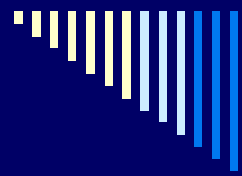


The Role of International NGOs in the Global Strategy to Combat Elder Abuse

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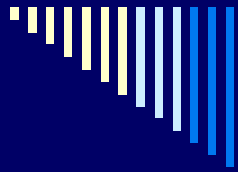
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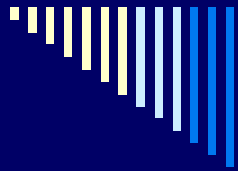
About the International Association of Gerontology & Geriatrics (IAGG)

- IAGG has 70 member organizations in 64 countries with a combined membership of over 45,000
- Around the globe – in 5 Regions
 - Africa (2)
 - Asia/Oceania (13)
 - Europe (35)
 - Latin America & Caribbean (16)
 - North America (4)



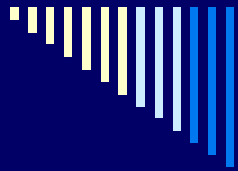
Section on Elder Abuse, Report of the UN Secretary-General, Feb. 2002

- Identified four key interventions of international and national NGOs:
 - Promoting and enhancing awareness and education on abuse of older persons
 - Lobbying for policy action and legislation
 - Fostering research and disseminating information
 - Providing service assistance, to encourage, guide and support strategies and programs to respond to abuse of older persons and protect vulnerable older persons (Annan, 2002, p.9)



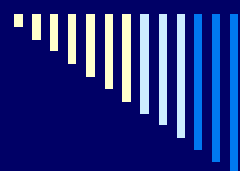
Activities of IAGG Towards Eradication of Elder Abuse

- INPEA had its origin in a roundtable held at the 16th IAGG World Congress in Adelaide, Australia in August 1997
- Elder Abuse was designated a stream in 17th IAGG World Congress of Gerontology, Vancouver, July 2001. Over the course of the 4 days of the conference:
 - 1 Invited symposium & 4 submitted Symposia
 - 3 paper sessions – 15 papers presented
 - 5 posters
- In 2002 INPEA became a Standing Committee of IAGG



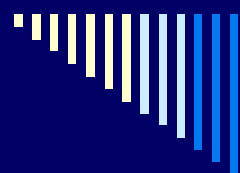
Activities of IAGG Towards Eradication of Elder Abuse

- Established IAGG Rosalie Wolf Memorial Fund
- Encouraged symposia, paper sessions & posters on EA at:
 - 2005 18th World Congress in Rio de Janeiro
 - IAGG Regional Congresses in 2003 and 2007
- Co-sponsored student paper/poster competition at 18th World Congress
- Provided strong support for WEAAD
 - IAGG President Renato Maia spoke at 1st WEAAD held at UN in 2006
 - IAGG represented on the organizing committee for WEADD 2007 in Geneva and 2008 in Ottawa



Activities of IAGG Towards Eradication of Elder Abuse

- Innovative EA activities highlighted in IAGG Newsletter
- First guest lecture in IAGG “Virtual College” (www.iagg.br.com) was on elder abuse – lecturer: L. Machado – INPEA National representative for Brazil



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