

## ForAge International Conference

# The Future of Learning for Older People in Europe

## Learning from Experience

**30 September – 1 October 2013**

**Budapest, Hungary**

To coincide with the **United Nations International Day of Older People on 1 October**, the ForAge Grundtvig Multilateral Network is holding a Pan-European Conference to examine trends and developments in learning in later-life and what can be learned from the experience of European initiatives in this field. The programme includes the following topics:

- The context for later-life learning in 21st Century Europe and the role of ForAge
- Improving the quality of training of those trying to reach potential older learners
- The benefits of later-life learning and the supporting evidence
- Experiences of other European networks as information sources and influencers as well as providing expert opinion about future actions
- Perspectives from international adult education organisations
- Emerging issues and the further development of later-life learning
- Older learners' perspectives
- Oral and poster presentations of European Projects on later-life learning

### Keynote speakers include:

- ☞ Imre Sipos, Deputy Secretary of State, Hungarian Ministry of Human Resources, Department for Education
- ☞ Zsófia Pusztai, MD, Office Leader of the World Health Organisation's Hungarian Office
- ☞ Bálint Boga, MD, Former President of Hungarian Gerontological and Geriatric Association
- ☞ Professor Dr László Iván, President of the Hungarian Academy of Elder People
- ☞ Dr Alan Tuckett OBE, President of the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)
- ☞ Dr Michael Sommer, Infonet coordinator, Akademie Klausenhof, Germany
- ☞ Professor Franz Kolland, University of Vienna, Austria
- ☞ Róbert Pillinger, General Editor, [www.50plusz.hu](http://www.50plusz.hu)



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## Information about the Conference

**Registration:** The ForAge conference is open to everyone interested in later-life learning, including projects funded by the European Commission, adult education centres, community groups and projects, and local authorities and researchers. Conference registration must be made via Barbara Varga-Pintér at [barbara.varga-pinter@trebag.hu](mailto:barbara.varga-pinter@trebag.hu). For those, who wish to have a presentation at the conference, the deadline of registration is 10 September 2013, for those who wish to only participate at the conference; the registration is possible until 26 September 2013.

**Offers** of presentations on any of the conference topics are welcomed. Any individual or group who would like to give an oral or a poster presentation should send their details and an abstract to Jim Soulsby, ForAge Facilitator, at [jim.soulsby@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.soulsby@btinternet.com), as soon as possible and no later than 31 August 2013. Please indicate whether the proposal is for an oral or a poster presentation. The organisers have to reserve the right to make changes to the programme.

**Submissions** of proposals and abstracts are free of charge. After the reviewing process, all authors will be informed whether the organisers have been able to accept their proposal by 2 September 2013. For those who are accepted, registration fees need to be paid no later than 10 September 2013 to ensure that the presentation can take place at the conference and be published in the Book of Abstracts.

**Abstracts** are restricted to 3,000 characters (including spaces, title, authors and institutions). They may not contain tables or graphs and are restricted to Times New Roman letter type, size 12 with 2.5 cm wide margins. References in the text should be cited at the end of the abstract (they must fit in the 3,000 characters). All content of the abstract is the sole responsibility of the author(s). Proposals should also include the name(s) of the proposer and full contact details, including email address.

**Location:** The conference will take place in the **Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Budapest City Centre, József körút 5, Budapest, H-1088 Hungary.**

**Conference fees:** The cost of the conference package is **165 EUR** per person. This covers participation in the conference on Monday 30 September and Tuesday 1 October, including the reception and dinner on Monday evening, 3 coffee breaks and lunch on Tuesday.



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**Accommodation:** The host hotel, Courtyard by Marriott, Budapest City Centre, is offering conference participants reduced rates for rooms as follows: single bedroom: 85 EUR per room; double room: 95 EUR per room; the prices include VAT and breakfast.

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## **Draft programme - 30 September, 2013 Monday**

REGISTRATION: 13.00-13.30

Every delegate will be allocated to a group to which he/she will contribute to workshop sessions on the Tuesday morning

13.30 - 14.00 WELCOME

13.30 Welcome on behalf of ForAge – Professor John Benyon, Coordinator Forage Network

13.40 Welcome on behalf of Trebag Ltd. Budapest, Hungary, Péter Kövesd Managing Director Trebag.

13.50 Welcome on behalf of the Ministry of Human Resources, Department of Social Affairs and Elders, Hungary

14.00 – 15.30 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary session. *Setting the scene and exploring the agenda.*

14.00 *Learning lessons from across the world* – Dr. Alan Tuckett, President International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)

14.35 Infonet. *Sharing information about adult learning in Europe.* Dr Michael Sommer Infonet coordinator, Akademie Klausenhof, Germany

15.10 *Teaching Older Learners - A System's perspective on the cross roads of megatrends and individual needs* Dr. Koen DePryck, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels, Belgium

15.35 – 15.50 *Coffee break*

15.50 – 16.50 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary session. *Later life learning in Europe an overview*

15.50 *Why these issues are important, the context for later life learning in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Europe and the place of the ForAge Network.* Jim Soulsby UK ForAge Facilitator.

