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1. Welcome + about this newsletter

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

Welcome to this Winter Newsletter 2005/2006! This is a very special issue with two culminations: news on the Durban congress this summer and an outstanding country report on the causes and implications of population ageing in Poland by Dr Jolanta Perek-Bialas & Dr Anna Ruzik that I highly recommend to your attention.

This newsletter comes instead of the usual Autumn Newsletter – and it comes at an exciting moment in time, in the run-up for the XVI ISA World Congress of Sociology "The Quality of Social Existence in a Globalising World". I did not want to circulate the newsletter without having the RC11 Programme for the ISA World Congress in Durban in it – so I decided to wait till the programme was finished. Hence, the Programme of the RC11 'Sociology of Ageing' sessions at the Durban Congress accounts for the quantitatively largest part of this newsletter.

But first of all, I am absolutely delighted that the President of the South African Gerontological Association, Jaco Hoffman, sent a welcoming message to the RC11 delegates attending the Durban Congress, which you will find on the next page. Jaco suggested organising a daytrip for conference delegates to get to know the reality of what it means to be an older person in a South African society that is ridden by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. You are all warmly invited to take advantage of this unique opportunity, which will take place immediately after the conference on Sunday, July 30, and will also include a reception and social event with members of the South African Gerontological Association.

This is followed by a brief report on the launch of 'The Association for the Prevention of Elder Abuse' (TAPEA) in Gambia.

Next, I will introduce you to the RC11 Programme to be held in Durban. Speaking on behalf of the Programme Committee I would like to remind you that this is the state of affairs as sent to the ISA by January 31. We had a few withdrawals in the meantime, and also a few late submissions that we added to the programme as 'contributed papers'. I would not want to give you a 'snapshot picture' today that might be out of date tomorrow. There will be an update closer to the summer. Currently, we are working on the timing of the programme – please bear with us for the moment. We will be in touch with more news in due course. The programme is followed by our usual 'News from the Executive Board'.

The fourth section of this newsletter is dedicated to population ageing in Poland. I am extremely grateful to Dr Jolanta Perek-Bialas of the Jagiellonian University of Cracow and Dr Anna Ruzik of the Institute of Labour and Social Studies Warsaw for giving such a profound overview of ageing related policy issues and public debates in Poland.

This is followed by the 'Work in progress' section, in which I briefly report on some recent work on 'research on ageing in Central and Eastern Europe'. As always, the section on publications and the 'conference planner' conclude this newsletter

I hope you all enjoy reading the newsletter. Any comments or future contributions will be very welcome.

Andreas (Hoff)

2. ISA World Congress of Sociology in Durban

2.1. Welcome from South Africa

Sanibonani!!!

(Zulu greeting, literally translated as: "We see you!")

As this Zulu greeting echoes across the thousand hills of the province of KwaZulu-Natal, I am pleased to welcome you to South Africa!

The "Sociology of Ageing"-stream at the ISA World Congress Durban 2006 will be of particular interest within the African context, as it is projected that the numbers of older persons on the continent will increase from the current 36,6 million to 141 million in 2050. Poverty, exacerbated by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, will further challenge the capacity of families, civil society and governments.

To give you some insight into issues pertaining to ageing within the South African context, we invite you to join us on a field trip to projects run by The Association for the Aged, Durban (TAFTA) and the Muthande Society for the Aged. It will also be lovely if you care to join us for a welcoming reception!

Looking forward to see you in Durban and to learn from you!

Jaco Hoffman

(President: South African Gerontological Association)

2.2. Elder abuse in Gambia – a letter of introduction

Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to write you this letter of introduction. I wish to inform you that the 'Gambia Association for the Prevention of Elder Abuse' has been operating for the past 10 months. We considered it necessary to establish this association due to the high rate of elder abuse in The Gambia. We would really appreciate if you could send us any material on elder abuse that you might have. In respect to that, we also seek your advice on how to apply for funding.

'The Association for the Prevention of Elder Abuse' (TAPEA) was launched on Tuesday, 20th December 2005 at the Corinthia Atlantic Hotel in Banjul.

Speaking at the ceremony, Alhaji Omar Taal, deputy permanent secretary for Health and Social Welfare, expressed his delight about this new initiative, which he noted would greatly help to improve the status of the elderly in Gambian society: "Elder Abuse is a phenomenon that is beginning to raise its ugly head in our society. This has happened because we have traded our typical African cultural values and norms for alien cultures, which has shun and relegated the elderly, leaving them helpless." the secretary remarked. He therefore commended the founders of this new association for their foresight and taking this 'bold and giant step' in assuming responsibility for the protection of elderly people in The Gambia through public sensitisation. *[Comment from the Newsletter Editor: Please try not to feel offended. I decided to leave this quotation as it was even if it is not politically correct. We may want to remind ourselves how often Western politicians have said things about Africa that are not politically correct either.]*

In her presentation, Ms Priscilla Jones, president of the association, defined elder abuse as "a single or repeated act or lack of appropriate action occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person". She noted that elder abuse is still not widely acknowledged and is underreported globally. She highlighted different types of abuses to the elderly, including physical abuse – which includes inflicting physical pain or injury on the elderly, emotional abuse – which involves verbal assaults, insults, threats, harassment and intimidation of the elderly, and neglect. She attributed elder abuse in Africa to some cultural and superstitious beliefs and accusations of witchcraft associated with older women. She urged society to change its attitude towards older people.

Mrs. Fanta Bai-Secka, Director of social welfare, stated that the protection of elders from abuse and exploitation in society is very important, as older people are the custodians of our history, tradition and culture. Mr. James C. Nwodo, secretary general of The Association for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, said creating awareness on the prevention of elder abuse will clear a lot of doubts from the minds of the people and that this message will be communicated to the youth through future workshop and through media.

