A.
7th International Council on Active Aging Conference
<http://www.icaa.cc/convention.htm>

- December 4-6, 2009 Kolkata, India
ARDSICON09: XVth National Conference of Alzheimer's & Related Disorders Society of India
<http://www.ardsikolkata.org/>
- December 13-15, 2009 Miami Beach, U.S.A.
18th WFN World Congress on Parkinson's Disease & Related Disorders
<http://www2.kenes.com/parkinson/pages/home.aspx>

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- January 31-February 5, 2010 Tahoe City, U.S.A.
New Insights into Healthspan and Diseases of Aging: From Molecular to Functional Senescence
<http://www.keystonesymposia.org/meetings/ViewMeetings.cfm?MeetingID=1069>
- February 8-12, 2010 Sarasota, U.S.A.
Geriatrics: A Primary Care Approach to the Aging Population
<http://www.ams4cme.com/>
- March 4-7, 2010 Reno, U.S.A.
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Annual Meeting
<http://www.aghe.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=40634&PID=500208>
- March 16-20, 2010 Chicago, U.S.A.
Annual Conference of the National Council on Aging and the American Society on Aging
<http://www.agingconference.org/AiA10/index.cfm>
- April 28-30, 2010 Antalya, Turkey
4th International Social and Applied Gerontology Symposium in Turkey
<http://www.gerontoloji2010.com/>
- May 3-6, 2010 Melbourne, Australia
International Federation on Ageing (IFA) 10th Global Conference
<http://www.ifa2010.org/>
- May 27-30, 2010 Vancouver, Canada
International Society for Gerontechnology 7th World Conference
<http://www.sfu.ca/grc/isg2010/>
- July 6-8, 2010 Brunel, London, UK
39th Annual Conference of the British Society of Gerontology
www.bsq2010brunel.org.uk

- July 8-11, 2010 Leeds, UK
5th International Carers Conference
<http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/sh259/>

- July 9-11, 2010 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
5th JAPAN-ASEAN Conference on Men's Health & Aging
<http://www.japanaseanmenshealth2010.com/>

- July 11-17, 2010 Gothenburg, Sweden
RC11 'Sociology of Aging' at the XVIIth ISA World Congress of Sociology
<http://www.rc11-sociology-of-aging.org/conferences>

- October 14-17, 2010 Palermo, Italy
7th European Congress of Biogerontology
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- November 19-23, 2010 New Orleans, U.S.A.
63rd GSA Annual Scientific Meeting
<http://www.geron.org>

13. Outlook

That's it for the moment. I hope, you enjoyed reading this newsletter and it contained information useful for you. As always, I look forward to receiving your comments on this newsletter and your suggestions on how to improve future editions. Furthermore, I would really appreciate any electronic images of older people you could send me for inclusion in our new homepage.

With my warmest regards,

Andreas