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To: Susan Somers, Secretary –General INPEA

Dear Susan,

Further to your request for a statement of my contributions to date to INPEA and vision of what needs to be done below please find my candidate's statement.

Candidate's statement: G. Gutman

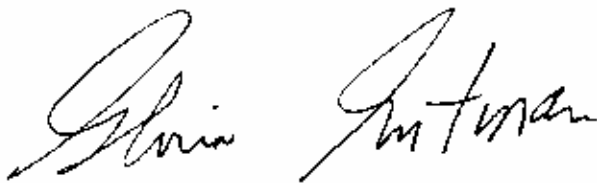
Since its founding in 1997, I have been a strong supporter and advocate of INPEA. During the 2001 IAG Congress in Vancouver, I made a special effort to solicit papers, posters and symposia so as to establish elder abuse as a stream within the Congress. Subsequent to becoming IAG President, I encouraged the IAG regional chairs to incorporate elder abuse as an important theme in their regional congresses and in 2004 was instrumental in establishing INPEA as a Standing Committee of IAG. This gave it visibility among the 64 member national organizations of IAG as well as a voice at the IAG Council meetings. During my term as IAG President, I also established the IAGG Rosalie Wolf Endowment fund, made it possible for INPEA to obtain a grant from IAG to establish a student section, and at 2005 World Congress supported a student poster competition on elder abuse. My most recent direct service to INPEA was as co-chair and person responsible for logistics for the very successful 3rd World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event that took place in 2008 in Ottawa, Canada. This two day event attracted over 200 participants, and reinforced INPEA image as the lead international organization with respect to elder abuse by virtual of the high quality of the presentations, and caliber of the discussions which are available world-wide on the website. In recognition of my strong support of INPEA in 2003 I was named a Special Advisor to INPEA and in 2005 was recipient of the prestigious Rosalie Wolf International Award. I am indeed grateful for these honors and value my relationship with INPEA. I also believe that INPEA is at cross-roads.

As discussed at the several strategic planning sessions that have been held over the past several years, it has evolved from a loose, informal grouping of individuals working in the area of adult protection, researchers, and practitioners, doctors, lawyers, and social workers who wished to share best practices,

to an organization that could influence national and international policy. To do so, however, some changes must be made. It needs to formalize its policies and procedures with respect to leadership succession; election/appointment of officers, advisors, regional and national representatives; clarify the reporting relationship between regional and national representatives, the board, the executive committee, and generally operate in a clear and transparent manner and according to standard organizational practices. It also needs to establish a strong financial base and clarify fiduciary responsibilities and relationships with its partners.

While others within INPEA's membership have stronger records than I do with respect to elder abuse research and practice, I bring to the position of President sound and recognized credentials as a Gerontological researcher and educator with publications in a broad range of areas that cross-cut elder abuse. Most important at this juncture in historical time, I bring knowledge and experience of how to successfully operate an international organization that is multidisciplinary and has the fostering of research and education as well as advocacy as its goals. I believe I have the right combination of "political savvy", vision, and the ability to draw individuals together that would enable INPEA to build on the excellent legacy of its first 12 years and achieve a new level of influence and respect.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gloria Gutman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gloria" and the last name "Gutman" clearly legible.

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Special Advisor, International Network for Aging Research

Brief bio and Full CV attached.