On behalf of the association I wish to thank you for your cooperation. You may publish this report in your newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Priscilla Jones (President)

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2.3. RC11 Programme in Durban

[Introductory comment: Papers with the prefix 'C' are contributed papers that will be included in the programme and circulated but not presented orally at the conference.]

Session 1: "Family ties in the later stages of the life course"

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1	D. Prendergast, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	The End of the Life-course and Beyond in Modern South Korea	Prended@tcd.ie
2	S. Keeling, University of Otago, New Zealand	The changing language of family relations in later life: considering help, support and care	Sally.keeling@chmeds.ac.nz
3	K. Davidson, S. Arber, H. Marshall, M. Raats + M. Lumbers, University of Surrey, UK	Gendered ties and the role of food in older people's lives	K.Davidson@surrey.ac.uk
4	S. Feldman, Victoria University, Australia	'Sandwich Generation Women: Balancing Multiple Family Responsibilities in Multicultural Australia.	Susan.Feldman@vu.edu.au
5	M. Szydlik, University of Zurich, Switzerland	Gifts and Generations - Solidarity between Parents and Adult Children	szydlik@soziologie.unizh.ch
6	M. Macara, US	The Day of the Dead in Mexico: Bridging Generations	michaelmacara@yahoo.com
7	H. Thomas, Paris 13 University, France	Change of generational roles during Alzheimer	helene.thomas4@wanadoo.fr

Session 2: "Ageing families and multigenerational households in developing countries"

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1	P.K.B. Nayar, Centre for Gerontological Studies, India	Aging of the aged in Kerala, India: A new dimension in gero-care	pkbnayar@rediffmail.com
2	C. Wenger, University of Wales, Bangor, UK	Family networks: Ageing men and women in South Asia and the UK	gcwenger@tirgwelyog.u-net.com
3	V. Burholt University of Wales, Bangor, UK	Acculturation of South Asian migrants in the UK: The impact of economic migration, forced migration and family reunification on loneliness, friendship and community integration	v.burholt@bangor.ac.uk
4	E. Skinner, University College London, UK	Strategy, survival or support? Who really benefits from multigenerational living in Bolivian families?	e.skinner@ucl.ac.uk
5	I. Aboderin + S. Harper, University of Oxford, UK	Global migrant eldercare provision in the West and old age in sub-Saharan Africa: Exploring links and impacts	Isabella.aboderin@ageing.ox.ac.uk
6	M. Silverstein, University of Southern California, US + Z. Cong & S. Li, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China	Intergenerational living arrangements of the aged in rural China: Who's helping whom?	merrils@usc.edu
7	A. Chan, National University of Singapore, Singapore	Social support and psychological-well being among older adults in Singapore	soccana@nus.edu.sg
8	P. Lloyd-Sherlock + N. Grist, University of East Anglia, UK	Simple transfers, complex outcomes. The impacts of pensions on poor households in Brazil	p.Lloyd-sherlock@uea.ac.uk

Session 3: "Poverty, health and the impact of social change on older persons in Africa"

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	Name(s), organisation, country	Title of presentation	Email
1	M. Gachuhi, Kenyatta University Nairobi, Kenya	You Are Not Sick, You Are Just Old To Suffer Abuse or Stay Sick at Home? Experiences of Older Persons from Kenya.	mugogachuhi@yahoo.com
2	D. Sporton, University of Sheffield, UK + A. Mosimane, Univeristy of Namibia, Namibia	Population, Ageing ans Sustainable Livelihoods in the Regions Affected by AIDS/HIV:The case of Namibia.	D.sporton@sheffield.ac.uk amosimane@unam.na
3	V. O. Fakoya, University of Nevada, US + O. Lawal, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Nigeria	Government Retirement Benefit Plans and its Effects on Poverty Among the Senior Citizens In Nigeria.	victorfakoya@yahoo.com gbenga_lawal@yahoo.com
4	J. Hoffman, University of Pretoria, South Africa	"Generationed" together: Narratives towards a reconstruction of elderliness in South Africa	jaconda@iafrica.com
5	C. Mba, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana	Gender disparities in living arrangements of older people in Ghana	chuksmba@yahoo.com chuksmba@ug.edu.gh

Session 4: "The status of older persons in developing countries"

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1	N. Audinarayana, Bharathiar University, India	Status of the Elderly Persons in Tamil Nadu State, India: Patterns, Differentials and Determinants	audi_bu@yahoo.co.in
2	M. H. Khan, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh	The Emerging Issues of Population Ageing in Bangladesh	mehedi_dps@yahoo.com
3	M. Shukla, APS University, India	Ageing Problems Among Rural Indians	msociology@rediffmail.com
4	T. Mukherjee, Presidency College Kolkatta, India	Crimes Committed Upon Senior Citizens In Urban India: A Sociological Perspective	tumpamukherjee@hotmail.com
5	A. Joshi, Banaras Hindu University, India	Where Is the Rural Elderly Population in the Emerging Health Policy Regime of India: Grass-root Realities?	arvindvns@satyam.net.in
6	C. Gomes, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Mexico	The Family and Economic Status of Elderly in Mexico: Generational Composition and Income of Poor Households in Mexico	cristy_gomes@yahoo.com
7	A. Manlagnit, De La Salle University, Philippines	Recasting Care: changes in the care of older people in a rural community in the Philippines	manlagnita@dlsu.edu.ph
8	S. Mishra, Banaras Hindu University, India	Living Arrangements of Older Persons in a North Indian District	Smishra_vns@rediffmail.com

Session 5: "Aged care, individualisation and risk"

