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Press Release: The IFA President, Mr. Graeme Prior, announces the upcoming departure of Dr. Jane Barratt as Secretary General of the International Federation on Ageing

Toronto, Canada - With both sadness and profound appreciation, the IFA President Mr. Graeme Prior at the recent IFAs 16th Global Conference on Ageing in Bangkok, Thailand, announced the departure of the Secretary General, Dr. Jane Barratt, from the International Federation on Ageing. Together with her husband and colleague, Greg Shaw, they have worked tirelessly with a small and mighty team to build the IFA into one of the foremost ageing organizations in the world. Population ageing and disability across the life course have been Jane's passion and interest across an adventurous career that traverses public and private sectors, however her contributions to the field of ageing have been truly immense and will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark.



Dr. Jane Barratt, Secretary General at IFA

“Jane’s dedication and commitment to improving the lives of older adults is truly unparalleled. Her thoughtful approach to work, endless compassion and tireless effort has helped to build bridges and expand how we’ve come to think about ageing. While her impact in the field is undeniable it is her unfailing and selfless commitment to share knowledge, build capacity, and support those she works with both personally and professionally that is truly incomparable.”

-- Anna Sangster, Director, Policy, Advocacy and Innovation

In addition to the many hats Jane wears including her positions as a member of Vision Academy, Director, Baycrest Health Sciences, Member, Global Committee for the DR Barometer Program, and Member of the International Council for Adult Immunization, Jane has also been recognized as a Winston Churchill Fellow, recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in Canada, and most recently named one of the Healthy Ageing 50, in recognition of her commitment and passion to enhance the understanding of issues relating to ageing and engaging in dialogue with governments and the private sector to improve the quality of life of older people.

Jane and Greg remain passionate to the field and the mission of the IFA and are steadfast in their commitment to ensure a smooth transition into the next era of this credible and respected organization. While their contributions to the field of ageing and the IFA will be sorely missed, as will their compassion and dedication to their staff, they leave behind a lasting legacy through an immense body of work as well as the many lives they have touched throughout their dedicated careers.

The IFA staff and Board of Directors look forward to supporting Jane and Greg as they move on to this exciting next phase of their journey alongside their beloved dogs Lennie and Billie.

About The International Federation on Ageing: *[The International Federation on Ageing is an international non-governmental organisation (NGO) with a membership base comprising of government, NGOs, industry, academia, and individuals. Our aim is to be a global point of connection of experts and expertise across sectors and disciplines toward helping to shape and influence age-related policies and practices. Established in 1973 the IFA is one of only a handful of NGOs in the field of ageing with General Consultative Status at the United Nations and its agencies which permits the IFA to be a voice on behalf of IFA members and older adults at these meetings. Our membership extends to over 70 countries with a constituency representing over 60 million older people.]*

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