



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

IAGG Collaborating Centre

The International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics has launched a program of "IAGG Collaborating Centres". This program aims to identify centres involved in research, teaching and in the provision of services in Gerontology and Geriatrics to establish a world community of those who, in several ways, are devoted to improve living in old age. There are not many centres around the world dedicated to Gerontology and Geriatrics, and IAGG wishes to be in touch with as many centres as possible, to foster ongoing contact and exchange of information. Aging is always a challenge, regardless of the country. Wealthier countries will not necessarily have better responses to the challenge of aging than poorer ones. The IAGG Collaborating Centre program seeks to be a forum to exchange information and expertise. Our commitment is to research and education, but also to the development of a network of centres based on fraternity.

Definition

An International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Collaborating Centre (IAGG-CC) is an institution that has been assigned by the President of IAGG to join an international collaborating network that develops activities supporting IAGG initiatives. The initiatives to be developed include:

- Setting up a basic data set for social and clinical research. This involves the basic information all centres will provide, to be kept on our web site for consultation by all collaborating centres. If a centre, for example, is involved on research on retirement, it will possible to check data related to that specific topic in all centres all over the world. The same applies to a medical topic like depression or dementia. One will be able to know who else is also interested in that field. The data set will be created by propositions of all centres.
- All IAGG Collaborating Centres will be invited to collaborate with the IAGG Virtual College of Gerontology and Geriatrics. The VCGG is already on the IAGG website (www.iagg.com.br), and aims to disseminate information on Gerontology and Geriatrics. Centres are expected to send lectures to the "lecture room", and thesis or monographs to the "library".
- Centres will be encouraged to create opportunities for foreign students to qualify on research, and also on the social and clinical practice in Gerontology and Geriatrics.
- Centres should actively participate in the wording and dissemination of IAGG statements on relevant issues. See the attached statement on Alzheimer's Disease.



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Admission and designation criteria

An institution, department, division, or laboratory can be designated an IAGG collaborating centre. Typical examples of collaborating centres are university departments, national institutes, hospital departments, national academies, etc.

The request for admission should be submitted to the IAGG secretariat. The above aspects will be considered:

- Scientific and technical reputation
- The status the institution has in its country's national health or educational structure.
- Quality of its technical-scientific leadership
- Capability and availability to contribute to IAGG programs
- Possibility of accepting foreign students for training

Designation

Candidates should complete the form attached and send it to IAGG secretariat. The Executive Committee of IAGG will analyze the request and consult its member society in the country where the institution is located. In case of no objection, the President will appoint the institution for a 4-year period. Re-designation will follow the same process.

IAGG responsibility to a collaborating centre

1. Designation of a centre does not imply in any financial commitment to IAGG.
2. The IAGG-CC will be entitled to use the IAGG-CC logo.
3. All IAGG-CC will have a link to the IAGG website.
4. The number of IAGG-CC's in a given country will be a major criterion in the bid to hold an International Congress.
5. Students affiliated to a collaborating centre will have priority in any support provided by IAGG to students.
6. IAGG international and regional congresses will be encouraged to offer a reduction in registration to IAGG-CC members.
7. IAGG will organize an international meeting of its centres each 4 years and will partly subsidize the participation of centres.



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IAGG COLLABORATING CENTRE - APPLICATION FORM

Name of the Centre:

Address/ Country:

Phone / fax number:

Website /e-mail:

Director or contact person:

Please describe the centre, its links to universities, institutes or any other relevant affiliation:

What are the areas in which the centre is involved?

Describe the main research programs of the centre?

Does the centre offer post graduate programs? Please specify.

Describe the teaching program of the centre.

Is the centre involved in clinical or social activities? Please specify.

Please list recent publications of members of the centre over the past five years.