



# **INTERNATIONAL NETWORK** for the **PREVENTION OF ELDER ABUSE**



## **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) was founded in 1997 and is dedicated to global dissemination of information as part of its commitment to world-wide prevention of elder abuse. The United Nations International Plan of Action adopted by all countries in Madrid, April 2002, clearly recognizes the importance of elder abuse and puts it in the framework of Universal Human Rights. INPEA is dedicated to supporting the plan of action. As part of INPEA's research agenda we are launching a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to be held on June 15, 2006. This project will be in partnership and collaboration with interested individuals, agencies, organizations, NGO's, governments and corporations.

Among those who have offered support are: the International Association of Gerontology (IAG), The World Health Organization (WHO), The International Federation of Aging (IFA), Help Age International, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Subcommittee on Elder Abuse of the UN NGO Committee on Ageing, International Longevity Center (ILC – USA), American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA) and the Ontario Seniors Secretariat/Government of Ontario.. Many more are expected to participate. The day will focus efforts across the globe to raise awareness of elder abuse in a coordinated fashion for the first time. Dr. Emilio Moriguchi, Chair of the Scientific Committee of the 2005 IAG World Congress in Brazil is not only supporting us but providing us with a booth at the Congress. Although the project is in the early stages of development now, by the time of the IAG World Congress of Gerontology in June 2005 we will be in an excellent position to present and promote activities related to the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This will be an exceptional opportunity to share information and resources and to encourage international participation.

## **Implementation & Objectives of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

An official statement to mark the day will reflect messaging around abuse of older persons and will stress the need for people to understand what elder abuse is and how it can be prevented as well as initiatives around the world to reach this goal. Communities and municipalities will make proclamations declaring World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and hold events designed to raise their communities' awareness of elder abuse. A planning committee comprised of national and regional representatives has been established. The planning committee will recommend priorities and innovative approaches to promoting the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and ensure that linkages are made with governments, organizations and communities across the world.

## **Development of Program and Activities**

As the project develops, suggested activities designed to help people of all ages and from all sectors of our communities to recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day will be provided. INPEA will design a Resources Kit to assist regions in planning the event. Concrete, usable tools and techniques will enable individuals/groups to participate in this global event. These materials will be presented at the IAG World Congress in Brazil (June 2005).

## **Expected Outcomes**

Expert consultation will explore and promote the theme of elder abuse awareness. Promotional events may include cultural, educational, art and social activities, as well as the launching of posters and calendars with the Day's logo. All activities will bring to the Day a global relevance that will sustain and move elder abuse awareness forward throughout the day, the year and years to come. It will involve national and international activities developed by countries, communities, neighborhoods and organizations collaborating in multigenerational initiatives that span information technology, cultural and art events, volunteer and educational programmes aiming to create an awareness of elder abuse and its consequences.

## **Please check our website for emerging details at [www.inpea.net](http://www.inpea.net)**

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## World Elder Abuse

### Awareness Day Partners:

- Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA)
- International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- The International Federation on Ageing (IFA)
- HelpAge International
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- Committee on Ageing, NY
- International Longevity Center (ILC-USA and ILC-Argentina)
- AARP Global Aging Program
- Ontario Seniors' Secretariat (OSS)  
Ontario Canada
- National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA)  
Washington, DC, USA
- ACTION on ELDER ABUSE, UK
- Age Concern, Ireland, Scotland, UK, Wales
- The NYS Office of Children and Family Services
- Bureau of Adult Protective Services

### *Special Thanks to:*

#### *Planning Committee Co-Chairs*

*Susan B. Somers &*

*Jessica Frank*

#### *WEAAD Communications Officer*

*Beverly B. Steiger,*

*and James Collins, for his assistance.*

## A GLOBAL RESPONSE to Elder Abuse

*"Elder abuse is a violation of human rights and a significant cause of injury, illness, lost productivity, isolation and despair."*

*"Confronting and reducing elder abuse requires a multisectoral and multidisciplinary approach."*

Active Ageing Policy Framework  
WHO 2002

According to the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), elder abuse is "single or repeated acts or lack of appropriate actions, occurring within the same relationship, that cause harm or distress to an elderly person. Types of abuse include: physical, psychological, emotional, sexual, financial or asset, and abandonment or neglect." (www.inpea.net)