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	Name(s), organisation, country	Title of presentation	Email
1	Kwok Hong-Kin, Lingnan University, Hong Kong + Lam Cheung Richard, <i>Hong Kong Shue Yan College, Hong Kong</i>	Population Aging and its Impact on Elderly Care in China: A Study of Guangzhou	kwokhk@ln.edu.hk rclam@hksyc.edu
2	M. Zimmermann + C. Schaepe, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany	Social Care and social networks of elderly patients in need of homecare	mz_sfb@web.de
3	L. A. Strain, University of Alberta + C. J. Maxwell, University of Calgary, Canada	Assisted living in Alberta, Canada: Where does it fit on the continuum of aged care?	laurel.strain@ualberta.ca maxwell@ucalgary.ca
4	M. Zechner, University of Tampere, Finland	Are carers trusting services?	minna.zechner@uta.fi
5	S. Evans, R. Means + T. Fear, University of the West of England, UK	How risky? The views of relatives and professionals on extra care housing for people with dementia	Robin.Means@uwe.ac.uk
6	N. Small, University of Bradford, UK	Vulnerabilities of people with dementia at the end of their lives: the shortcomings of autonomy	N.A.Small@Bradford.ac.uk
7	N. Chappell + C. Dujela, University of Victoria, Canada	Changes in caregiver coping over time	nlc@uvic.ca
8	H.J. Kondratowitz, German Centre of Gerontology Berlin, Germany	Patterns of Irregular Work in Care – development and experiences between Germany and Poland	kondrato@dza.de
9	R. C. Reid, C. Robinson + H. A. Cooke, University of British Columbia, Canada	Assessment of two models of care for institutionalized persons with dementia in Canada: A mixed methods approach	colin.reid@ubc.ca
10	C. Ungerson, University of Kent, UK	Management of risk in consumer directed care: a cross national analysis	clareungerson@aol.com
C1	G. Baltrusayte, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania	Caring for a family member with Alzheimer's Disease: Lithuanian Case	g.baltrusaityte@smf.vdu.lt
C2 Poster	M. Doyle + V. Timonen, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	A Tale of Four Cities: Domiciliary Care for Older People in Copenhagen, San Francisco, Dublin + Berlin	martha.doyle@tcd.ie

Session 6: "Anti-ageing/extended lives and cultures in old age"

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1	S. Arber, University of Surrey, UK	'Doing Gender' and attitudes towards life prolongation in later life	S.Arber@surrey.ac.uk
2	G. G. Debert, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil	Ageing and the constitution of the Third Age in Brazil	ggdebert@uol.com.br
3	R. Edmondson, National University of Ireland Galway, Ireland	Expectations of Ageing: Wisdom and the Life Course	Ricca.Edmondson@nuigalway.ie
4	C. Victor, University of Reading, UK	Consuming health: the emergence of health consumerism in later life	c.r.victor@reading.ac.uk
5	J. Vincent, University of Exeter, UK	Science and imagery in the 'war on old age'	JVincent@exeter.ac.uk
6	M. Leontowitsch, St George's University of London, UK	The Project of Self-Care – Towards a Concept of Health Maintenance by People Aged 60+	mleontow@hscs.sgu.ac.uk
7	R. Ronning, Lillehammer University College, Norway & M. Fine, Macquarie University, Australia	Scenarios for Care: meeting the care deficit	rolf.ronning@hil.no michael.fine@mq.edu.au

Session 7: "Rethinking gender inequalities in later life"

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1	C. Russell, University of Sydney, Australia	Gender, ageing and inequalities of men: A biographical perspective	c.russell@fhs.usyd.edu.au
2	K. Yount, Emory University, US + Z. Khadr, American University Cairo, Egypt	Life course determinants of cognitive performance among older women and men in Ismailia, Egypt	kyount@sph.emory.edu
3	M. Denton + L. Boos, McMaster University, Canada	The gender wealth gap: Structural and material constraints and implications for later life	mdenton@mcmaster.ca
4	N. Kontianinen, Statistics Finland, Finland	Educational differences in exiting late from work: Mediated by adult paths or labour market context?	Noora.kontianinen@stat.fi
5	J. Otani, Kyushu University, Japan	Gender difference in happiness and loneliness in old age	otani@flc.kyushu-u.ac.jp
6	M. An, Handong Global University, South Korea	Gender Impact of Pension Reforms in the Republic of Korea	myan@handong.edu
7	G. Gerasymenko, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine	Gender aspects of ageing in Ukraine	gerann@ukr.net

Joint Session 8: "Social policy and ageing in a globalised world"

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Session 8.1: "Alternative strategies of old age pension reforms in a global context"

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1	J. Johnson + J. B. Williamson, Boston College, US	Do Universal Non-Contributory Old-Age Pensions Make Sense for Rural Areas in Low-Income Nations?	mccabejc@bc.edu jbw@bc.edu
2	E. Calvo, Boston College, US	Old-Age Pension Reform in a Traditional Culture and Non-developed Economy: Lessons for China from Latin America	esteban-calvo@gmail.com
3	J. Hendricks, Oregon State University, US + H. Yoon, Hallym University, South Korea	The Dynamics of Asian Ageing Policy: Changing Mores, Changing Policies	hendricj@onid.orst.edu
4	T. Ogawa, Chiba University + K. Oizumi, Japan Research Institute, Japan	Population Ageing, Social Policy and International Co-operation in Asia and the Pacific	tetsuo-ogawa@le.chiba-u.ac.jp
C1	J. B. Williamson + M. Williams, Boston College, US	Notional Defined Contribution Accounts	jbw@bc.edu
C2	K. Tang, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Policy Fiasco and the Mandatory Provident Fund: Hong Kong's Road Map to Retirement	kltang@swk.cuhk.edu.hk
C3	T. Fu, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan	How Do State Benefits Impact on Family Support? The Case of Taiwan	thfu@sw.ccu.edu.tw

Session 8.2: "The impact of welfare state arrangements on older people's wellbeing"

