Established in 2005, ILC-Argentina is a non for profit, policy and educational
NGO

MISSION and OBJECTIVES

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

ILC-ARG is an independent affiliate of the INPEA, the Navarro Viola Foundation, the Barceló University, the Argentinean Gerontological Association (AGA) and the Argentinean Federation of Gerontology and Geriatrics.

International partners such as the ILC-Alliance and other NGO work both independently and collaboratively with us.

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

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RELEVANT ACTIVITIES AND NEW PROJECTS (2009-2010)

Invited as one of the two Key-Note Speakers at the Cordoba Psycho Gerontological Seminar organized by CEPRAM and the National University of Cordoba, Argentina, September 2009.

Invited Speaker and Expert to the Argentinean Psycho Gerontological Congress to present on “Age Discrimination and Equal Rights throughout the world”, September 2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Conference was followed by special reception and the presentation of the Post Mortem International Rosalie Wolf Award on Elder Abuse 2009 to Psych. Susana Aguas's (INPEA-ILC- ARG) family, colleagues and friends.

Invited as Key-Note Professor to lecture on Gerontological Related Issues to Professionals and to a later event opened to the community and organized jointly by PAMI (National Services for the Aged and Pensioners) and the Cordoba Secretary of the Third Age, Rio Cuarto, Cordoba with great support from media, October, Argentina, 2009.

Invited to lecture on “Risk Factors to Elders with Dementia” in a Seminar on Related Factors to Dementia and Old Age, organized by the Argentinean Association of Gerontology and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Aconcagua, Mendoza, Argentina, December, 2009.

Day Conference organized:
By the AGA (IAGG), the University Barceló and ILC- Argentina on” LONG TERM CARE: PRESENT AND FUTURE”.
Key Note Speaker: Prof Dr Bern Marin, from Vienna, Austria. Executive Director of the European Centre for Social Welfare, Policy and Research (Affiliated to the UN), Buenos Aires, March 22, 2010.

World Day Awareness Elder Abuse 2010 was successfully being planned and held at the Palace of Legislation on June 15th in Buenos Aires DC, as in the rest of the country as so many other cities all over the world. This was organized and implemented between different NGO such as ILC-Argentina, the Argentinean Gerontological Association (AGA), National and Private Universities, the Argentinean Government, Ministry of Social Development, the Government of the City of Buenos Aires, Secretary of Human Rights, and the Civil society with great participation of elders, Media communication and press release. It was a wonderful gathering with more than 400 people and the performance of “the Papel Nonos's Band”, which is a group of elders who play music with paper and cardboard made up instruments. They are quite well known musicians and have performed through the last 15 years in Argentina and other South American’s countries.

MAIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Invited to continue being an Adviser to the National Program for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and Neglect, National Direction for Elders, Ministry of Social Development, as a joined effort between NGO, Academics and the Argentinean Government, (2009-2010)

Invited as a current Expert to the LA Region follows up of MIPAA in Brasilia at the Second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in LA and the Caribbean: Towards a society for all ages and rights based social protection, (Brasilia Declaration), ECLAC, and recently in Buenos Aires on May 21-22(2009), being this
time it’s main objective: “Working for a Convention for Seniors”, which as you probably know our region, headed by Argentina, Brazil and Chile, is quite advanced with the negotiations already.

Invited as a Special Expert on Elder Abuse and Neglect to lecture at a Week International Seminar on “Different Strategies to diagnose and management of Abusive Situations on Older Persons”, Buenos Aires, June 2010.

Invited as an Expert to the LA Region, MERCOSUR follows up of MIPAA, to continue working for a Convention of Older Persons, organized by the Argentinean Government at the Foreign Office Palace in Buenos Aires, June 16th-18th, 2010. Also provided technical support on the draft’s elaboration of the written Document to be signed by Latin American Foreign and Social Development Ministries.

UNITED NATIONS

Joint written statement submitted in collaboration with other International NGO with Consultative Status to the UN, SECTION III - HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL 10th session, Item 3 on February 27th, 2009, in English, French and Spanish regarding Older Women for the Promotion and Protection of all Human Rights, Civil, Political, Economical, Social and Cultural rights, including the right to Development.

The Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Chair by Dr S. Zelenev and R. Venne organized and invited me to be part of an Expert Group Meeting on “Rights of Older Persons” on 5-7 May 2009, Bonn, Germany. It was convened in response to resolution A/RES/63/151 adopted by the 3rd Committee of the General Assembly, 63rd session, wherein the G A requested the Secretary-General “to submit at its 64th session, a Report on the implementation of the present resolution, including information on the Promotion and Protection of Human rights as they pertain to Older Persons.” (A/RES/63/151, paragraph 19).

PURPOSE of this Group Meeting was to provide the General Assembly with an independent Expert opinion on questions related to the Rights of older people, as well as inputs into and recommendations for the Report of the Secretary-General.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES were to explore how fundamental Human Rights of Older Persons could be assured and deepened, and how the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing could be better implemented concerning their Rights. Within this context, analysis, approaches and documents of rights enforced in the past, of institutional settings, and of overall capacity to further implement policies and laws concerning the rights of older persons were fully discussed during the meeting.

MAIN OBJECTIVES were:

• Identify and evaluate good national practices regarding protecting and promoting the Rights of older persons, including measures to prevent discrimination, neglect, abuse and violence;
• Select innovative approaches to widening and deepening the rights of older persons nationally and internationally.
• Identify capacity tools that are required and could be recommended to policy makers when addressing the Rights of older persons.
• Elaborate recommendations on how to promote the Rights of older persons at the level of Member States and the United Nations.
• Explore feasibility and possible approaches to elaborating an International Legal Framework on the Rights of Older Persons, including (a) an International Convention on the Rights of Older Persons and/or (b) a Special Rapporteur on the Rights of older persons.

The Report is already available on the web-site of the UN Program on Ageing: http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/impl_map.html

RECENT PUBLICATION

RESEARCH and other PROJECTS:

+ Also in collaboration with the INADI (National Institute on Discrimination), “On Old Age and Discrimination in Argentina. (Finished and published:2010)
+ “Elder’s perception on the social representation of old age”.
  (Still in progress)

+ Started preparing a new” Train the Trainer Seminar” on related Issues on Elder Abuse and Neglect for the 4th time in the LA Region, to be held next year in Montevideo, and in collaboration with INPEA Uruguay and the Uruguay Ministry of Health.

+ If that is not possible we are thinking about doing for the second time (Cuba) in the Caribbean and/or Central America. We have already started discussing the subject and would be a joined 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 worldwide and regional financial difficulties, which hadn’t able to be solved yet, ILC-ARG is finding difficulties funding new national projects for the near future and is seeking other partnership with other National and International NGO related to Ageing ,as well as with the rest of the ILC- Alliance.

Awareness into Action of present Elder’s problems is crucial to achieved Health and Social Policy changes, and should follow worldwide RECOGNITION!.

Thank you very much,
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ILC-ARGentina
President