



First Announcement

**1st International Conference on
BRIDGING KNOWLEDGE IN LONG TERM CARE AND SUPPORT
Crossing Boundaries between Ageing and Disability**



5 - 7 March 2009, Barcelona, Spain

La Pedrera de Caixa Catalunya
Passeig de Gràcia 92
08008 Barcelona

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Dear Colleagues,

As chairman of the Conference Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the *1st International Conference on Bridging Knowledge in Long Term Care and Support. Crossing Boundaries between Ageing and Disability* will be held from 5 to 7 March 2009 in Barcelona.

During the next years over 15 million persons with disabilities will enter old age; and a similar number of elderly people will become disabled.

Links do exist between both groups and experiences may be shared in a broad range of topics, from concepts and values to the assessment and meeting of needs, or the development of tools for evidence-based policy in both areas. Bridges have always existed across the fields of disabilities and ageing, but they have been limited, and they coexist with significant barriers to communication and information sharing. Although health and social care providers have been encouraged to work in partnership and build interdisciplinary teams, the success of this approach has been limited.

New notions such as “networks” and “knowledge brokering” have entered this discourse but the lack of consensus and understanding about what they mean and how to implement it limits its use in the care sector. The health sector has already developed strategies for knowledge brokering, translational exchange of experiences and integrated care, while the social sector has developed the conceptual background in the areas of functioning, social inclusion and cohesion.

On the other hand, a series of key international documents have provided a new perspective on care and support for persons with disabilities and the elderly (i.e. Graz Declaration on Disability and Ageing, the UN Convention on Disabilities, several international documents on ageing and the EU recommendation on care for dependent population in Europe). Both topics have shifted from marginal areas of health and social care to a central position in support and care delivery in Europe. The needs of building and bridging care and support strategies across different areas have been highlighted at the Institute of Medicine's Crossing the Quality Chasm report (2001)

A series of questions may arise related to bridging experiences in the two areas which can enhance a leap forward evidence-based policy in disability and in ageing:

- Are we doing things in the right way?
- Are we doing the right things?

These two questions relate to the balance between efficiency and ethics, and to a broader extent to the boundaries between values and evidence. Many other critical questions may be reframed as “bridging”. In any case:

- What is and what is not “bridging”?
- How can we accomplish and assess bridging experiences?

There are a number of key and common topics across these fields that deserve international interest. For example, the existing difference between the concepts of dependency, independency and interdependency; the best way to develop and to implement a holistic integrative care/support; or the procedures and experiences in transdisciplinarity, and in the development of multidisciplinary groups in management, research and education.

Being a transrelational concept, bridging is not an endpoint, but a tool for reaching an integrative care and support.

I look forward to welcoming you in Barcelona and to bridge knowledge and experience in long term care and support.

Prof. Luis Salvador-Carulla, MD, PhD

Objectives

The **main objective** of this conference is to put forward methods, systems, examples, and relevance of integrating and transferring knowledge across areas, especially between the ageing and the disability sectors.

Specific objectives:

1. To build bridges on care/support in the fields of disability and ageing
2. To improve the knowledge base in the areas of disabilities and ageing
3. To produce a recommendation on “Bridging Experiences for Evidence based Policy in Disability and Ageing in Europe” and to submit it to the EC and national authorities

The Scientific Committee

Luis Salvador-Carulla (Psicost, Spain): Conference Chair
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Organisers

The “Fundació Caixa Catalunya” from the Obra Social Caixa Catalunya (Spain) in cooperation with the London School of Economics, the AGE Platform, EASPD and PSICOST is organising this event; with the patronage of the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers of the European Commission.

Participants

The participants will include:

- representatives of the European Commission and the European Council
- representatives of WHO and other international organisations
- representatives of the different projects and networks funded by the European Commission
- representatives of civil society organisations in the areas of disability and ageing, especially those representing users and care givers
- experts, researchers and professionals working in the areas of disability and ageing in long term care

Programme

Eight keynote lectures and eleven symposia will be presented. The symposia are structured in 20 minute presentations per participant and 20 additional minutes for discussion. In each session there will be a chair and rapporteur. The rapporteur coordinator will provide a conference summary in the closing session.