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1	A. Hussein + O. Kangas, Danish National Institute for Social Research, Denmark	The Welfare State and Poverty Dynamics: the Case of Pension Insurance in the EU	olk@sfi.dk
2	V. Timonen, D. Prendergast + M. Doyle, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	The Complex World of Care: An Analysis of the Changing Interplay of Public, Private and Non-Profit Sectors in the Community Care of Older Persons in Ireland	timonenv@tcd.ie
3	V. Walters, University of Swansea, UK	A Strategy for Older People in Wales: A Broad Paradigm of Change	V.Walters@swansea.ac.uk
4	G. Leeson + A. Khan, University of Oxford, UK/Bangladesh	Cross National Differences in Attitudes to the Age of Retirement: The HSBC Future of Retirement Global Ageing Survey 2005	George.leeson@ageing.ox.ac.uk
C1	L. Manteghi, AARP, US	The International Retirement Security Survey: Main Findings	manteghi@aarp.org
C2	A. Motel-Klingebiel, German Centre of Gerontology Berlin, Germany	Social Inequality Among Older People and Welfare State Reform	motel@dza.de
C3	D. Feltenius, Umea University, Sweden	Social Policy Development and Pressures from the Elderly: the Case of Sweden	David.Feltenius@pol.umu.se
C4	T. Moolaert, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium	Difficulties of implementing an active ageing policy in Belgium	moolaert@trav.ucl.ac.be

Session 9: "Workforce ageing in the new economy"

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1	B.-E. Manea, L. Vidovicova + L. Rabusic, Masaryk University, Czech Republik	Eager to retire? Transition to retirement in ten European countries.	11638@mail.muni.cz
2	L. Brooke, Swinburne University, Australia	Prolonging working lives in information technology employment.	LBrooke@groupwise.swin.edu.au
3	S. Harper, University of Oxford, UK	Workability and the Employability of Ageing Workers in Critical Safety Occupations	Sarah.Harper@nuffield.ox.ac.uk
4	K. Platman & P. Taylor, University of Cambridge, UK + K. Henkens & K. Velladics, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, Netherlands	A smooth transition into retirement? The prospects and paradoxes of 'flexibility for an ageing workforce in the new economy.	kp277@cam.ac.uk
5	G. Ranson, University of Calgary, Canada	Shifting down or gearing up? A comparative study of life course transitions among men in information technology employment.	ranson@ucalgary.ca
6	P. Rosenfeld, New York Academy of Medicine, US	The impact of family caregiving on mature women's participation in the health care workforce: What employers should be doing.	prosenfeld@nyam.org
7	S. Yeandle, University of Leeds + L. Buckner, Sheffield Hallam University, UK	Older workers in the workplace: Evidence from new research on gender and local labour markets.	s.m.yeandle@shu.ac.uk
8	H. Peeters, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium	Old age protection of non-standard workers in Belgium	Hans.Peeters@soc.kuleuven.be
C1	N. Jackson, M. Walter + B. Felmingham, University of Tasmania, Australia	Structural Obstacles to Delayed Retirement	Natalie.Jackson@utas.edu.au
C2	A. Parnanen, University of Jyvaskyla, Finland	Age policies as part of strategic human resources management	Anna.parnanen@stat.fi

Session 10: "Intergenerational relations"

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1	J. J. Kattakayam, University of Kerala, India	Treatment of the Elderly in Three Generations Families: A study in South India	jjkattakayam@yahoo.com
2	T. Reynolds, South Bank University London, UK	Re-Thinking social capital in multi-generational families	reynolta@lsbu.ac.uk
3	M. Balarajan, University of Cambridge, UK	Forces of Transnationalism on the intergenerational contract	mb345@cam.ac.uk
4	V. Yong, Brown University, US	What do we know about older parents' provision of household and childcare help to adult children in Singapore?	Vanessa_Yong@brown.edu
5	G. Costa, Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy	Caregivers and elderly dependents: An intergenerational pact under strain	giuliana.costa@polimi.it
6	A. Hoff & G. Leeson, University of Oxford, UK	Change and Continuity of Intergenerational relations in the context of welfare state regimes	Andreas.hoff@ageing.ox.ac.uk
7	M. Salmi, National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES), Finland	Intergenerational relations and work/family balance	Minna.Salmi@stakes.fi

Session 11: "Socio-economic, health and racial disparities in ageing"

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1	R. Wiggins, City University, UK	Quality of Life at Older Ages: Evidence from the British Household Panel Survey and the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing	R.D.Wiggins@city.ac.uk
2	R. K. Thompson, Texas A&M University, US	Toward a Theory of Racial Violence: Violence and Legal Segregation	rkthompson@neo.tamu.edu
3	R. Rooks, Kent State University, US	Perceived Discrimination and Mistrust in the U.S. Health Care System: The Cancer Attitudes and Awareness Study	rrooks@kent.edu
4	R. Maruthakutti, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, India	Measures and predictors of wellbeing among the rural elderly in Southern Tamilnadu	maruthakutti@yahoo.com
5	J. Xi, University of Alabama, US	Age Differentials in Involuntary Migration-Induced Distress	joanxi@uab.edu
6	K. Mann, University of Leeds, UK	Activation, Retirement Planning and A "Working Life"	K.Mann@leeds.ac.uk

Session 12: "Care work and care workers"

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1	T. Jacobs, University of Antwerp, Belgium	Determinants of informal care: on the different dynamics of informal care given inside and outside the household	Therese.Jacobs@ua.ac.be
2	E. Jeppsson-Grassman, University of Linköping, Sweden	Informal helping and care in Sweden – patterns 1992-2005	evagr@ituf.liu.se
3	A. Netten, University of Kent, UK	Home care workers and quality of care	A.P.Netten@kent.ac.uk
4	A. Martin-Matthews, University of British Columbia, Canada + J. Phillips, University of Swansea, UK	Blurring the boundaries between public and private care: home care workers and the negotiation of client and family relationships	amm@interchange.ubc.ca Judith.E.Phillips@swansea.ac.uk
5	I. Eyers, University of Surrey, UK	Caring from the cradle to the grave: developing care skills in the UK and Germany	I.Eyers@surrey.ac.uk
6	B. Anderson + L. Gordolan, University of Oxford, UK	Who Cares? A qualitative analysis of Filipino migrant care workers in the United Kingdom	bridget.anderson@compas.ox.ac.uk lourdes.gordolan@compas.ox.ac.uk
7	P. Nikander, University of Tampere, Finland	Carework, Emotions and Professionalism	Pirjo.Nikander@uta.fi
8	H. Theobald, Social Science Research Centre Berlin, Germany + V. Burau, University of Aarhus, Denmark	Redefining boundaries in care work: combining social care and public policy approaches	theobald@wz-berlin.de viola@ps.au.dk
C1	A.-B. Sand, Umeå University, Sweden	Caring and Maintenance – on employment for family care in Sweden	Ann-Britt.M.Sand@socw.umu.se
C2	K. Lowton, King's College London, UK	Brave new worlds: Parents' experiences of caring for children with cystic fibrosis into adulthood	karen.lowton@kcl.ac.uk

