Division 7: Applied Gerontology

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❖ *Foreword*



Dear members,

Following the publication of the proposal for Division 7 in the September IAAP newsletter, I received several feedbacks from Division members—including some who had selected Division 7 as their second or third choice.

Some colleagues have proposed adding specific topics—e.g., *Gerotechnology*—as key themes to be addressed within the Division's activities.

As outlined in the proposal, this newsletter includes information on meetings, webinars, research projects, and journals relevant to those engaged in research or professional practice within the field of Applied Geropsychology.

In this first issue, the information is limited to what I have personally been able to gather over the past months. I encourage members to send me information on these topics, which I will then include in the next newsletters.

We will also include jobs openings in psychological disciplines, which may be useful for younger members or for those looking to relocate to work in other countries.

The goal, shared with the President-elect Urmi Nanda Biswas, is to build an international community of IAAP members working in the field of geropsychology who share information and projects through the channel of the Association to which they belong.

I look forward to your feedback!

With my best regards

Santo Di Nuovo

Documents

- Proposal of activities for Division 7

Around the world: Events and resources regarding Applied Geropsychology

❖ Meetings

As we look ahead through 2026, some big events relevant for our Division have been held:

• **23rd IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics** | **Amsterdam**, Netherlands (July 5–8, 2026) – Focusing on "Ageing well in a globalised world." – link to congress homepage

• **31st International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP 2026)** | **Florence**, Italy (July 21–25, 2026) – Our association's flagship congress, offered a platform for our Division's symposia and joint initiatives. Several members of our Division participated by presenting papers, talks and posters.
If they would like to share their presentations, we can include the links in the next newsletter.

• **World Aging & Longevity Conference** (WALC 2026) | **Tokyo**, Japan & Online (**October 8–10, 2026**) – Dedicated to global strategies for healthy aging. LINK

Next **WALC conference** will be held in **London** (**September 22-27, 2027**) – registration and call for abstracts are open - LINK

• **Global Summit on Aging and Longevity** | Tokyo & Virtual (**November 9–10, 2026**) – Bridging clinical practice, cognitive health, and longevity infrastructure. LINK

Geriatric Psychology Conferences
Geriatric Psychology Conferences is an indexed listing of upcoming meetings, seminars, congresses, workshops, programs, continuing CME courses, trainings, summits, and weekly, annual or monthly symposiums. The website page lists relevant events for national/international researchers, scientists, scholars, professionals, engineers, exhibitors, sponsors, academic, scientific and university practitioners to attend and present their research activities.

Geriatric Psychology Conferences in USA are listed at this LINK.

❖ Training courses and webinars

International Continuing Education and E-Learning Programs
Appropriate for practicing professionals and researchers seeking certifications or flexible modules focused on healthy and pathological aging.

• **IAGG e-TRIGGER AFMEE Course** - Organized directly by the *International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG)*, this is an intensive international e-training program structured into 12 interactive monthly online sessions led by global experts. It grants an official IAGG certificate focusing on clinical practice and leadership in the care of older adults. WEBSITE

• **CoPGTP Certification & Programs** - The *Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs (CoPGTP)* is the international body for training based on the *Pikes Peak Model* (the competency standard for geriatric psychologists). It welcomes international members and provides access to post-licensure training programs, internships, and specialized modules in clinical geropsychology. WEBSITE

• **Psychology of Older Age: Gerontology** (Training Express UK) - A Continuing Professional Development accredited online course focusing on psychological and emotional development in old age, the management of mental health disorders in later life, and psychosocial and spiritual support at the end of life. WEBSITE

• **Psychological Intervention in the Elderly** (TECH Global University) - An entirely online postgraduate advanced training course focused on practical and theoretical tools for clinical psychological intervention with older adults, featuring specific modules on cognitive aging and the prevention of pathological decline. WEBSITE

In next Newsletters we will present high-level joint and international Master's Degrees (Postgraduate), and Research Training Schools (particularly focused on Methodology and Statistics).
Members are invited to share information about other international training courses open in 2026-'27.

Webinars

We would like to announce that a dedicated **Division 7 webinar is planned by IAAP for Autumn 2027**, and we welcome members' proposals for collaborative research and topics.

On **Saturday, November 28, 2026 at 10:00 - 12:00 (GMT-5)** the IAAP Division 15 (Students & Early Career Psychologists) organises an inter-division webinar on **"Discovering Diverse Paths in Psychology."** Within this webinar the president of Division 7 will present the use of Assistive Robotics in psychological assessment and treatment, reporting examples related to applied gerontology, while also offering insights applicable to other developmental and applied contexts. Updates on Division 15 Webpage.