Keynote speakers

Juan Cabasés (Universidad Pública de Navarra)
Leon Eisenberg (Harvard University)
Alexandre Kalache (New York Academy of Medicine)
Martin Knapp (London School of Economics and Political Science)
Juan Enrique Mezzich (World Psychiatric Association and Mount Sinai School of Medicine)
Michelle Putnam (Simmons College School of Social Work)
Bedirhan Üstün (World Health Organization)
Barbro Westerholm (Swedish Parliament and Health Group - AGE)

Symposia

BRIDGING DISCIPLINES

Perspectives of the European institutions on bridging
Bridging Key Concepts in Disabilities and Ageing
Conceptual Tools for Building Bridges in Ageing and Disabilities
Dissemination and Knowledge Transfer
Bridging Education and Training in Ageing and Disability

FROM RESEARCH TO SOCIETY

Regional and National Experiences on Bridging
Bridging Experience and Knowledge across Different Stakeholders
Outcome Measures and Health Indicators in Disabilities and Ageing
Bridging Services and Care in Europe
Methods and Tools for Bridging Analysis
Technology and Bridging

BRIDGING POLICY AND SOCIETY

Social Inclusion
Governance

Poster presentations

Posters will be displayed during conference hours on Thursday (5 March) and Friday (6 March). Poster presenters will be available for discussion during the scheduled coffee breaks. Interested applicants should submit a 200-word abstract before 15 January 2009. Acceptance of poster presentations will be notified to participants by the end of January. Abstracts should be submitted online at [Suport Serveis - Bridging Conference](#). Early registration fee will apply to all poster presentations accepted.

Registration

The registration fee includes attendance to sessions, book of abstracts, coffee, and assistance certificate.

Before 15 December 2008 (early registration): 350 Euros

After 15 December 2008: 400 Euros

A limited number of grants (registration waiver) will be given to professionals of Eastern European countries.

The registration form is available online at: [Suport Serveis - Bridging Conference](#).

Important Dates

15th December 2008

- Payment of early registration
- Deadline submission of abstracts for poster presentations

Conference venue

The conference will be held in *La Pedrera de Caixa Catalunya*, one of Barcelona's most emblematic modernist buildings. The conference venue is located close to the city centre, in the corner of stylish Passeig de Gràcia and Provença street. The address: Passeig de Gràcia 92. 08008 Barcelona (Spain)

Language

The main language of the conference is English. Simultaneous translation to Spanish / English / Catalan will be available in the opening and closing sessions.

Further information

Further details about the organization, the conference programme, the social programme and accommodation will be provided in the upcoming months.

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Conference website:

www.bridgingknowledge.net

Information about the conference is also available at:

<http://obrasocial.caixacatalunya.es/conferencebridging>

Travel

Barcelona is well connected to all major European capitals as well as main cities in the United States and Canada.

Currency

Euro

Accommodation

Accommodation alternatives recommended by the organisation can be consulted at [Suport Serveis - Bridging Conference](#).

Local Travel

The conference venue is well connected to city public transport (metro, bus). Taxis are widely available.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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Programme overview

Thursday March 5, 2009

BRIDGING DISCIPLINES

08.00	Conference Registration
09.00	<p>Opening</p> <p>Honorable Sra. Marina Geli (tbc) Consellera de Salut. Generalitat de Catalunya</p> <p>Honorable Sra. Carme Capdevila (tbc) Consellera de Acció Social i Ciutadania. Generalitat de Catalunya</p> <p>Pablo Rivero Corte Director General de la Agencia de Calidad del Sistema Nacional de Salud. Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo (España)</p> <p>Luis Salvador-Carulla President. PSICOST (Spain)</p> <p>Narcís Serra (tbc) President. Caixa Catalunya</p> <p>Luc Briol (tbc) Director. Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) European Commission</p>
09.45–11:00	<p><i>Perspectives of the European institutions on bridging</i></p> <p>Johan Ten Geuzendam Unit "Integration of People with Disabilities" DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities European Commission</p> <p>Angela Garabagiu Integration of People with Disabilities Division Directorate General of Social Cohesion Council of Europe</p> <p>Representative from DG Sanco Unit of Health Determinants DG for Health and Consumers Affairs European Commission</p>
11.00–11.30	Coffee Break
11.30–12.15	<p><i>Bridging disciplines 1. From brain genetics to social sciences</i></p> <p>Leon Eisenberg Harvard University</p>
12.15–13.00	<p><i>Bridging disciplines 2. Crossing network lines between ageing and disabilities</i></p> <p>Michelle Putnam Simmons College School of Social Work</p>
13.00–14.30	Lunch break

	PARALLEL SYMPOSIA
	ROOM A. KEY CONCEPTS AND TOOLS FOR BRIDGING
14.30-15.50	<p>Symposium 1. Bridging Key Concepts in Disabilities and Ageing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Functioning and disability - Dependency - Autonomy and interdependency <p>Matilde Leonardi Luis Salvador-Carulla Luk Zelderloo</p>
15.50-16.20	Coffee Break
16.20-17.40	<p>Symposium 2. Conceptual Tools for Building Bridges in Ageing and Disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Semantic interoperability - Relational strategies - Integrated care <p>Nenad Kostanjsek Xavier Mendoza Guus Schrijvers</p>
	ROOM B. TRAINING AND DISSEMINATION
14.30-15.50	<p>Symposium 3. Dissemination and Knowledge Transfer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transfer knowledge for younger generations - Incorporating bridging to scientific literature - Transfer research to policy and practice <p>Josep Solans Guus Schrijvers David McDaid</p>
15.50-16.20	Coffee Break
16.20-17.40	<p>Symposium 4. Bridging Education and Training in Ageing and Disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Towards translational education - Basic European Social Care Learning Outcomes - Translational effects of the Graz Declaration <p>Dieter Ferring Eva Gyorki James Churchill Germain Weber</p>
17.40-18.30	<p><i>User perspective: older people in the need of care</i></p> <p>Barbro Westerholm Member of Swedish Parliament and Chair of the Health Group (AGE)</p>