Session 13: "Body, ageing and everyday life"

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1	J. Jyrkämä, University of Jyväskylä, Finland	Modalities of agency in the everyday life situations	jyrkama@yfi.jyu.fi
2	E. Tulle, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK	Ageing bodies and sociological theorising	e.tulle@gcal.ac.uk
3	A. Bhoite, Shantiniketan Housing Society, India	Ageing and everyday life in the Indian context which special reference to women	uttamraob@yahoo.com
4	K. Horton, University of Surrey, UK	The body, aging and everyday life	K.Horton@surrey.ac.uk
5	W. Martin, University of Warwick, UK	Ageing, the Body and the Visual in Everyday Life: Insights from a Qualitative Study	W.P.Martin@warwick.ac.uk
6	P. Oberg, Uppsala University, Sweden	Sexualised lifestyles –New images and identities in old age in late modern Sweden?	Peter.Oberg@soc.uu.se
7	M. Gott + S. Hinchcliff, University of Sheffield, UK	Sexuality and the ageing body: a qualitative study with older women	m.gott@sheffield.ac.uk

Session 14: "Other research on ageing"

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Session 16: "Civil society, communities and older people"

[Comment AH: We had quite a few submissions on this theme that did not really fit elsewhere, so we decided to have this extra session – which was possible thanks to the rise in membership numbers. Our especial thanks go to Lars Andersson who volunteered to chair this session.]

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5	E. Wegner, University of Hawaii + D. Cullen, Kapio-lani Community College	Mobilizing 'naturally-occurring' communities in care for frail elderly	wegner@hawaii.edu cullen@hawaii.edu
6	J. Pereira, R. J. Angel + J. L. Angel, University of Texas, US	A Case Study of the Elder Care Functions of a Chilean NGO	jpereira@mail.utexas.edu

3. News from the Executive Board

The following information was provided by a hands on core group of the executive board who communicate regularly and are very much committed to building RC11 into a vibrant group for now and the future.

Membership

We have seen an unprecedented rise in membership numbers this year. As of today, RC11 has 105 members – and we keep growing!!! A very warm welcome to all of you who recently joined RC11 – please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Especial thanks also to those of you who recently renewed their membership. I look forward to seeing many of you in Durban later this year.

RC11 Research Project

Following a suggestion by Kwok Hong Kin, a group comprising of Kwok Hong Kin, Merrill Silverstein, Lars Andersson, and Andreas Hoff formed to discuss the idea of a joint RC11 project that could unite RC11 members from all over the world. Themes so far suggested include: "Globalisation and Ageing" (Silverstein) and "Migrant Labour in Informal and Formal Care" (Hoff). We are open for other suggestions!

We have to admit that we did not make any significant progress since the circulation of the last newsletter. May be, we could use the Durban meeting for kick-starting a new discussion?!

As always, we would need someone taking the lead on this. Any volunteers?

Workshop/seminar in developing countries

Arvind K. Joshi offered hosting a conference/workshop under the auspices of RC11 to promote ways of developing research capacities in the sociology of ageing in India. He is following up a suggestion made at the last Executive Board meeting in Surrey 2004. Again, I think it is time to revive this excellent idea!

Nevertheless, it takes a small group of people enthusiastic about this idea to get it working. May I therefore encourage you getting in touch with Arvind (arvindvns@satyam.net.in)?!

4. Country report: "Aging in Poland: Current State, its Causes and Implications"¹

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I. Introduction

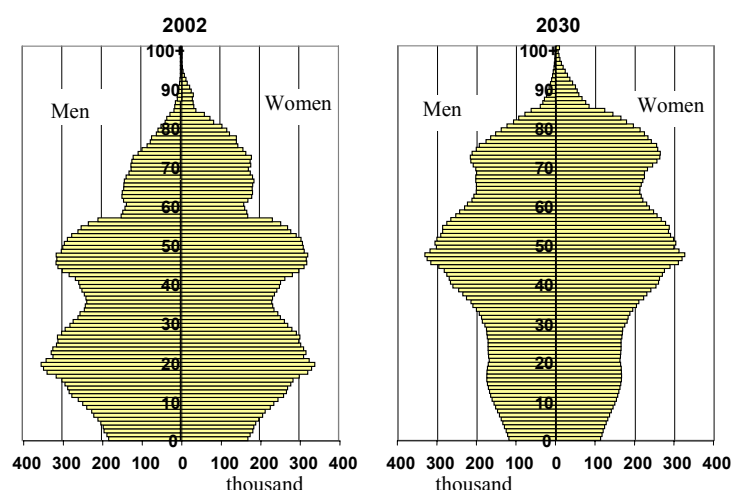
The subject of the following text is to present briefly the current demographic situation in Poland and to discuss whether the phenomenon of an aging society is visible or influences social policy in this country.

