



International Longevity Argentina

ILC- ARGENTINA ANNUAL REPORT (2010-2011)

OBJECTIVES

Established in 2005, ILC-Argentina is a not for profit policy and education NGO.

MISSION

- ***To help society address the issues of their aging population in a positive and constructive way.***
- ***The protection of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms, without any violence, abuse and neglect.***
- ***To highlight older people's productivity and contributions to society as a whole.***

INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY CENTER ARGENTINA (ILC-ARG)

ILC-ARG is part of the ILC-Alliance. ILC-ARG is an independent affiliate of the INPEA, the Navarro Viola Foundation, the Barceló University, the Argentinean Gerontology Association (AGA), the ISALUD University and other NGOs, all of whom work independently and collaboratively with ILC-Arg.

Our activities are of life- span perspective, interdisciplinary, and on National, Regional and International levels.

ILC-ARG President Dr Lia Daichman is the UN Official Representative through the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older Persons.

STRUCTURE

The Executive committee comprises of:

- ***Dr Lia S. Daichman, President***
- ***Dr. Roberto E. Barca, Executive Director***
- ***Lic Maria Alejandra Ortolani, General Secretary***

RELEVANT ACTIVITIES (2010- 2011)

- ***Rosario, Santa Fe, Oct 2010 marked the 15th anniversary of the reinstatement of the Rights of Older Persons into the Constitution (Art75 Inc, 23). This achievement was able to obtain through actions which took place at the National Constitutional Convention from 1994 by the National Commission for Social Gerontology- (CONAGES), UN, and the Commission of Gerontological Experts, National University of Rosario, President Dr Patrick***

Donnelly and Secretary General Ms. Bibiana Gordillo, respectively, both members of ILC- Argentina and organized by the University , the Institute of Psycho Gerontology, College of Psychologists of Santa Fe, Second District, the Provincial Department of Aging, DIPAM ,Ministry of Social Development of the Government of Santa Fe and the University Center for Advanced Studies, Fac. Of Psychology, Rosario under the auspice of ILC- Argentina Awards were given to outstanding Senior on their work and commitment to literature, academics, journalists, sports ,several arts, artisans, volunteers, health professionals, and personalities from different NGOs.

- *Since 2010 to date, they have been developing several Communities' Centers, depending from the National University of Rosario, throughout the auspices of the Province of Santa Fe. Main objectives were : dissemination and updating courses in Related Gerontology Issues, Cinema-Debate Courses, Volunteering and Training capacity domiciliary caregivers; also the purpose of these courses was also to raise public awareness of the Rights of older persons and promoting active aging.*
- *November 11th, 2010 - The Robert Butler's Tribute and Memorial Conference in Buenos Aires was successfully held and organized by a Special Committee of ILC- ARG and other NGOs such as the Argentinean Gerontology Association (AGA), the Federation of Gerontology Societies, and National and Private Universities. The conference was held at the Navarro Viola Foundation.*
- *December, 2010 - ILC-ARG Executive Committee members were invited to lecture at the multi-disciplinary Conference on Gerontology and Geriatrics. The conference was organized by the Argentinean Association of Gerontology, (AGA) and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Aconcagua, and Mendoza, Argentina.*
- *April 4th, 2011 – A full Day Conference with an audience of more than 400 people, under the name of “THE SOCIAL DEBTS TO OLDER PERSONS” was successfully organized and held in collaboration with the AGA, the FAGG and the Secretary of the Third Age, Federal Government, at the Palace of Legislation, Buenos Aires DC.*

Key-note speakers were quite well known Latin American Health Professionals, , Argentinean Past and Present Ministers of Health and Economy, and Representatives from the National and Federal Government as Well as the Official Advocate from Seniors from the City of Buenos Aires.

