

**Gerontechnology 2002 Conference
November 9-12, 2002, Miami Beach:
'Creative Use of Technology for Better Aging.'**
The International Society for Gerontechnology will hold its 4th International conference in Miami Beach, Florida on November 9-12, 2002. The location is the Wyndham Miami Beach Resort, an oceanfront hotel in the South Beach area. You can tour the hotel on the web at: <http://www.wyndham.com/MiamiBeachResort/default.cfm>

We've negotiated very favourable room rates of \$175 USD / night (taxes excluded) at the Wyndham. The conference fee is \$395 USD for registration before July 1, 2002, (\$495 USD after that date) and includes an opening reception, coffee breaks, a lunch, and a banquet meal. Student (and Seniors) registration is \$150 USD. We are in the process of arranging a second banquet dinner option.

The theme for the conference is "Creative Use of Technology for Better Aging." The local conference committee is Dr. Neil Charness, Florida State University, Dr. Sara Czaja, University of Miami, Dr. Arthur D. Fisk, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Dr. Wendy Rogers, Georgia Institute of Technology. Margaret (Maggie) Dunaway, Center for Professional Development at the Florida State University, is the conference coordinator. Registrations can be sent to her at:

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The format for the conference will be keynote addresses, symposia, paper sessions, and poster sessions. Florida, with over 18% of its population age 65+, is a wonderful test

bed for gerontechnology. We cordially invite you to share Florida's sunshine and warm hospitality during the 4th International Congress. For further details, see the ISG web site: <http://www.gerontechnology.org/> Keynote addresses and special symposia will appear in this Journal.

Neil Charness, Congress Chair

Gerontechnology Education Network In Europe (GENIE)

GENIE has 45 partner Institutes for higher learning originating from 18 different European countries. GENIE is coordinated by Delft University of Technology (Marijke C. Dekker & Johan F.M. Molenbroek), Delft, Netherlands, and funded as a 3 year Thematic Network in the Socrates Program of the European Commission.

GENIE has facilitated introducing Gerontechnology in higher education by producing a web-based Learning Map for teachers and students. The Map includes topics on ageing, lifestyle, design, technology, methodology, demographics, and case studies of existing products and services.

The European subsidy for the GENIE-project has been ended on September 1, 2001. Currently possibilities for further funding are investigated to maintain and extend the Learning Map. See: www.gerontechnology.org/genie

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The International Society for Gerontechnology (ISG)

The International Society for Gerontechnology (President: Vappu Taipale MD) has been established in 1997 as a non-profit organisation for promoting gerontechnology as a forum for discussion and action and for promoting interdisciplinary projects in all coun-

tries and across boundaries. Following the 1st international conference in Eindhoven (1991) and the 2nd in Helsinki (1996), the ISG has taken the responsibility for a regular series of international Gerontechnology conferences: Munich (1999), Miami (2002), and probably Japan (2005).

The objectives of the ISG include:

- The promotion of cultural and scientific, international exchanges among engineers, researchers, designers, architects, and professionals in industry and in the field of comfort, welfare and health for the ageing and aged;
- The encouragement of the creation of international research networks;
- The promotion of international experiments of an applied nature, in order to reinforce international potentialities in gerontechnology and to participate in their assessment;
- The promotion of international programmes in gerontechnology;
- The reinforcement of the participation of engineers, vocational professionals, administrators and industrial management in specific educational training courses in the domain of gerontechnology;
- The co-operation, closely with all similar international organisations and with all national bodies, governmental and non-governmental, concerned with gerontechnology;
- Involving older citizens and their organizations in all relevant activities.

To reach these objectives, the following six standing committees have been established: Publication; Internal and External Communication; Education; Research, Design and Development, Industrial Relations; and Conferences. The committees formulate and implement working plans thus supporting the tasks of the Council of the Society. The primary objective of the Council itself is the further development and promotion of gerontechnology. Society is open to membership by individuals

belonging to any kind of engineering, design, gerontological, scientific, industrial or administrative activities related to Gerontechnology. Membership fee includes a subscription to this journal.

See further:

<http://www.gerontechnology.org>

J.A.M. Graafmans Secretary-General ISG

ISG moderated e-mail discussion list

Most ISG members may be reached through their discussion list at isg_discussion@jdc.org.il. List owner is Lawrence Normie (lnormie@jdc.org.il). To subscribe to the ISG discussion forum, please send an email message to: majordomo@jdc.org.il, with the following command (without the quotes) in the message body: "subscribe isg_discussion myemail@address" (Type your email address in place of myname@address).

Annelies van Bronswijk

Herman Bouma Foundation for Gerontechnology

The Foundation (President: J.E.M.H. van Bronswijk MSc PhD EurProBiol) has the objective to stimulate the development of Gerontechnology, both nationally and internationally, by supporting young, promising researchers in this area with yearly grants for travel or scholarships.

In total 5 stipends to a maximum of € 1400 each, are available for PhD students to present a poster or oral presentation at the Gerontechnology Conference in Miami in 2002. Please apply by e-mail (j.a.m.graafmans@tue.nl) before June 1, 2002.

See: www.gerontechnologie.nl/english.htm

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