

**INPEA Membership Meeting Minutes  
Held at the WDA St. Gallen. Switzerland**

**August 29, 2008  
AGENDA**

**Welcome: Ariela Lowenstein, EU Regional Representative**

**Memorial Dedication:**

**Dr. Charles Henri Rapin, INPEA Swiss National Rep.**  
Several members remembered him, lead by Ulrike Wagingen, who met Dr. Rapin while she was a student in Geneva, recalled his kindness, warmness and compassion for older persons.

**HONORED MEMBER: DR. MONICA FERRIERA, PAST REG REP AFRICA**  
Members were reminded of the celebration in honor of Monica to take place at the WDA.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights – Dec 10, A year celebration**

**Convention for Human Rights of Older Persons**

Laura Machado and Alex Kalache highlighted the fact the Brazil was hosting a high level meeting Sept 15-16 on the issue to which Lia has been invited. The meeting will help to test the political will of Latin American Nation States to move to a convention.

**News Bulletin – Focus on Asia**

Mala Kapur Shankardass, Nat. Rep. INDIA, Guest Editor encouraged members to submit articles or notices of upcoming conferences within the next few weeks.

**WEAAD 2008**

Lynn Mc Donald, CA, INPEA Board Member – 2008 Co Chair  
In Lynn's absence Ariela recapped this year's successful event and congratulated the organizing committee – Elizabeth Podnicks, INPEA Vice-President, Gloria Gutman, Special Advisor and Lynn Mc Donald, North America Board member.

**WEAAD 2009 IAGG PARIS JULY 2009**

Ariela Lowenstein, INPEA Regional Rep. EU – Co Chair with Elizabeth Podnicks, INPEA Vice-President informed members of the upcoming WEAAD and encouraged input and participation. Organizational and program committees will be formed and members were asked to participate.

**IDOP 2008 October 2, NYC, Vienna and Geneva (Susan Somers/Ulrike Waginger)**

**NYC “A Call for a Convention on the Human Rights of Older Persons”.**  
Susan Somers, INPEA Secretary General, is a 2008 Co-Chair,  
Invited presenters include the following INPEA members: Lia Daichman, INPEA President Latin America, Nana Apt, INPEA Board Dir, Africa, (Ghana), and Manohar Upreti, INPEA National Rep., Nepal, as well as HelpAge, Intl., Bridget Sleaf, Policy Advisor, and Global Action on Ageing, Suzanne Paul

## Upcoming Conferences of interest:

IFA Montreal - Sept 5-7 2008 Ariela Lowenstein (IFA Board Member)

IVAT San Diego - Sept 19, 2008 Susan Somers

## UN Agenda UN HQ, NY Geneva and Vienna

Geneva, Human Rights Council is conducting the Periodic Reviews and Susan described her strategy to raise awareness at the HRC and strongly encouraged members to volunteer to do “shadow” reports/reviews of the Human Rights reports relative to their county. All information can be found on the internet and Susan will be happy to help.

## INPEA Strategic Planning:

Governance” is a big issue for INPEA

The 2009 Elections of Officers July 2009 are upcoming and therefore, PRESIDENT, Lia Daichman wishes to create the following several committees comprised of members from our 6 regions to ensure the full participation and transparency of INPEA a Search Committee and a By laws Committee

Vacant posts will be on Web site [WWW.inpea.net](http://WWW.inpea.net)

Regional Reps: Africa and Asia

National Reps: UK, and other countries which are currently unrepresented.

Board Members: Asia (2), Oceania (2) and N. America (1)

## Research Agenda:

NETWORK:

INPEA WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

The survey results to be presented at a reception following NYC IDOP

“Global” Definition of elder abuse; There is a real need for a that works in developing countries – Yinka Ajomale and Susan Somers, w/ WDA

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS Report:

AFRAN members are collaborating, many are INPEA members as well.

**Research Exchange:** One of INPEA’s goals

How to ask older persons about abuse (Missing Voices WHO/INPEA)

## Literature search:

Support is needed by members in developing countries trying to do research:

Lynn Mc Donald has done recent work in this area

**WHO, Violence Prevention Alliance** – INPEA is exploring possible opportunities.

WEBSITE – [WWW.INPEA.NET](http://WWW.INPEA.NET) updates are coming .Content welcome

INPEA MEMBERS St Gallen	Position	Region/Country
Ariela Lowenstein	REG REP	EU (Israel)
Monica Ferreira	REG REP	Africa (S. Africa)
Susan B. Somers	Secretary General	N. America, USA
T Nhongo	Board Member, Africa	Africa, (Kenya)
Lynn McDonald	Board Member, N.Am	N. America. (Canada)
Ulrike Waginger	UN NGO Rep., Austria	EU, Vienna, Austria
Simon Biggs	Special Advisor, UK	EU, UK
Sara Alon	National Rep	EU, Israel
Thomas Gorgen	National Rep	EU, Germany
Mala Kapur Shankardass	National Rep	Asia, INDIA
Laura Machado	National Rep	LA, Brazil
Isabella Aboderin	Member	Africa, Kenya
Olayinka Ajomale	Member +	Africa, Nigeria & W.Africa
Sebastiana Kaluka	Member	África, South Africa

INPEA Friends in attendance: Alex Kalache, NY A M. and Irene Hoskins, President IFA