

owner; however, a legal reclaim of the site would not stand much of a chance. The society's management decided therefore to purchase [www.gerontechnology.info](http://www.gerontechnology.info), and use this as her new internet base. Luckily, we were able to recapture the former site on October 7, 2003, as soon as it became free again. It will now serve as a forwarding site bringing you to the new ISG webaddress.

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- (i) Charness N, Schaie KW, editors. Impact of technology on successful aging. New York: Springer, 2003
- (ii) Fisk A D, Rogers W A, Charness N, Czaja SJ, Sharit J. Designing for older adults: Principles and creative human factors approaches. London: Taylor and Francis 2003 (in press)

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### WORLD NEWS

#### Alliance for Aging Research

The American Based Alliance for Aging Research regularly updates a list of the latest discoveries in the Science of Aging as perceived by older persons. More info: [www.agingresearch.org/hot\\_issues.cfm](http://www.agingresearch.org/hot_issues.cfm)

#### EIDD - European Institute for Design and Disability

The European Institute for Design and Disability, EIDD, was founded in Dublin in 1993 with the aim of promoting better

design for people with disabilities, including older persons. The founding philosophy of the Institute has always been embedded in design-for-all, a philosophy that aims to improve the life of everyone through design. EIDD is a voluntary organisation. It is the 'umbrella' for national organisations whose members include architects, product, graphic and interior designers as well as professionals concerned with rehabilitation. There are national organisations in Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom. More info: [www.design-for-all.org/](http://www.design-for-all.org/)

## **European Older People's Platform**

Age's Work Program running from May 2003 to April 2004 is available at:

[http://www.age-platform.org/EN/Download/HomeEN/April03/Programme\\_2003\\_2004.pdf](http://www.age-platform.org/EN/Download/HomeEN/April03/Programme_2003_2004.pdf).

It addresses social protection, social exclusion, employment and life-long learning.

## **European Master of Science in Gerontology (EuMaG)**

The European Masters in Gerontology is a comprehensive, flexible and modular based 2-year part-time training program in gerontology, including gerontechnology. It is designed, recognized, and delivered by more than 25 European universities, and includes student mobility and a compulsory summer school. The program is meant for professionals working in the fields of health, public health, and social welfare, as well as for university students. Graduating from the EuMaG training program will lead to a European Master of Science degree.

More info: [www.eumag.org](http://www.eumag.org)

## **Future European Union Constitution**

The European Parliament passed a resolution to call for inclusion of a reference to the rights of disabled people (including older persons) in the Future European Union Constitution. At least the

following rights should be guaranteed: (i) Right to quality of life; (ii) Access to employment and equal pay for equal work or work of equal value; (iii) Access to education and vocational training; (iv) Right to inclusion (including the gradual removal of any barriers to accessing buildings, facilities, and public transport, and the right to live independently in the community); (v) Civil and political rights (including the promotion of the involvement in public life); (vi) Access to financial support; (vii) Access to healthcare; (viii) Access to culture and leisure; and (ix) Equality before the law and the right to justice.

More info: Minutes of the session of September 3, 2003, available at [www3.europarl.eu.int/omk/omnsapir.so/calendar?APP=PV2&PRG=CALEND&LANGUE=EN&TPV=PROV&FILE=030903](http://www3.europarl.eu.int/omk/omnsapir.so/calendar?APP=PV2&PRG=CALEND&LANGUE=EN&TPV=PROV&FILE=030903)

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## **Calendar of Events**

### **November 12-15, 2003**

International Conference on Ageing: Challenges and Answers  
Thrissur, Kerala, India

Organizer: Jananeethi Institute for Justice Education, Research and Development  
Info: [www.jananeethibulletin.org/jananeethi%20conference.htm](http://www.jananeethibulletin.org/jananeethi%20conference.htm)

### **November 22, 2003**

'Technology and Aging' event at the Convention of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA, USA

Organizer: Formal Interest Group 'Technology & Aging'  
Info: [www.eshow2000.com/geron/interest\\_group\\_schedule.cfm](http://www.eshow2000.com/geron/interest_group_schedule.cfm)

### **December 4-6, 2003**

International Conference on Aging, Disability, and Independence  
Arlington, Virginia, USA

Organizer: American Society on Aging  
Info: [www.asaging.org/icadi](http://www.asaging.org/icadi)