❖ Research projects

Several ongoing international initiatives and research consortia focus on longevity and healthy aging. These platforms offer excellent opportunities for networking, data sharing, and international collaboration:

• **UN Decade of Healthy Ageing Knowledge Platform** (2021–2030): A global collaborative hub led by the WHO. Members can register as experts, share psychological intervention outcomes, and access worldwide resources and database on ageism. LINK

• **The WHO Clinical Consortium on Healthy Ageing (CCHA)** An international clinical consortium focused on developing standards and guidelines for assessing the intrinsic capacity (cognitive, psychological, and locomotor) of older adults, while promoting the ICOPE (*Integrated Care for Older People*) model. LINK

• **SHARE Dataset (Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe):** This multidisciplinary and longitudinal research infrastructure provides open-access data on cognitive health, mental well-being, and socio-emotional factors of aging for cross-national studies. LINK

• **Healthy Longevity Global Grand Challenge:** An international initiative by the U.S. National Academy of Medicine and worldwide partners (e.g., Europe, Japan, Singapore and Chile), periodically offering funding for transformative ideas in healthy lifespan extension. LINK

We encourage our members to leverage these global networks to enhance the visibility of studies in applied geropsychology.

❖ Journals

In this section, we aim to identify the main scientific Journals dedicated to Geropsychology, as well as those that, while taking an interdisciplinary approach to aging, also feature articles that employ psychological methods and content. In this first newsletter we list some leading international Journals specialised in both normal and pathological aging, with indication of promoting publishers, Impact Factor and links to their webpages.

Core Journals of Geropsychology and Psychology of Aging:

- **Psychology and Aging** (American Psychological Association – I.F. 3.6) WEBSITE
- **The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences** (Oxford University Press / GSA – I.F. 3.6) WEBSITE
- **The Gerontologist** (Oxford University Press / GSA – 3.9) WEBSITE

Journals focused on pathological aging, mental health and neuropsychology

- **International Psychogeriatrics** (Cambridge University Press / IPA – I.F. 6.0) WEBSITE
- **Aging & Mental Health** (Taylor & Francis – I.F. 2.9) WEBSITE
- **Aging, Neuropsychology, and Cognition - A Journal on Normal and Dysfunctional Development** (Taylor & Francis – I.F. 1.6) WEBSITE
- **Aging, Neuropsychology and Cognition** (Taylor & Francis – I.F. 2.0) WEBSITE
- **Alzheimer's & Dementia** (Wiley / Alzheimer's Association – I.F. 13.0) WEBSITE

All the listed journals follow a *hybrid model* (offering the option of traditional publication—free for the authors and paid for by the readers via subscription—or *Open Access*, for payment by the authors), except **Alzheimer's & Dementia**, which has become fully OA.

Several other journals publish articles on topics related to Geropsychology; these will be highlighted in next newsletters—suggestions from members are also welcome (please specify the indexing for each journal, as well as whether it is open access or requires a publication fee).

❖ Publications

- Robert Morgan, founding president of Division 7, highlights his "Time" book series (available now on Amazon) as well as his most recent release, "Transitions from the Tapestry: Lives in the Last Lane"
- Urmi Nanda Biswas, Dean of Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi, and President-elect of IAAP Division 7, presented a talk on "*The Longevity Revolution: Triumph or Tragedy, a Case of India*" on October 8th 2026 at the Conference "*Synergising Education, Psychology and Behaviometrics*", held in Vadodara, Gujarat - India. For more information about the presentation contact prof. Urmi Nanda Biswas at the address: unbiswas@psychology.du.ac.in
- An Italian research group published an OA article on "Investigating the multidimensional structure of apathy in cognitive decline: An exploratory Network Analysis of the Apathy Evaluation Scale". *The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, 34* (4), 2026, Pages 450-461. LINK
- "Aging: challenges and opportunities for inclusion and active participation, volume II" was published in August, 2026 on the *Health Psychology* section of *Frontiers in Psychology*. The Editorial contains the links to the articles collected in the section. LINK

Members are invited to share links to recent publications, provided they are in Open Access format.

❖ Work positions

- Faculty position in Psychology: LINK
- Faculty vacancies in Psychology and Neurobiology: LINK

Members who wish to contribute to the newsletter by sharing events, meetings, projects, links to publications, or job openings, may send them to the following email address: s.dinuovo@unict.it

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