16.10 VISAL *Visual impaired seniors active learning.* Roma Ferretti, Austrian Federation of the Blind & Partially Sighted, Vienna, Austria

16.30 *Engagement Motivates Generations – conference outcomes & consequences.* Elke Tippelman BAGSO, Brussels, Belgium and Bonn, Germany

16.50 – 17.50 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary session *Focus on Hungary - presentations and testimonies followed by discussions*

16.50 *Aptitude and interest for learning among elders.* Professor Dr László Iván, President of the Hungarian Academy of Elder People



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17.10 *Mental status of Hungarian fifty plus generation and the health benefits of later life learning* – Bálint Boga, MD, Former President of Hungarian Gerontological and Geriatric Association

17.30 *Orientating habits, needs and claims on internet of elders* – Róbert Pilling, General Editor of [www.50plusz.hu](http://www.50plusz.hu) website

17.50 Closing plenary session 1<sup>st</sup> day of Conference – *summary, instructions for evening reception & programme for next day*

18.30 *Reception*

19.30 Conference dinner

## **1 October, 2013 Tuesday United Nations Day of Older People**

9.00 Celebrate October 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 *Active ageing – healthy ageing* Zsófia Pusztai, MD – Head of Country Office, WHO Country Office for Hungary

9.20 Summarising the previous day's events

9.35 Key note address. *The benefits of learning in Later Life*. Professor Franz Kolland, University of Vienna, Austria.

10.20 – 11.15 1<sup>st</sup> workshop session. Furthering the issues and increasing our knowledge  
There will be three simultaneous workshop sessions following three different relevant and topical issues based on Forage's work and experience. Delegates will be able to contribute to each of the issues over the three sessions.

11.15 Coffee break

11.35 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop session

12.25 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop session.

13.15 - 14.15 Lunch and networking

14.15 – 15.15 4<sup>th</sup> parallel workshop sessions The Posters – short presentations.

Workshop 4A: Learning and training for and about older people in care settings

14.15 – 14.35 *Continued Learning & Older People in Care*. Andrea Patrick-Walker, First Taste, Derbyshire, UK

14.35 – 14.55 *careNET: Building ICT competencies in the long term care sector to enhance quality of life for older people and those at risk of exclusion*. Eva Suba, European Distance & E-Learning Network UK

14.55 – 15.15 discussion



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Workshop 4B: Intergenerational Learning

14.15 – 14.35 *Learning across generations: older volunteers in school learning from children.* Carolyn Kagan. Manchester Metropolitan University & Intergen. UK

14.35 – 14.55 *Education for Elderly People & Across Generations – Results & Experiences from the European Project & Network EFOS,* Professor Dr Roland Schone, Seniorenkolleg, Technical University Chemnitz, Germany

14.55 – 15.15 discussion

Workshop 4C: The role of information technology in later life learning

14.15 – 14.35 *Building in ICT competence in the long term care sector,* Eva Suba, Hungary

14.35 – 14.55 *Engagement in intergenerational learning by experienced older people.* Maria Raquel Patricio, Polytechnic Institute of Braganca & Antonio Osorio University of Minho, Portugal.

14.50 – 15.15 discussion

15.20 – 16.20 5<sup>th</sup> plenary session. *Listening to the learners*

15.20 *Later life learning skills – what helps us and what we need to learn.* Catalina Nicolin, Petre Ispirescu Secondary School, Bucharest, Rumania

15.40 *EDU Senior.* Roger Esteller Curto, Spain

16.00 *Count Us In - Older Learners' involvement in Department of Education & Skills funded Community Education,* Liz Harper, Age & Opportunity. Ireland.

16.20 – 16.30 Comfort break

16.30 – 17.10 6<sup>th</sup> plenary session. *A last look at European experience*

16.30 MENTA 50+

16.50 Intergenerational Learning; The case of “The Knowledge Volunteers” (TKV) Project in Greece. Myrto-Maria Ranga, 50plus, Athens, Greece

17.10 – 18.20 7th and final Plenary Session

17.10 Bringing it altogether and where do we go from here? Feedback from workshops, Discussion and recommendations,

18.00. Summary and closing comments. Péter Kövesd, Trebag and Jim Soulsby, Forage

18.20 Close of conference

The official language of the conference is English.