09.00-09.50	<i>Professional perspectives on bridging: the Person-centred approach</i> Juan Enrique Mezzich Mount Sinai School of Medicine
	PARALLEL SYMPOSIA
	ROOM A. BRIDGING RESEARCH AND PRACTICE TO SOCIETY
10.00-11.20	Symposium 5. Regional and National Experiences on Bridging - <i>US perspectives</i> Michelle Putnam - <i>Western European perspectives</i> David McDaid - <i>Eastern European perspectives</i> Hristo Dimitrov Mojca Dernovsek Lilijana Sprah
11.20-11.40	Coffee Break
11.40-13.00	Symposium 6. Bridging Experience and Knowledge Across Different Stakeholders I - <i>Experiences from private stakeholders and providers</i> Higinio Raventós - <i>The challenges of public-private cooperation</i> Tamyko Ysa - <i>Experiences from research agencies</i> Britt Venner - <i>Experiences from public health agencies: the Spanish Strategy on Mental Health</i> Manuel Gomez-Beneyto
13.00-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-15.50	Symposium 7. Bridging Experience and Knowledge Across Different Stakeholders II - <i>Experiences from private funding sources: Spain and Austria</i> Miquel Perdiguier (Fundació Caixa Catalunya) Franz Karl Prüeller (Erste Foundation) - <i>Experiences from regional public funding agencies</i> Federico Alonso - <i>Improving quality in Social services for all: A practical experience in Europe</i> Dimitris Theodorakis
15.50-16.20	Coffee Break
16.20-17.40	Symposium 8. Bridging Experience and Knowledge Across Different Stakeholders III - <i>The role of providers: disability</i> EASPD Franz Wolfmayr Luk Zelderloo - <i>The role of users: disability</i> EDF Bas Treffers - <i>The role of users and providers: ageing</i> AGE Anne-Sophie Parent

	ROOM B. RESEARCH STRATEGIES FOR BRIDGING
10.00–11.20	<p>Symposium 9. Outcome Measures and Health Indicators in Disabilities and Ageing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Disability and functioning measures</i> José Luis Ayuso - <i>Measuring social care outcome</i> Ann Netten - <i>Health indicators</i> Patricia N. Walsh <p>Germain Weber Margarida Nadal</p>
	Coffee Break
11.40-13.00	<p>Symposium 10. Bridging Services and Care in Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Balance of care (MHEEN)</i> Helena Medeiros - <i>Residential services in Europe</i> Julie Beadle-Brown - <i>Coding services for ageing and disability: eDESDE-LTC</i> Jim Mansell <p>Luis Salvador-Carulla Miriam Poole Murielle Bendeck</p>
13.00-14.30	Lunch Break
14.30–15.50	<p>Symposium 11. Methods and Tools for Bridging Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Qualitative and quantitative methods</i> Dieter Ferring (tbc) - <i>Benchmarking and DEA</i> Carlos Garcia Alonso - <i>Knowledge Discovery from Data</i> Karina Gibert
15.50-16.20	Coffee Break
16.20-17.40	<p>Symposium 12. Accessibility, Technology and Bridging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Towards integral accessibility</i> Ima Placencia-Porrero - <i>Usability of assistive technologies in ageing and disabilities</i> Claudia Oppenauer - <i>Accessibility and assistive products</i> Cristina Rodriguez-Porrero - <i>Information and communication technology in learning development and rehabilitation</i> José María Tormos
17.40-18.30	<p><i>Health economics and new strategies of funding and financing: Towards a new science of bridging?</i></p> <p>Juan Cabasés Universidad Pública de Navarra</p> <p>Martin Knapp London School of Economics and Political Science</p>

Saturday March 7, 2009

BRIDGING POLICY AND SOCIETY

09.00-09.45	<i>Beyond classifications: entities of knowledge exchange</i> Bedirhan Üstün World Health Organization
09.45-10.20	<i>Social inclusion</i> David Morris
10.20-10.55	<i>Governance</i> Ursula Naue and Herbert Gottweis
10:55-11:25	Coffee break
11.25-12.10	<i>From research to policy and from policy to society: the age friendly programmes</i> Alexandre Kalache New York Academy of Medicine
12.10-12.45	Rapporteur Summary: David McDaid (Coordinator) - Methods - Policies - Practices
12.45-13.00	Award "Excellence in Bridging Ageing and Disabilities"
13.00	Closing

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