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To: Lynn MacDonald, Co-chair, INPEA Nominating Committee

Dear Lynn,

Further to your request for a biography, attached please find my full cv. Below I have highlighted items from it and other historical information which shows that my involvement with elder abuse research and education dates back to the early 1980s. I conclude with a vision statement of what needs to be done to take INPEA to the next stage of development.

Candidate's Statement: G. Gutman

History of Involvement with Elder Abuse Research and Education

In 1981, I wrote a successful proposal, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada in 1982, to establish the Gerontology Research Centre at Simon Fraser University. In the proposal I identified three themes that would guide the research program of the GRC – one of which was Prevention of Crime and Victimization of the Elderly. In 1983, when my proposal to establish the Gerontology Department at Simon Fraser University was implemented, I asked Professor Ezzat Fattah of the Criminology Department, to develop a course on the topic. It was the first credit course on elder abuse to be offered in Canada and marked the beginning of a warm and cordial working relationship between the Gerontology and Criminology Departments at SFU that continues today.

In 1988, I was senior supervisor for PhD candidate Elizabeth Bristowe. Her research, entitled "The Abuse and Neglect of Non-institutionalized Frail Elderly People in BC" is reported in an article in the first issue of the *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*. My most recent work with graduate students was serving of the MA thesis committee for Yongjie Yon, who on January 19, 2010 successfully defended his thesis entitled "Comparison of spousal abuse in mid and old age: Is elder abuse simply a case of spousal abuse grown old?"

In 1992, I was awarded a grant by Justice Canada (\$120,000) for a project entitled "Elder Abuse and Family Caregivers". That grant enabled me to hire Charmaine Spencer, who has been a key player in the development of legislation as well as services for abused elders in British Columbia, in addition to

authoring many landmark federal documents. Over the years, Charmaine and I have received a number of grants and contracts including:

- Gutman, G.M. and Spencer, C. **Rights and Responsibilities: Developing Professional and Business Ethics for Elder Abuse.** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada - Strategic Grants Program, April 1993-March 1995. (\$30,000).
- Gutman, G.M., Spencer, C. and Higgs, A. **Elder Abuse Bibliography.** Forensic Psychiatric Services, B.C. Ministry of Health, March, 1993 (\$15,000)
- Gutman, G.M. and Spencer, C. **Institutional Elder Abuse Bibliography and Discussion Paper.** Mental Health Division, Health Canada. October, 1994-March, 1994 (\$18,000).
- Gutman, G., Tredwell, S., Spencer, C. & Crawford, S. **Seniors Network Mapping.** Health Canada National Population Health Clearinghouse, March, 1998 (\$23,364).
- Spencer, C & Gutman, G. **Sharpening Canada's empirical profile of elder abuse in the community.** Human Resources and Social Development Canada. December 2007-June 2008. (\$25000)

We have co-authored a number of chapters and conference presentations on policy related issues in which elder abuse is a theme or sub-theme including:

- Gutman, G.M., Wister, A.V., Spencer, C. & Staddon, N. Older refugees in Canada: Profile, health needs and social service issues. In: A.V. Wister & G.M. Gutman (Eds.) **Health Systems and Aging in Selected Pacific Rim Countries: Cultural Diversity and Change** (pp.125-146). Vancouver, Gerontology Research Centre, Simon Fraser University.
- Gutman, G., Araki, Y. & Spencer, C. **Assisted living in British Columbia Canada: Policy shifts and aftershocks.** Paper presented in the symposium "Supportive Housing Home Modification", 18th World Congress of Gerontology, Rio de Janeiro, June 26-30, 2005.
- Spencer, S. & Gutman, G. **Hunting of the snarf – the elusive search for one big theory for abuse in later life.** Paper presented in the symposium Elder Abuse: the Need for Theory at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Baltimore, MD, November 21-25, 2008

Currently, we have an edited collection in press, to be released in February or March as an electronic book:

Gutman, G. & Spencer, C. (Eds.) (in press). **Ageing, Ageism and Abuse: Moving From Awareness to Action.** Burlington, MA: Elsevier Publishers

Involvement and Support of INPEA

Since its founding in 1997, I have been a strong supporter and advocate of INPEA . During the 2001 IAGG 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 IAGG President, I encouraged the IAGG 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 IAGG. This gave it visibility

among the 64 member national organizations of IAGG as well as a voice at the IAGG Council meetings. During my term as IAGG President, I also established the IAG Rosalie Wolf Endowment fund, made it possible for INPEA to obtain a grant from IAGG to establish a student section, and at the 2005 World Congress it supported a student poster competition on elder abuse.

I have served as a Special Advisor to INPEA since 2003 and in September 2005, was the recipient of the **INPEA International Rosalie Wolf Memorial Award** .

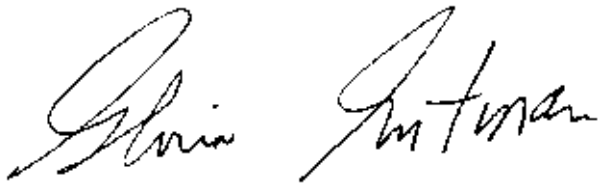
I have been a member of the organizing committee for all World Elder Abuse Awareness Day official INPEA celebrations held to date. In the case of WEAAD 3, I was co-chair with Elizabeth Podniecks and Lynn MacDonald and the person responsible for logistics for the very successful event that took place in Ottawa, Canada. This two day event attracted over 200 participants, and reinforced INPEA's image as the lead international organization with respect to elder abuse. The high quality of the presentations discussions can be seen on the INPEA website.

Vision Statement

I believe that INPEA is at a 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 – some working in the area of adult protection, some working as researchers, some as practitioners, some 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. INPEA needs to formalize its policies and procedures with respect to leadership succession and election and appointment of officers, advisors, regional and national representatives. It needs to clarify and formalize 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. I am author /editor of 22 books, over 150 peer reviewed publications and reports, and approximately 300 conference presentations on 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 as its goals, the fostering of research and education as well as advocacy. 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 that reads "Gloria Gutman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Special Advisor, International Network for Aging Research

Brief bio and Full cv attached.