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**Research Forum:** meeting with Researchers, Policy makers and Civil society



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# The Research Forum: Background



- **Valencia-Forum** (April 2-4) The International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) and the UN Program on Ageing sponsored by the Valencia Government, convened an expert workshop:
  - Research Agenda on Ageing (address by the IAG and by UN Program on Ageing) were proposed (IAG, 3003).
  - Political Declaration stated at the the Madrid Assembly on Ageing
- **Barcelona Workshop**, (July 2003), immediately after the Fifth European Congress of Gerontology, a Workshop reviewed the challenges and opportunities of ageing in the UN ECE region and identified the most pressing policy related research priorities on ageing for the region as they relate to the UN ECE RIS. (Andrews et al., 2006)
- **RIS (Regional Implementation Strategy)**(Sponsored by the Austrian Government) has continue working on the implementation of the MIPAA

# The Research Forum: Objectives



- To review the progress in addressing the research priorities on ageing in Europe that were identified in the Research Agenda for Europe (Barcelona, 2003);
- To promote collaboration between the researchers and policy makers in the implementation of UN ECE RIS; and
- To facilitate collaboration and exchange of information between the researchers in the UN ECE region, paying particularly attention to the CIS countries.

# The Research Forum: 10 Priorities for Research on Ageing within the European Region

(from Barcelona Workshop, Andrews, et al., 2006)



1. Images of and attitudes to ageing
2. Existing and new models for engaging older people in the political process to promote mainstreaming of ageing
3. Dynamics and consequences of poverty in old age
4. Social security systems – alternatives and cross national variations
5. Mechanisms of withdrawal of older workers from labour market and incentives for continuing employment in older age
6. Evaluation of training and re-training programmes with regard to their ability to support continuing and new employment of workers of different age
7. Quality of life and maintenance of independent living in community and institutional environment
8. Gender inequality and gender differences in ageing
9. Coping strategies for dealing with the social and economic consequences of demographic changes
10. Promotion of healthy life styles, including programmes of intervention for life extension

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# The Research Forum: Structure



- One day meeting (Pre- Conference at the same time NGOs Forum)
- Two Morning and Afternoon sessions:

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- **First Morning Session:**
  - In the first part of the meeting, a group of participants will review the progress in addressing the ten top priorities on ageing, identify obstacles, and suggest further actions towards the implementation of the Research Agenda on ageing in the UN ECE region.
- **Second Afternoon Session:**
  - Open forum will be held to present to the wider audience the review of regional efforts to address the ten top research priorities on ageing in the ECE region

# The Research Forum:

## Reduced List of Priorities for Research



- 1 + 8: Images of and attitudes to ageing (including gender and cultural dimensions).
- 3 + 4: Socio-economic security in later life (including evaluation of measures to combat poverty).
- 5 + 6 Continuing employment in later life. Factors determining employment in later life and effectiveness of training and re-training programmes for older workers
- 7 Dimensions of quality of life and well-being in old age: bio-medical, behavioural, psychological, social, economic, environmental and cultural.
- 9+10: Promoting healthy life styles, protective factors and coping strategies for preventing disability

# The Research Forum: Attendants



- Focal Points on Ageing in the governments of the UN ECE region.
- Researchers and Experts from the National Mission.
- Researchers/experts from Scientific organizations
- Policy makers (translation research on policies)
- Research managers (importance of funds)
- NGOs

# The Research Forum: Pending issues



- Who invite attendants and speakers
- Finances
- Outline for speakers (emphasizing evaluation issues)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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