Poland is a Member State of the European Union with 38 million inhabitants. Population ageing is starting to have an impact on Polish society, despite a baby-boom generation born in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Life expectancy is increasing, between 1991-2002 average life expectancy increased from 70.6 years to 74.5 years, which was 4.3 years more for men and 3.5 years for women. Fertility rate equalled 1.25 in 2002 and will result in a declining share of the youngest and a continuous increase of the older persons (GUS, 2004). Many demographers, e.g. Kotowska (2003), agree that demographic ageing will soon be a great challenge for Poland – especially with an increasing share of the over 65s in the total population. According to projections of Polish Central Statistical Office (GUS, 2004) the proportion between working age (18 to 59 years for women and 18 to 64 years for men) and older non-working age (or retirement age 60/65+) population will change significantly. In 2003 working age population equalled to 23.8 million and it will increase by almost 1 million until 2010. In the same period, over retirement age population will increase from current 5.8 million to 6.4 million. Number of people aged 85 and more will increase by 50 per cent to half million in 2010 and reaching almost 800 thousand in 2030. The share of 60/65+ in total population will increase from current 15 per cent to 17 per cent in 2010, 23 per cent in 2020 and even 27 per cent in 2030.

Shapes of population pyramids presented in Figure 1 on the next page indicate described demographical change.

¹ In 2002-2005 we did research on active ageing in the project of "Overcoming Barriers and Seizing the Opportunities of Active Ageing Policy in Europe", 5 FP, HPSE-CT-2002-00102.

Figure 1. Population by sex and age in 2002 and 2030 in Poland.



Source: Central Statistical Office projections, GUS (2004)

One of the main issues concerning the situation of older people is their low activity on the labour market that started to be explored only recently (see e.g. Boron, 2002). The transition from a centrally planned to a market economy that began in 1990 considerably changed the labour market situation. Massive layoffs placed many people in the new situation of employment seeking. Especially older people used numerous possibilities of disability pensions and early retirement to avoid unemployment after layoffs from big companies undergoing restructuring. A very low labour market participation rate and difficulties in finding a job after a dismissal in older age resulted in low employment ratios of people already in their early 50s and low labour force participation rates (LFPR). Table 1 presents changes in LFPR between two national censuses.

Table 1. LFPR by age and sex in 1988 and 2002 in Poland in percent

	<i>National Census 1988</i>			<i>National Census 2002</i>		
	Total	55-64 yrs	65+	Total	55-64 yrs	65 +
<i>Total</i>	65.3	52.3	24.1	55.5	30.4	6.9
<i>Men</i>	74.3	63.7	32.5	62.3	40.4	10.6
<i>Women</i>	57.0	42.7	19.0	49.2	21.9	4.6

Source: GUS (2003)

Poverty is potentially a serious barrier to any ageing policy in Poland. Unemployment among over 45s rose from 8.5 to 11.9 per cent between 1993 and the first quarter of 2001. The elderly are in a better situation than other groups, such as young people with a rate of 41.2 per cent and unskilled workers at 22.9 per cent (Beblo et al., 2002). This favourable impression is even more evident when analysing poverty rates among households by different socio-economic groups. In 2000, old age and disability pensioners were below average for all objective measures of poverty, but remained slightly above average in relation to the subjective poverty line. Here, about 38.2 per cent define themselves as poor.

On the other hand, economic changes in Poland have contributed to the revival of the extended family. Even though seniors' role in the family seems to have increased (Synak B., 2003), and more of them now share apartments and homes with their children and their children's families than did so in 1989 when the transition began, they continue to feel lost and suffer stress. There has been one positive effect, though: in many cases grandmothers now do much of the caring that would otherwise have to be done by nursery services and kindergartens (Czekanowski P., 2003).

Both in rural and urban areas pensions remain insufficient to satisfy even the most basic needs (Perek-Białas J., Topińska I., 1998, Czepulis-Rutkowska Z., 2000). That is why senior citizens are very often called the lost generation - even when their role in contributing to the family budget and helping their children and grandchildren is significant (Czekanowski P., 2003).

II. Institutional and policy landscape

Demography and labour market behaviour show that ageing is an issue that should be in the forefront of social policy in Poland and it should be operationalised by actors within an institutional landscape of comprehensive social policy.

The institutional landscape in Poland resembles policy networks in other European countries. The central institutions (like The Ministry of Economics and Labour, The Ministry of Social Policy) lead the public sector policy-making efforts. Policy formulated and designed in the ministries is implemented by the Social Insurance Institution (ZUS) in the field of social security, labour offices for the labour market and by regional and local institutions related to social assistance. The newly created regions share responsibility for providing social assistance with central government and NGOs could provide different services to older people, also the EU funding somehow helped in it.

The policy landscape of activities aimed at older people is spread across a wide range of services and different levels of governance. Some of these policies are aimed at providing advice, some at reducing social exclusion and some at providing leisure services to seniors. Although innovative and interesting initiatives do exist - the University of the Third Age, for example, many are based exclusively on the drive of committed individuals. Local actors have little or no knowledge of activities elsewhere. Policy actors lament a lack of interest by central government and politicians. There is, they argue, no real debate and even less political will. The academic debate has next to no effect on policy-making. Older people in Poland have little or no effective political representation. Although the ageing issue attracted some attention from major parties in the 1990s, the issue was generally defined in economic terms, that is, in terms of pensions. Although Poland is one of the few countries with an explicit pensioner's party, it has had no success at the polls.

III. Public debate and policy actions

The public debate about the issue of ageing in Poland takes place primarily among experts, such as demographers, economists, sociologists and social gerontologists. Although there are considerable challenges, the debate about ageing and the impacts of ageing is rather modest. Issues addressed in the debate include unemployment - of younger rather than older workers, early retirement, the revival of the extended family and the reintroduction of

multigenerational households. As in other countries, the UN Year of the Older Person has been an effective focusing device for policy debate.

