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Session 6: Research Initiative

Ageing, Longevity and Health Initiative

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Lead	<i>University of Cambridge</i>	
Reporting	<i>Dr Louise Lafortune</i>	
Executive summary	<p>The University of Cambridge hosted the ALH Research Conference online (06/10/21 to 08/10/21), focusing on capacity building, research collaborations and engagement. The objectives were to bring senior and early career researchers together to brainstorm and identify concrete collaborative projects. The workshop sessions raised a number of issues in multidisciplinary ageing research that should provide the building blocks for papers, workshops and conferences as well as opportunities for funding and impactful research projects. Six topics were deemed ripe for useful and sustainable collaborations. In addition to maintaining and developing bilateral collaborations, the group is writing an ALH Research Strategy with clear objectives to guide their work on these topics over the next 2 years and developing an Early Career Researchers' network to engage early career researchers across IARU's membership and concretely integrate them to the ALH Initiative. The aim is to launch the network at the next ALH Conference, to be hosted by University of Copenhagen, 19-21 Oct 2022.</p>	
Funding to date	<p><i>USD 15,000 (2022)</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>USD 15,000 (2021)</i></p> <p><i>USD 15,000 (2020)</i></p> <p><i>USD 11,505.73 (2019)</i></p> <p><i>USD 15,000 (2018)</i></p> <p><i>USD 13,003.20 (2017)</i></p> <p><i>USD 14,600 (2016)</i></p> <p><i>USD 15,000 (2014)</i></p> <p><i>USD 38,000 (2009)</i></p>	<p><i>ALH Graduate Student Conference, Copenhagen</i></p> <p><i>ALH Research Conference Cambridge</i></p> <p><i>ALH Graduate Student Conference, Cape Town</i></p> <p><i>ALH Research ANU</i></p> <p><i>ALH Graduate Student NUS</i></p> <p><i>ALH Graduate Oxford</i></p> <p><i>ALH Graduate Student Tokyo</i></p> <p><i>ALH Graduate Student Copenhagen</i></p> <p><i>for project management salary, Oxford</i></p>
Outcomes of previous meetings	<p>Senior Officers' Meeting, October 2021</p> <p>Requested USD 15,000 for their annual research conference, as in previous years. The 2021 conference was held online the week before the Senior Officers' Meeting, and the organisers were very</p>	

happy with what was achieved. A report on the conference would be circulated after the meeting.

Senior Officers' Meeting, October 2020

As well as the Student activities and annual conference, the emphasis of the theme now includes more bi-lateral collaborations and the production of working papers, academic papers and policy briefs. In addition, several smaller research themes have developed within the broad ALH theme. Outcomes: Successful series of bi-meetings, UCPH's IARU summer school, Conference arranged at Cape Town, October 2020, conference planned at Cambridge, 2021.

Senior Officers' Meeting, September 2019

Nina Tomlin (Oxford) reported that there was a great progress in ageing research collaborations. The Aging, Longevity and Health & Graduate Student Conference (ALH & GSC) is the only research focused group. Senior Officers believed that more progress could be expected by continuous funding support and agreed to fund USD 15,000 for the group's annual meeting and GSC in 2020.

Funding Request Form

Project Name/Year:

Ageing, Longevity and Health Theme - Annual Graduate and Research Conference 2023

Total Requested Amount & Breakdowns:

Item	Amount
Item 1 Conference Support	USD 15,000
Item 2	USD
Item 3	USD
Total Requested Amount	USD 15,000

*Please note that it is required to report how the approved funding is actually used and the outcomes later in the annual status report.

Other Financial Resources (if applicable):

Participants List (Please specify the lead by adding "Lead" next to the name):

University	Title/Position	Name
ANU	Associate Professor	Nicolas Cherbuin
ETH Zurich	-	-
NUS	Associate Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Ageing Research and Education	Angelique Chan
PKU	Director, Institute of Population Research	Xiaoying Zheng
Berkeley	Director, CITRIS Health Initiative	David Lindeman
Cambridge	Principal Research Associate, Cambridge Public Health	Louise Lafortune
UCT	Head and Chair, Division of Geriatric Medicine	Marc Combrinck
Copenhagen	Managing Director, Center for Healthy Ageing	Lene Juel Rasmussen
Oxford	Professor of Gerontology and Director, Institute of Population Ageing	Sarah Haper
UTokyo	Professor of Gerontology	Hiroko Akiyama

	Project Lecturer, Institute of Gerontology	Ikuko Sugawara
Yale	-	-

*The list does not need to be complete in case not all participants are confirmed yet.

Details of the Project (background, purpose, expected outcomes, schedule, project's continuity, etc.):

\$15,000 is requested for the 2023 Graduate and Research Conference. The location will be confirmed at the 2022 ALH meeting in Copenhagen (October 19-21), which will take place before the Senior Officers' Meeting but after the Tome will be distributed. It will follow on from productive meetings hosted by Tokyo (2016) Oxford (2017), Singapore (2018), ANU (2019), Cape Town (2020), and Cambridge (2021). This will enable the successful continuation of graduate and early career training and development, and the collaborative research strands within the ALH theme.