



THE SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY OF SOCIAL ISSUES

A cooperative effort by the NGO Committee on Ageing and Global Action on Aging

Section I

I. What has the NGO done to educate older persons and/or the general public about the Madrid Plan?

Journal of Social Issues

The **Journal of Social Issues** (JSI) is the flagship journal of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. The goal of JSI is to communicate scientific findings and interpretations relevant to pressing social issues in a non-technical manner but without the sacrifice of professional standards. Each issue of JSI is organized around an integral theme.

Journal of Social Issues, Vol. 63 Issue 4 December 2007

Intergenerational Relations: Theory, Research, and Policy

Toni C. Antonucci, James S. Jackson, Simon Biggs

Journal of Social Issues, Vol. 61 Issue 2 June 2005

Ageism: Prejudice Against Our Feared Future Self

Todd D. Nelson

Journal of Social Issues, Vol. 58 No. 4 December 2002a

International Perspectives on the Well-being of Older Adults

Toni Antonucci, Corann Okorodudu and Hiroko Akiyama

The Forward

The SPSSI Newsletter is published three times a year to provide information and comments of interest to members of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

The Forward [in press], UN Column

“Global Ageing in the 21st Century”

Pete Walker, SPSSI UN/NGO Representative in New York

The Forward, Fall 2006, UN Column

“SPSSI at the United Nations in Geneva: Influencing the Global Development Agenda”

Astrid Stückelberger, SPSSI UN Representative in Geneva

The Forward, April 2006, UN Column

“Older Persons: Recent Activities”

Pete Walker, SPSSI UN/NGO Representative in New York

The Forward, April 2004

“Public Policy Update”

Diane L. Elmore, James Marshall Public Policy Fellow in Washington

The Forward, April 2004, UN Column

“The United Nations as a Resource”

Pete Walker, SPSSI Main UN/NGO Representative in New York

The Forward, Fall 2002, UN Column

“Report from the World NGO Forum on Ageing and the United Nations’ Second World

Section II

- II. Which of the 3 priority directions of Madrid Plan (older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; ensuring enabling and supportive environments) is the principal focus of the NGO?**

B. Priority direction II: Advancing health and well-being into old age

57. Good health is a vital individual asset. Similarly, a high overall level of health of the population is vital for economic growth and the development of societies. The full benefits of healthy longevity have yet to be shared by all humanity, evidenced by the fact that entire countries, especially developing countries and certain population groups, still experience high rates of morbidity and mortality at all ages. [Madrid Int'l Plan of Action on Ageing]

- III. What specific accomplishments has the NGO achieved in that area? How has it worked with government, other NGO's and/or others to achieve its objectives?**

The **Journal of Social Issues** receives wide distribution to Universities and social scientists. **Forward** is circulated to the membership of Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), an international group of over 3000 psychologists, allied scientists, students, and others who share a common interest in research on the psychological aspects of important social issues.

The Society's Marshall Fellow, often selects ageing issues as a focus when working with member of the United States Congress.

SPSSI has enjoyed Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC), where the Society's NGO Representatives have held leadership positions with the NGO Committees on Ageing in New York and Geneva, including co-chairing the International Day of Older Persons 2003, and currently chairing the NGO Committee on Ageing, Geneva.

- IV. Are there other significant accomplishments of the NGO?**

The Society has been the sponsor of numerous side events and programs on age related issues within the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) communities at UN Headquarters in New York and Geneva. SPSSI has also been a sponsor of frequent position statements on ageing presented to the United Nations Commission on Social Development, Sustainable Development, and World Habitat Days.

- V. Every Government has been asked by the UN, but is not required, to conduct a "bottom-up" review and appraisal during 2007 of progress in their country in implementing the Madrid Plan. To your knowledge, has your government begun or committed to undertake that review?**

Yes

If yes, has your NGO been invited to participate? If so, how?

No