World Health Organization  
www.who.int/ageing



**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

**June 15, 2006**

**"My World... Your World... Our World - Free of Elder Abuse"**

## The World Health Organization

together with

The International Network  
for the  
Prevention of Elder Abuse

&

World Elder Abuse Awareness  
Day Partners

*Present:*

## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Global Symposium

United Nations  
Conference Room 2  
New York, USA

June 15, 2006  
1:30 to 4:30 PM

Program Chair:  
Alexandre Kalache, MD  
World Health Organization



# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Program

**“My World... Your World... Our World — Free of Elder Abuse”**

## Global Resonance

### Welcome

**Lia S. Daichman, MD**  
President, INPEA

### WHO Research Presentation

**Alexandre Kalache, MD**  
World Health Organization

### Inception of a World Day

**Elizabeth Podnieks, Ed.D**  
Vice President, INPEA and  
World Day Founder

### Special Guest

**Mrs. Nane Annan**

### *Break*



### “Never Ignore Elder Abuse”

WEAAD Core Message, Ryan Sampson, UK

## UN and Civil Society Perspectives

**Alexandre Sidorenko, PhD, Invited**  
UN DESA

**Renato Maia Guimaraes, MD**

President, International Association of  
Gerontology and Geriatrics

**Sally Hurme, JD**

Consumer Protection, AARP

## Government Perspectives “Giving Voice to Vulnerable Older Persons”

**Senator Santo Santoro**

Minister for Ageing, Australia

**Edwin L. Walker**

Dep. Asst. Secretary, Policy and Programs  
Administration on Aging, USA

**Ursula Haubner**

Min. of Social Security & Generations, Austria

**Jesus Caldera**

Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Spain

**Lianne Vardy**

Director, Healthy Communities Div.,  
Public Health Agency, Canada

### *Break*

## International Rosalie S. Wolf Award

Tavengwa Nhongo, PhD  
Jenny Andreas,  
Help Age, International

Presented by Susan B. Somers  
Secretary General, INPEA

## Questions & Comments

Open to All

## Additional Commentary “Many Voices, One Song”

**Florence Denmark, PhD**  
Chair, Committee on Ageing, NY

**Helen Hamlin**

International Federation on Ageing

**Joseph Snyder**

President, National Adult Protective  
Services Association, USA

**Susan B. Somers**

National Committee for the  
Prevention of Elder Abuse, USA

**Alison Leaney**

Canadian Network for the  
Prevention of Elder Abuse

## *Choir Celebration*

## Closing Remarks

**Alexandre Kalache, MD**  
World Health Organization



The World Health Organization

&

The International Network  
for the  
Prevention of Elder Abuse



together with  
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Partners

Cordially Invite You to a  
Global Symposium  
To Celebrate and Launch

The First Annual  
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day  
Thursday, June 15, 2006  
*Dr. Alexandre Kalache, WHO*  
Program Chair

1:30 to 4:30 PM  
Conference Room No. 2  
United Nations Headquarters  
NYC

RSVP by June 5, 2006

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**Due to strict UN security requirements, those without a valid pass must obtain advanced security approval. Therefore, kindly submit your application as early as possible.**



You are cordially invited to attend  
A Global  
Celebration and Launch  
of the first



## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Thursday, June 15, 2006  
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

at the

United Nations Headquarters  
New York City

Conference Room 2

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**Registration is required for this event in order to obtain United Nations Security Clearance.**

Therefore, kindly submit your registration as soon as possible.

On Thursday, June 15, plan to arrive early to allow time for security screening.

Please bring photo ID to UN Visitors Entrance located at First Ave. and 45th Street, NYC

...and your copy of this invitation.

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### REGISTRATION

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - Thursday, June 15, 2006 – UNHQ - 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please Print or Type:

First Name:                      MI:              Last Name:

Title:                              Affiliation:

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Country:

I have a United Nations Ground Pass

I am willing to volunteer on June 15 for WEAAD

Please retain a copy of this invitation as your confirmation of registration.

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