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**International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics
Asia / Oceania Region**

Vision

“
To be one of the main stakeholders promoting healthy and active aging in the region with the highest number of older adults in the world
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Mission

- Promote active coordination between members and organizations in the region through education, research and other relevant participations.
- Facilitate and implement the global policies on aging from the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics and World Health Organization

Initiatives

- Strengthen the existing education activities and make them available for young scholars to participate, e.g., Gary Andrews Academy Workshop, Master Class on Aging, etc.
- Actively search and invite any potential national organizations in gerontology and geriatrics in the region to be new members of the IAGG Asia/Oceania Region
- Create a friendly-environment for all members to share, participate and contribute to the advancement of every discipline without any barrier.
- Work with the Local Organising Committee to ensure a successful IAGG Asia Oceania Regional Conference to be held in Taipei, Taiwan, in October 2019.
- Support growth in the number of IAGG student and early career researcher groups (IAGG Council of Student Organisations) within the Region.



Prof. Prasert Assantachai :
Chairman, Asia / Oceania IAGG



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Executive Officer, Asia/Oceania IAGG



Myanmar

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13
January
2018

Symposium on “ Active Ageing and Geriatric Care ; Myanmar Perspectives ”

The objectives of the symposium

[a]

to share
current local, regional and
international situations of
elderly population and
problems of geriatric care

[b]

to share
current activities
of geriatric care in
Myanmar

[c]

to learn
the experience of other
countries on geriatric care

[d]

to suggest
and recommend the
short term and long term
strategic plans for better
care of elderly people
in Myanmar.



Date 13th January 2018

Venue Lecture Theater, Department of Medical Research,
Ministry of Health and Sports, Yangon

Opening speech by HE Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe

Welcome speech by Prof. Ne Win, President,
Myanmar Academy of Medical Science.

Foreign speakers: Prof. Prasert Assantachai (Thailand),
Dr. David Yong (Singapore)

認知症国際アジア会議in加賀

Japan

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17-18
February
2018

“ The Dementia International Asian Meeting in Kaga, Japan ”

Date: 17 – 18 February, 2018 in Kaga City, Ishikawa, Japan, hosted by Kaga City Executive Committee and supported by “ Association of Local Government for Citizens, Welfare of Japan ”

Kaga City aimed to have the reputation as the leading-edge community in the most-advanced prevention as well as care system in Japan.

For this purpose, the organizing committee invited some leading experts; physicians, researchers, etc., from Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan and from the UK which was the partner country for Dementia Supporter Caravan, Japan.

Speakers : Prof. Dr.Prasert Assantachai (Thailand), Prof. Dr.Weerasak Muangpaisan (Thailand), Dr. Charles Alessi (UK), Dr. Jacqueline Dominguez (Philippines), Prof. Jae-Hong Lee (South Korea), Speakers from Japan (Prof. Manabu Ikeda, Prof. Masaru Mimura, Prof. Masahito Yamada) Participants: 200 persons



The meeting focused on the aspects of how to diagnose as MCI, prevention against MCI and other future issues and perspectives. Round-table discussion, presentation and symposium were organized. The audience were those who related to dementia care, administrative officers (local governments), companies and citizens.

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Thailand

27-29
May
2018

The 9th Asian / 1st Southeast Asian Master Class on Ageing 2018.
Date 27 – 29 May, 2018 at Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital,
Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand.





This MCA was financially supported by the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) . The main theme of the class was “ Dementia Care for Older People ”.

The purpose of this “training for the trainer course” is to cultivate the finest young geriatricians in Asia with research potential and to form networking. It had been held for 8 classes, mainly in East Asia. Professor Dr. Jean-Pierre Michel, the editor of the latest version of Oxford Textbook of Geriatric Medicine, Professor Liang-Kung Chen (Taiwan) and Professor Hidenori Arai (Japan), are the main tutors of this class since then.

The 9th MCA would be slightly different from the previous classes since it paid more attention to recruit more delegates from Southeast Asian countries. So, this year activity would be, also, the 1st Southeast Asian MCA.

The executive board 2018 – 2021 of The IAGG Southeast Asia Academy in Geriatrics was also established in this meeting.



Apart from class teaching, case discussion and research appraisal were also the main activities of the class. So, each delegate had to propose his/her research draft for appraisal by the tutors.

The tutors are : Prof. Jean-Pierre Michel (Switzerland), Prof. Liang-Kung

Chen (Taiwan), Prof. Masahiro Akishita (Japan), Prof. Chang Won Won (Korea), Professor Prasert Assantachai (Thailand), Professor Philip Poi (Malaysia), Professor Reshma Merchant (Singapore), Prof. Weerasak Muangpaisan (Thailand) Assoc. Prof. Varalak Srinonprasert (Thailand).

