

## INDIAN AGEING CONGRESS

**Dates:** 9- 11, November 2016  
**Venue:** All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi  
**Theme:** Ageing in the changing world - Bridging science, policy and practice

### About the Congress

India is experiencing rapid ageing of population. Proportion of older people in our population will rise to 10% in 2020, from 8% in 2011. In next 30 years every fifth Indian will be aged sixty years or more. It is a matter of celebration that our people are surviving death in early childhood, during child birth, from epidemics of known and new infections, due to natural disasters, accidents and injuries of fast life; and above all the rising tide of noncommunicable diseases. This is a reflection of rising socio-economic standard, better public health practices and advances in curative medicine. Epidemiological transition associated with demographic transition has impacted the functioning of health systems. Health professionals are called upon to manage complex medical problems within equally complex socioeconomic support system. The search for the elixir of eternal youth is yet to be brewed while scientists are looking at the mystery of the ageing process more confidently armed with technological advances. We are not the only ones experiencing such momentous change in our societal structure. The whole world is going through such transformation. Societies, governments and international agencies have accepted the need for creating an age friendly environment for this rising population. In this interesting moment in the history of humanity; Gerontology and Geriatrics are emerging as futuristic disciplines.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi is hosting a joint congress of academics, students and practitioners of Gerontology and Geriatrics under the auspices of Association of Gerontology India (18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference) and Indian Academy of Geriatrics (14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference). The last joint conference of Association of Gerontology (India) and Indian Academy of Geriatrics was held in Varanasi in 2010.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences is an iconic institution of modern India in last 60 years of its existence; it has established itself as a leader in the field of biomedical research and health care. It has been in the forefront of service development, education and research in Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology in India for the last two decades. The Department of Geriatric Medicine was established in 2012 and has now emerged as the largest postgraduate department in training and education in India.

The focus of the conference is adapting to the realities of the changing family and society in the face of rapidly ageing population and new economic and governance policies. In addition to a series of didactic sessions led by leading faculty in the field of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, there will be activities aimed at building skills in ageing research, training and human resource development; old age care and intergenerational bonding through focused workshops and symposia.

The scientific program will focus on several themes. While the orations of the congress will reflect the scholarly contributions of the orator (in consultation with the scientific program committee to avoid overlap); free papers (oral and posters), guest lectures, symposia and workshops will follow the following themes: biological sciences; social and behavioral sciences; health sciences; geriatric nursing; policy, research and education and interdisciplinary topics. Topics on original and new ideas, Indian philosophy, spirituality and religion are also welcome. Delegates can also suggest topics to organize workshops and symposia with well defined theme and goals to be included in the scientific program. However, the Organizing Committee will apply its discretion in accepting or rejecting such themes.

Attracting students to the discipline is the goal. In addition to opportunity to discuss academic and research issues with leading faculty in the discipline, students will be provided subsidized registration, free hostel accommodation and a lot of cash prizes through oral papers, posters and quiz competition.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee I invite you to participate in Indian Ageing Congress 2016 and be a part of the great movement of building a society for all ages.

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