It seems that the generous social security system introduced at the beginning of 1990s lowered participation rate of older persons. Retired persons usually do not come back to the labour market, which is the important barrier for increasing their economic activity. The major pension reform implemented in 1999 can have some impact towards later retirement. It links level of a benefit with longer work more closely and future pensions will depend strongly also on chosen retirement age. However, by now, due to the long transition period after introducing the reform, companies do not treat it as important in the short term for retirement decisions. The reformed system affects people who work currently not those who now retire.

For the labour market, the first governmental program called "50 plus" has been prepared in 2003 by the Ministry of Economy, Labour and Social Policy². It is focused on older persons in the most difficult situation from the employment point of view, i.e.: the unemployed, endangered by layoffs, those at the end of period in which they received temporary disability benefits. The program is realised via projects chosen via public tenders and is still at the early stage of implementation.

However, effectiveness of policies to increase economic activity at older ages depends also on preferences of employees themselves. If we look at results of public opinion surveys on the question of older people activity in the labour market, it turns out that in Poland people are against long activity, especially in times of difficult economic situation or high unemployment (CBOS, 2003). Retirement preferences show that the most preferred retirement ages are five years lower than the standard legal retirement age in Poland (which is 60 for women and 65 for men). Actual retirement ages (taking into consideration early retirement) mirror these preferences.

The economic challenge of ageing in Poland is emphasised by the present situation on the labour market. Poland has high unemployment - 18.8% in February 2003 - and this does not encourage working beyond the official retirement age, which is 60 for women and 65 for men. There are extensive opportunities to take early retirement. In 2004 the average age of a new old-age pensioner was 56.8 years and disability pensioner 47.6. It is also worth mentioning that in 2004 there were 7.2 million pensioners in the employee pension system (ZUS, 2005) and 1.7 million in the farmers' pension system (MPS, 2005).

Pension system regulations are a key issue in ageing as they can encourage or deter early withdrawal from the labour market. In Poland, there are two major issues related to economics and ageing: women can now retire five years earlier than men, which will mean lower pension benefits in future and there are about 500 thousand people receiving state pre-retirement benefits, which increase annually and were recently limited to 80 per cent of the future retirement pension.

In 2005, the gross replacement rate for the average earner after 40 years of work was 63 per cent (or 78 per cent for the net replacement rate). The exact replacement rate in the current pension system depends on the length of

² MGPIPS (2003)

individual work career and earnings in the last 10 years preceding retirement. Every woman after 20 years of work and at age of 60 and every men after 25 years of work and at age of 65 is entitled at least to the minimum pension benefit which equals to around 22 per cent of average monthly wage.

Additionally, Polish peoples' attitudes are significantly different from other Europeans if we examine their opinions on retirement age and forced retirement. Around 70 percent of the interviewed sample (nationally representative survey organized in January-February 1997, N=1153) agree that "When jobs are scarce, older people should be forced to retire from work early"³ and only 15 percent disagree with this statement.

IV. Conclusions

It seems that whereas Poland was a policy innovator in pension reform compared to other Central and Eastern European countries (and also some of Western European countries), ageing issues have not yet stimulated similar breakthroughs, and remains of little importance to Polish policy-makers. Even though there are some actions discussed or even taken in different fields (e.g. labour market Program "50+"), the lack of institutional mechanisms, discriminatory socio-cultural perceptions and the unfavourable economic climate, all constitute very serious barriers to implementing any ageing strategies. However, it seems that the problem has been noticed and demographic changes will influence broader discussion on this in future.

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5. Work in progress "Research on Ageing in Central and Eastern Europe"⁴

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Research on the ageing European societies forms a central element of the 'James Martin Globalization of Ageing Programme' at the Oxford Institute of Ageing. In the following, we would like to inform you about some recent work on "Research on ageing in Central and Eastern Europe" we have been doing within this programme:

Over the past couple of months, we have worked on mapping the gerontological research landscape in Central and Eastern Europe, defined as comprising of the 8 still relatively new EU Member States Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Slovenia, as well as Bulgaria, Romania, and Croatia. This research follows a two-fold aim: (a) to provide an overview of the state-of-the-art of research on ageing in the above-mentioned countries and (b) to develop a pan-European research network focusing on some of the key challenges for our ageing societies all across Europe.

At the beginning, a desk review of gerontological literature and relevant statistics was conducted. This was followed by expert interviews with leading researchers on ageing in Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, collecting information on the following questions:

- What are the main issues (today/future) in research on ageing in the above-mentioned countries?
- Who are the key people / key institutions working on research on ageing?
- Which research projects on ageing do currently exist?
- What are the most important gerontological publications?
- Who provides relevant statistics, datasets, or survey data?
- Which academic disciplines are involved in research on ageing?
- What are the areas of research on ageing for which international research collaboration is needed most urgently?

At the same time, a network of more than 100 researchers in the 11 countries called 'Eastern-European Ageing Societies in Transition' (**EAST**) was established. Members of this group will form the basis of the pan-European research network to be developed to carry out future collaborative research.

The next step will be conducting a series of workshops in preparation for the pan-European research network. We hope to organise a conference on this theme in Oxford next year (2007).

Please feel free to send me your comments, questions or critique – they are most welcome!

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The following seminar series that took place at the Oxford Institute of Ageing in Hilary term 2006 complemented the above-described research:

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(*Neil Charness & Sara J. Czaja*)
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7. Conference Planner 2006

First, I would like to direct everybody's attention specifically to those **conferences organised by fellow RC11 members**, notably:

- ▶ **March 27-28, 2006 - "Human Welfare and Public Policy under Social Justice, Equity and Democratic based Relationships: Asian Challenges for Establishing Sustainable Welfare Society" at Chiba University, Japan** (Tetsuo Ogawa) – for details see: <http://www.shd.chiba-u.ac.jp/~coe21/index.htm>
 - ▶ **May 30-June 2, 2006 - "The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) 8th Global Conference. Global Ageing: the North-South Challenge" in Copenhagen, Denmark** (George Leeson) – for details see: <http://www.global-ageing.dk>
 - ▶ **June 26-29, 2006 - ICIP "Connecting Intergenerational Communities through Creative Exchange Conference" in Melbourne, Australia** (Susan Feldman) – for details see: <http://conferences.vu.edu.au/icip/default.htm>
 - ▶ **June 22-24, 2006 - "European comparative research on ageing - challenges and opportunities" in Vechta, Germany** (Andreas Motel-Klingebiel) – for details see: <http://www.sektion-altern.de/English/eindex.htm>
 - ▶ **July 17-21, 2006 – 52nd International Congress of Americanists; esp. symposium EST19** (Veronica Montes de Oca) - for details see: <http://www.52ica.com/52ICA-ECONOMIA.pdf>
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Next, I was trying to compile a list of conferences broadly related to ageing, covering a global range of countries and issues. I am particularly grateful to those of you who provided me with information on upcoming conferences.