UNITED NATIONS

FEBRUARY 2011

- *A joint written statement was submitted to the United Nations in collaboration with other International NGOs with Consultative Status at the UN and International reach.*
- *February 8-19, 2011 - Participated actively at two AARP-UN Briefing Series commemorated by the 49th session of the UN Commission for Social Development. This Briefing Series devoted its priority to “Poverty Eradication”. Held in New York.*

- *It was accepted that this Coalition Group to be composed of the nine existing NGOs. Dr. Alex Kalache was elected as a Special Adviser to the Group.*
- *I had the opportunity to share, as much as it was possible, the company and permanent support of our Executive Secretary Dr Masako Osako*

AUGUST 2011

- *August 3rd, 2011 - United Nations, New York, The Permanent Missions of Argentina and Brazil to the United Nations and The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People organized and invited us to one of Side Event, “Violence and Mistreatment of Older People”, a dialogue on the Need for a Human Rights Based Approach.*

The event was Co-sponsored by: The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People, The World Health Organization, The International Longevity Center and The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, (INPEA). The other 2 Side Events organized and Co-sponsored by the Global Alliance and WHO were:

1. *“Disability Rights, Access to Palliative Care, and Lessons from the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities process” (1/8) and “The Right to Health: in Conversation with Older People” (2/8)*
2. *The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People was invited with great success to DAILY NGO BRIEFINGS on THE SECOND WORKING SESSION OF THE OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGEING on “Strengthening the Protection of the Human Rights of Older persons”*

August 1 to August 4, 2011, 8.45- 9:45 AM

At the United Nations Headquarters, NY

AGENDA

- *De-brief on the OEWG meeting*
- *Invited Speakers -- (Member States and Content Specialists)*
- *Networking & Reflections - Summary & Way Forward*

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE STEERING GROUP:

International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), Global Action on Aging (GAA), International Longevity Center Global Alliance (ILC), International Federation on Ageing (IFA), International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (IAHSA), International Association of Gerontology & Geriatrics (IAGG), Help Age International (Help Age), Age UK, AARP. Co-Sponsored by: The NGO Committee on Ageing, NY, USA

- *Participated on behalf of the ILC-Alliance in several private and open meetings with the other eight NGO (UN and ECOSOC), Help Aged, IFA, IAGG, INPEA, Global Ageing; Age UK, AARP and IAHSA (The International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing).*

PUBLICATIONS, COURSES AND NEW PROJECTS

- ***ILC-Argentina`s contribution for the ILC- Alliance's Report on "Retirement Age"***
- ***ILC- Argentina`s contribution for "The Global Ageing Special Issue on Dementia"***
- ***Contribution to the "Cape Town Declaration on Dementia".***
- ***Article for Help Age International (Special Issue, June 2011) on "Elder Abuse: A Health, Ethical and Human Right Issue"***
- ***Invited to write a Chapter on "Elder Abuse and Neglect in Latin America" for International Perspectives on Elder Abuse", University College, Dublin, Ireland.***
- ***Organized a One week Professional Course on "Health and Social Emergencies in Geriatrics"at the Roux -Ocefa Foundation, September, 2011.***
- ***Started preparing a new "Train the Trainer Seminar" on Related Issues on Elder Abuse and Neglect for the 5th time in the LA Region, to be held next year in Curacao with Giselle Coffi , INPEA Nat. Rep and in collaboration with INPEA International and local NGOs. It will be also a joint effort with Dr Rosy Pereyra, (ILC-Dominican Republic, President) and Luz Barreto, MSW, Peru, (INPEA Regional Rep, LA Region and Board Member of Help Aged).***

Due to the worldwide and regional financial crisis, ILC-ARG is finding it difficult to funding new national projects for the near future and is seeking partnerships with National and International NGOs related to Ageing, as well as with the rest of the ILC- Alliance.

We are trying to restructure our legal status as an official Argentinean NGO that will allow us to get the additional funding we desperately need to proceed with new projects. At the present time we can only receive donations but not charge for any events we are able to produce and/or make official contracts with Private, Governmental and other NGOs. These make it impossible to sustain the paid staff that we need and cover our own expenses. I have already asked both Co-Presidents and the Executive Secretary Masako Osako for a formal letter and a copy of the by-laws to proceed in this present situation, as soon as possible to start working in this important procedure. Turning Awareness of the problems of the elders into Action and addressing their necessities and rights is crucial to achieved Health and Social Policy changes. We need to build worldwide RECOGNITION of our mission and goals.

Thank you very much for your attention,

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