IAGG Southeast Asia Academy in Geriatrics

1st Master Class on Ageing – Bangkok, 2018, May 27-29

26 participants from 11 South Asian countries

Election of the Executive board 2018-2021

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Proposals for the next Master Classes

Country	Organizer	Period
Philippines	Prof Miguel Ramos	2019
Malaysia	Prof Philippe Poi	2020
Vietnam	Prof Thang Pham	2021

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Obituary for Prof. Hal Kendig



The Australian Association of Gerontology are sad to announce that our esteemed colleague and friend, Professor Hal Kendig an international leader in gerontology, died on Sunday June 3 . Hal had been unwell for some time, but he did not let that stop him in his commitment to gerontology.

Hal was a Life Member of the Australian Association of Gerontology, in recognition of his long and powerful influence in shaping a national discourse on ageing, and in advocating for the needs and rights of older people and for a life course approach to ageing well. He was a passionate researcher, and a highly respected transdisciplinary scholar.

Hal's most powerful and enduring influence is in the people he inspired. So many people have gratitude to Hal for his generosity and encouragement, and his personal and professional support. He has generously supported a new generation of researchers with his time and expertise, that positions gerontology research in Australia well to continue to lead and push boundaries in this important area.

Hal's international work included multiple research collaborations, and key roles as an expert and advisor. He was Chair of the Social Research, Policy and Planning Committee of the International Association of Gerontology (Asia-Oceania) for many years, a role that included oversight in the Asia Oceania regional conferences, including the two most recent and successful conferences in Melbourne and Chiang Mai. At the 2015 Asia

Oceania Regional Conference in Chiang Mai, Hal received an award for his outstanding services to the region. Hal was a sought after key note speaker at many international conferences, and frequent advisor to the World Health Organization and other groups focused on the causes of older people. In addition, there were many international collaborations and projects, with a particular focus within the Asia Oceania region, that Hal had lead and advisory roles in.

Hal was an engaging and generous collaborator and a dedicated mentor to many gerontology researchers in Australia and around the world. His commitment was tireless, and his investments in guiding and developing future generations of researchers will benefit Australia and gerontology world-wide for decades to come.

On behalf of the international gerontology research community, we take this opportunity to reflect on Hal's strong contributions and impact. The Australian Association of Gerontology is holding a special memorial event in Canberra on Friday 24th August to celebrate the contributions of Professor Kendig to gerontology nationally and internationally over many years. While the invitation to attend the event is open to all Hal's former colleagues and friends, we recognize for many international colleagues such as yourselves that attendance is unlikely to be possible.



However, if you wanted to, there is an opportunity to send a message of tribute that will be displayed on the Australian Association of Gerontology website.

A message can be submitted via the following

Link

https://www.aag.asn.au/forms/command/display_form?formID=78

Vietnam

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August
2018

Vietnam Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (VAGG):

- Established on August 3rd 2018
- Professor PHAM THANG - Director of National Geriatric Hospital of Viet Nam - was elected Chairman of VAGG
 - 4 vice - Chair: Prof NGUYEN Duc Cong, Prof NGUYEN van Tri, Dr NGUYEN Trung Anh and Mr TRINH Dinh Hieu

- General Secretary: Dr BUI Thuc Quang, PhD, MD
 - Executive Board of VAGG consists of 21 members.
 - Introduction Ceremony of Executive Board of VAGG will be held on September 7th 2018, at the same time of The 1st Vietnam National Conference on Dementia.



Some interesting topics in this national conference:

- Dementia: A worldwide and urgent public health challenge. by Prof. Jean-Pierre Michel_Director, IAGG Federation of Geriatric Education.

- Management of dementia behavioral symptom. by Prof. Ladson Hinton_Director of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of California.

- Common co-morbidities among older people with dementia. by Prof. Prasert Assantachai_Chair of Asia-Oceania IAGG, Mahidol University, Thailand

- Caregiver burden in Alzheimer's disease in Vietnam. by Dr. Nguyen Bich Ngoc, National Geriatric Hospital, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Taiwan

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24-27
October
2019



11th IAGG Asia/Oceania Regional Congress 2019

Welcome to the 11th International Association of Gerontology
and Geriatrics Asia/Oceania Regional Congress!



Health & Wellbeing in the Silver World:
From Bench to Policy
Taipei International Convention Center
24-27 October 2019



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