



**Call for Expressions of Interest:
European Representative for the International Association of Gerontology and
Geriatrics – Council of Student Organizations**

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite expressions of interest for the position of European Representative (PhD Student or Early Career Researcher) on the Council of Student Organizations, part of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics.

This representative will play a key role in supporting and strengthening the European branch of our network in the lead-up to the 23rd IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics scheduled for July 2026 in Amsterdam. We are especially seeking a motivated and collaborative individual who is keen to contribute to the visibility and activity of the European region and serve as a key liaison for promoting and supporting on-the-ground activities during the congress.

In addition to supporting preparations for the congress, they will also be invited to take a leadership role in growing and coordinating the European branch of the committee beyond the congress, contributing to long-term capacity-building and regional engagement (see more details below).

This is a wonderful opportunity for professional development and networking, and an excellent way to contribute to a global community of peers and experts. The role would involve regular engagement with the broader international committee and opportunities to co-lead specific initiatives.

Who we are looking for (a more detailed list is provided at the end of this letter):

- A PhD student or early career researcher based in Europe.
- Someone with an interest in relevant fields, including, but not limited to gerontology, health, ageing, etc.
- Preferably affiliated with an IAGG member organization or society.
- A collaborative and proactive communicator.
- Willingness to support planning and liaison activities for the 23rd IAGG World Congress.

About the Council of Student Organizations

The IAGG-CSO aims to provide a welcoming global community that supports students and early career researchers (S/ECRs) to connect their passion with the gerontology and geriatrics discipline and collaborate to enhance quality of life and well-being of all people as they age. Our mission is to build an interconnected, multi-disciplinary global network of student organisations that offers opportunities for learning, connection, and collaboration, in line with the mission of the IAGG.



Our goals are to build a connected, global S/ECR community, promote the global profile of gerontology and geriatrics and create opportunities for sharing of knowledge and wisdom.

Committee structure

Please see the proposed committee structure below for an overview of how the European Representative fits within the wider international team:



How to apply

To express your interest, please send a short paragraph (up to 250 words) outlining your background, motivation for joining the committee, and relevant experience, to lara.vlietstra@otago.ac.nz and kiirtaara@gmail.com.

We particularly encourage applications from individuals who are enthusiastic about shaping the future direction of the European branch and contributing meaningfully to the success of our upcoming international congress.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

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President of the IAGG-CSO

On behalf of the IAGG-CSO

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For more information, see: <https://iagg.site/icso/>



IAGG-CSO membership:

Within the CSO, we welcome and support students and early career researchers (S/ECRs) from diverse disciplines who are passionate about ageing and committed to enhancing the quality of life and well-being of older people. Our group is open to individuals from a wide range of both professional and academic backgrounds, including but not limited to:

- Gerontology and geriatrics
- Nursing and medicine
- Psychology and psychiatry
- Public health and health promotion
- Social work and social policy
- Allied Health (e.g., Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy)
- Pharmacy and pharmacology
- Kinesiology, exercise science, and physical education
- Nutrition and dietetics
- Sociology and anthropology
- Architecture and urban planning
- Design (including universal design and assistive technologies)
- Law and human rights
- Economics and policy studies
- Data science and health informatics
- Arts and humanities (e.g., history, literature, philosophy of ageing)
- Indigenous and intercultural studies

We value interdisciplinary collaboration and encourage all who are driven to make a positive impact on ageing societies to join us.