European Parliament, to arrive at the final 'European Silver Paper'[1-3].

Although the forum was not the platform to discuss technological innovations for older people, the gerontechnology dimension can be further promoted by fulfilling the goals formulated in the silver paper. This is in line with the ISG mission[4] to encourage and promote technological and service innovations that address older peoples' ambitions and needs on the basis of scientific knowledge about aging processes including cultural and individual differences. It was useful that the ISG was represented by its president.

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DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR GERONTECHNOLOGY (ISG)

At board meetings during ISG08 in Pisa this year, the need was felt to state more clearly mission, vision, values, and strategies of ISG. Following several rounds of discussion, the ISG Council has agreed on the following declaration.

Mission
ISG encourages and promotes technological innovations in products and services that address older peoples' ambitions and needs on the basis of scientific knowledge about ageing processes including cultural and individual differences.

Vision
ISG works toward the realization of a society fully served by technology that is as accessible to ageing people as it is to people in younger generations.

Values
Innovative technology that serves an enabling role for ageing people by:
(i) Maintaining their independence and equality including considerations of residence, mobility, safety, security, communication, activities, and quality of life;
(ii) Supporting their well-being and health as defined by the WHO;
(iii) Realising their individual and collective/social ambitions and needs;
(iv) Keeping them embedded in their changing socio-cultural environment;
(v) Enhancing their dignity;
(vi) Supporting their caregivers.

Strategies
(i) Advancing world-wide communication between scientific, technological, and social disciplines relevant to human ageing in a sustainable society, through a variety of means including international and regional conferences, an international peer-reviewed journal, and an Internet forum;
(ii) Establishing and improving university and professional education in gerontechnology by textbook and Internet-based educational material, curricula, courses, and master classes;
(iii) Supporting the introduction of gerontechnology into a wide range of disciplines and professions that impact on the well-being and quality of life of ageing people;
(iv) Advancing learning opportunities for ageing people to use new technology;
(v) Applying insights from ageing processes to technological innovations;
(vi) Encouraging technological innovations that meet ambitions and needs of ageing people.

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