

VAPPU TAIPALE MD JOINED THE EDITORS

I am pleased to announce that our honorary president Vappu Taipale MD has accepted the function of associate editor for the field of policy development. Her achievements in the field of gerontechnology has been referred to in earlier issues^{1,2}.

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Michiel Brink (1984) recently earned his MSc degree in Building Services at the Department of Architecture, Building and Planning at Eindhoven University of Technology. In his thesis entitled 'Developing open agent-based home automation system software' he investigated the use of software agents in home automation systems. He continues this research with a PhD project, named 'Developing a universal home automation system', in which a platform will be developed on which home automation applications can be implemented to support Aging-in-Place.

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FUN TECHNOLOGY MASTER CLASS

This year the Eindhoven Gerontechnology Master Class for young scientists will be organized by the Dutch-Flemish Chapter of the ISG. Fun Technology is chosen as the leading theme. Current research and design of technology for the aging and aged nowadays focusses on ADL (basic Activities of Daily Living) and iADL (basic instrumental activities of daily living) although enjoyment, pleasure, fun is an essential part of being human¹. Therefore, in addition to teaching methodology and gerontechnology principles, we will this year concentrate on design and research aspects of enjoyment in Gerontechnology.

The master class will be held on November 10-11, 2009, in Eindhoven.

You may register at: www.gerontechnology.info/ISGMasterclass2009.

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ISG2010 VANCOUVER CONFERENCE

Early bird registration for the 7th World Conference of the ISG is open now at a reduced cost of CDN\$ 400,-- for ISG full members and only CDN\$ 175,-- for ISG student members. Full members aged 65 and over will pay half of the full member amount.

The official website of the conference was launched on April 23, 2009 in conjunction with the annual John K. Friesen conference sponsored by the Simon Fraser University Gerontology Research Centre that will also host the ISG World conference May 27-30, 2010.

You may register at: www.sfu.ca/isg2010.

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SFTAG2009 TROYES CONFERENCE

The French gerontechnology society SFTAG (Société Française des Technologies pour l'Autonomie et de Gérontechnologie), an emerging local chapter of the ISG, will have its first conference on November 18-20, 2009 at the Université de Technologie de Troyes (UTT). Its main theme 'Understanding before action', concerns the understanding of both actual use and scientific knowledge of technologies for prevention, compensation and quality of life. Presentations are solicited for the following domains: (i) Aging in Place, (ii) Assistive technology, (iii) Telehealth and telemedicine, (iv) Evaluating gerontechnologies, (v) Technology integration and service platforms, and (vi) New competences or new professions? Most presentations will be given in the French language. However, presenting in English is also allowed.

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COUNCIL AND BOARD

It appears that our use of the words Council and Board in the Articles of Association and Byelaws lead to confusion. Therefore, I propose to rename them in Executive Committee (used to be Council) and the Board (no name change).

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