

## Rectification: Board members

In reference to volume 13, number 3, the name of Claudia Oppenauer-Meerskraut was omitted from the list of ISG board members. We apologize for this omission.

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## ISG2016 Master class and conference fee reduction

The next ISG (International Society for Gerontechnology) master class is planned in Nice for the two days (September 26 and 27) before ISG2016 (September 28-30).

Students that have paid their master class fee may participate in ISG2016 for an extra fee of only €100. Master classes with individual tutoring of young and talented gerontechnologists constitute the 4<sup>th</sup> pillar under the gerontechnology domain, after biannual conferences, the journal, and cultural chapters<sup>1</sup>. Master classes originate from the musical domain, but are applicable to other domains with a high level of complexity and individuality that asks for individual tutoring.

ISG started its two-day master classes in 2006. Students of gerontechnology research or design may register and are required to bring a poster of the project they are working on to serve as the focus of discussion. Main teaching aims are project focusing, clarity and suitable embedding in theory and practice<sup>1</sup>.

Master teachers are experienced in working at the crossroad of technology and gerontology. In Nice they include ISG Grandmasters as well as other experts.

More information at: <http://www.isg2016.org/master-class/44>

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## ISG2016: Program and abstracts are available!

The program of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Gerontechnology is out. It has been split in three parts at three different localities in Nice, France.

Keynotes, symposia, chaired oral sessions and moderated e-poster events will take place at the Centre Universitaire Méditerranéen, Promenade des Anglais (CUM). See [www.isg2016.org/programme/overview/9](http://www.isg2016.org/programme/overview/9) for more detailed information.

Additionally in the morning new technologies in action are presented on the GerontechnoPlatform at ESpace Delvalle Demo Center ([www.isg2016.org/programme/gerontechnoplatform/38](http://www.isg2016.org/programme/gerontechnoplatform/38)), to be replayed as video captures in the afternoon at CUM.

Innovations around Alzheimer disease are foreseen at the Institut Claude Pompidou ([www.isg2016.org/workshop-ia/45](http://www.isg2016.org/workshop-ia/45)).

Accepted presentations, including their abstracts, may be viewed at [www.gerontechnology.org.tw:8080/ocs/index.php/csg/2016/schedConf/presentations](http://www.gerontechnology.org.tw:8080/ocs/index.php/csg/2016/schedConf/presentations).

One-page papers to be published in *Gerontechnology* 15(suppl.) have been submitted by about half of the presenters. The accepted ones are planned to be available in electronic form during the conference, and may also be addressed with the link above. .

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His academic interests focus on history and theory of urbanism, the city and public space, and urban design and sustainability, especially from the perspective of the interrelation between urban design, technology, humanities and social sciences.

Recently he became interested in the problematic of the Age Friendly City, on which subject he published an editorial in *Gerontechnology*. As an associate editor he hopes to stimulate academics and professionals to become creative contributors to the theme of Ageing and the Built Environment by delivering their articles to *Gerontechnology*, so this journal becomes an important player in the pioneering field of the Age Friendly City.

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national projects in the area of Active Assisted Living (AAL). In her new position at the MUV her research has extended to the analysis of diverse outcome data (e.g. clinical signs and symptoms, quality of life, pain) in health care and development of corresponding instruments. Her research experience in AAL will be continued in the investigation of how technology support can enhance physical activity in older adults with and without dementia as well as cognitive functioning and assessment.

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she has been responsible for the major work of the preparation of the society's annual conference 'The 2016 International Conference and Master Class on Gerontechnology and Service Management' which was successfully held on May 14, 2016, at Nan Kai University, Nantou, Taiwan. In addition, she has been appointed as an executive editor of Journal of Gerontechnology and Service Management since January 2016, and has successfully taken charge of the publication of three issues. Earlier appointments include tutor and research assistant at the School of Nursing, The University of Hong Kong, and an internship at Chengong Hospital, Xiamen, Mainland China. She holds an MD degree from Xiamen University and a PhD from The University of Hong Kong.

Dorothy Li Bai published in the Journal of Gerontechnology and Service Management on a range of gerontechnology topics, such as a robot for interactive purposes, a wheelchair for transport, a pressure sensor cushion, an indoor positioning system, motion-sensing carpets and mattresses, intergenerational toys. Her prime research interest is in gerontechnology and public health.

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## **Japanese Chapter**

Since 2001, the Japanese chapter has been organizing an annual Gerontechnology forum. We will have 16<sup>th</sup> forum in this December. In 2014 the forum was held at Sendai Information Industry Plaza, on December 5. Three keynotes and seven paper presentations were made. More than 50 participants were welcomed. The first keynote 'Building Livelihood Supportive community with ICT', was pre-

sented by Prof. Akiko Ogawa of Iwate Prefectural University. After the East Japan earthquake, the elder and evacuee temporal dwelling areas required immediate help with ICT. Prof. Ogawa has been utilized ICT for helping elders, from 10 years before of the quake. Second keynote was presented by Mr. Kazuki Tokunaga of Softbank mobile co. Ltd. He talked about building assistive mobile communication services specialized for elders. The 2015 Forum has been held on December 11, 2015 at AIST (Advanced Industrial Science and Technology) Tokyo Center. Around 30 participants enjoyed 2 keynotes and 8 paper presentations. Prof. Hikaru Shimogaki of Japan College of Social Work presented the first keynote, entitled 'Preserving self-esteem of older people with dementia – from a viewpoint of care with environmental improvement'. His long term experience with dementia care study has been introduced. The second keynote, 'Standardization to create new industry contributing to aged-society' by Dr. Hiroshi Sato of National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, explained international and domestic standardization activities at AIST. Forum 2016 will take place in Osaka, Saito Hills Club. We will have a chapter board meeting at that time.

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## **Francophone Chapter**

The ISG Francophone Chapter functions as a non-formal think-tank in close cooperation with the French Society for Gerontechnology (SFTAG) funded by Professor Alain Franco. Since the Vancouver World Conference (2010) the Chapter is chaired by Gérard Cornet.

The goal of the Chapter is to promote, among the French speaking countries in their diversity, the gerontechnology discipline by assessing technological innovations, and aiming at improving old persons' quality of life in their daily context. This is achieved from a functional perspective, according to criteria of a legal, utility, usability, accessibility, privacy and ethics nature. Criteria that are to be applied in the product design process from concept to market. So far, it has been encompassing health conditions and improvement by technical social and economic innovations. It is not medically driven but humanity driven. In the near future with its digital revolution, Internet of things, robotics, new genetics, there are even more challenges coming to us and that are to be addressed by the gerontechnology discipline.

Contributions by the Francophone Chapter concern master classes, conferences and promotion of symposia in the framework of the World Conferences. At ISG2016 in Nice the Chapter will present a symposium aiming at clarifying the challenge of a Sustainable Silver Economy and humanity (session scheduled on September 30th). The day before the members will meet for the periodical election of officers.

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