- March 15-17, 2006 Cebu City, Philippines

2nd National Conference on Population, Health and Environment

URL: <http://www.pheconference.com/>

- March 27-28, 2006 Chiba University, Japan

"Human Welfare and Public Policy under Social Justice, Equity and Democratic based Relationships: Asian Challenges for Establishing Sustainable Welfare Society"

URL: <http://www.shd.chiba-u.ac.jp/~coe21/index.htm>

- May 2-6, 2006 Montreal, Canada
"International Summit for the Alliance for Social Inclusion of persons with Intellectual Disabilities"
URL: http://www.aamr.org/Reading_Room/pdf/Summit06.pdf

- May 30 – June 2, 2006 Copenhagen, Denmark
"The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) 8th Global Conference. Global Ageing: the North-South Challenge"
URL: <http://www.global-ageing.dk>

- June 15-17, 2006 Bologna, Italy
"4th Bologna International Meeting on Affective, Behavioral and Cognitive Disorders in the Elderly"
URL: <http://www.gegcongressi.com/abcde/>

- June 16-18, 2006 Sigtuna, Sweden
"The 13th Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (FISS) Seminar: 'Social Protection in an Ageing World'"
URL: <http://web.inter.nl.net/users/fiss/Conferences.htm>

- June 19, 2006 Glasgow, UK
"Ageing Well – Option or Aspiration?"
URL: http://www.britishgerontology.org/event_details.asp?DiaryID=19

- June 21-24, 2006 Liverpool, UK
European Population Conference (EPC) 2006 "Population Challenges in Ageing Societies"
URL: <http://epc2006.princeton.edu>

- June 22-24, 2006 Vechta, Germany
German Sociological Association (DGS), Section on Ageing and Society
"European comparative research on ageing - challenges and opportunities"
URL: <http://www.sektion-altern.de/English/eindex.htm>

- June 26-29, 2006 Melbourne, Australia
International Consortium for Intergenerational Programmes (ICIP) "Connecting Intergenerational Communities through Creative Exchange Conference"
URL: <http://conferences.vu.edu.au/icip/default.htm>

- July 12-14, 2006 Oxford, UK
4th Global Conference "Making Sense Of: Dying and Death"
Mansfield College, Oxford
URL: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/mso/dd/dd4/cfp.html>

- July 17-21, 2006 Seville, Spain
52nd International Congress of Americanists; esp. symposium EST19 that is convened by Veronica Montes de Oca (monteso@servidor.unam.mx)
URL: <http://www.52ica.com/52ICA-ECONOMIA.pdf>

- July 18-20, 2006 Birmingham, UK
The 39th Social Policy Association Conference "The State of Welfare: Past, Present and Future"
URL: <http://www.social-policy.com/conferences.aspx>

- July 23-29, 2006 Durban, South Africa
XVI ISA World Congress of Sociology "The Quality of Social Existence in a Globalised World"
URL: <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress2006/index.htm>

- September 7-9, 2006 Bangor, UK
35th Annual Scientific Meeting of the British Society of Gerontology at the University of Wales, Bangor
URL: <http://www.bangor.ac.uk/csprd/bsg2006.html>

- September 11-16, 2006 Alexandria, Egypt
19th International Conference of the International Association for People-Environment Studies"
URL: <http://www.iaps19-bibalex.com/index.htm>

- September 14-16, 2006 Cologne, Germany
"EGREPA 2006: Xth International Conference of Physical Activity and Successful Ageing"
URL: <http://www.egrepa.org/conference2006.php>

- September 20-22, 2006 Toronto, Canada
6th International Conference on Priorities in Health Care: "Real World Priority Setting – Shaping priority setting around real life innovative practices"
URL: <http://www.healthcarepriorities.org/>

- September 21-23, 2006 Bremen, Germany

ESPAnet Annual Conference "Transformation of the Welfare State: Political Regulation and Social Inequality"

URL: <http://www.espanet2006.de/>

- September 27-29, 2006 St. Gallen, Switzerland

"World Ageing & Generations Congress of the World Demographic Association"

URL: <http://www.wdassociation.org/>

- October 13-15, 2006 Melbourne, Australia

"International Conference on Healthy Ageing and Longevity"

URL: <http://www.longevity-international.com/>

- October 20-22, 2006 Galway, Ireland

36th European Behavioural and Social Science Research Symposium (EBSSRS) & 1st inter-conference symposium of the ESA RN 'Ageing in Europe', on "Values and Norms in Ageing"

URL: http://www.britishgerontology.org/event_details.asp?DiaryID=23

- November 16-20, 2006 Dallas, US

Gerontological Society of America 59th Annual Scientific Meeting

URL: http://www.agingconference.com/about_the_meeting.cfm

8. Outlook

That's it for the moment. I hope, you enjoyed reading this newsletter and it contained information useful for you. As always, I look forward to receiving your comments on this newsletter and your suggestions on how to improve future editions.

Do take care + I hope to read, listen to, talk to, or meet you soon! I look forward to seeing many of you in South Africa this summer.

With warm regards,

Andreas (Hoff)