

International Federation on Ageing concludes successful 16th Global Conference in Bangkok, Thailand

Toronto, Canada - July 12, 2023 - The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) recently concluded its highly anticipated 16th Global Conference, held from June 27 to June 30, 2023, in the vibrant city of Bangkok, Thailand. The conference, themed "Challenge, Transformation, Change" brought together leading experts, policymakers, researchers, and advocates from around the globe to discuss and address critical issues related to ageing populations.

The IFA extends its heartfelt gratitude to its many sponsors including Pfizer, Moderna, Seqirus, Cochlear, Aspen Tree, Amgen, Bayer, Sanofi, Winner Medical/ Kevin G Orr, GSK, and AARP for their support. Their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of older adults and their dedication to advancing research, innovation, and healthcare solutions for ageing populations played a vital role in making the conference a resounding success.

The conference provided a unique platform for thought-provoking discussions, innovative ideas, and collaborations aimed at promoting healthy ageing and creating sustainable communities that cater to the needs of older adults. With attendees from over 60 countries, the event facilitated cross-cultural dialogue and the sharing of best practices in addressing the challenges and opportunities associated with population ageing.

Throughout the four-day conference, participants engaged in a wide range of concurrent sessions, symposiums and master classes covering diverse topics such as digital technologies, older women, maintaining and improving function, immunisation for all ages, and age-friendly environments. Renowned speakers from various fields delivered keynote addresses, including experts in gerontology, healthcare, technology, and social sciences.

The Gala Dinner brought us together in a celebration of the collective achievements and shared goals in promoting healthy ageing and sustainable communities. Delegates from various countries enjoyed an evening filled with cultural performance reflecting the vibrant spirit of Thailand. It provided many memorable–experiences, fostered a sense of community and renewed our commitment to continue important work in advocating for the rights and well-being of older adults around the world.

During the Conference Mr. Graeme Prior, President of the IFA, announced that Secretary General Dr. Jane Barratt would be stepping down from the position of Secretary General. Mr. Prior acknowledged the many contributions she had made to the organization and her tireless efforts in advancing the cause of healthy ageing worldwide. He expressed his gratitude for her visionary leadership and unwavering dedication during her tenure at the IFA.

The 16th Global Conference concluded with a renewed sense of commitment and collaboration among participants, emphasizing the importance of inclusive policies, intergenerational solidarity, and the active involvement of older adults in decision-making processes.

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