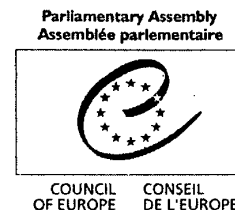


Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire

Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee
Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et de la famille



The Chairman

Strasbourg, 23 May 2006

Dear Colleague,

The Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe will organise a Conference on the situation of ageing persons in Europe due to take place in Paris on 13 September 2006 (Senate – Salle Clemenceau, Palais du Luxembourg, 15 rue de Vaugirard, Paris 6e).

This Conference will focus on two items, the first of which dealing with the situation of the elderly under threat of inequalities and exclusion (violence, precarious and isolated condition, long-term care) and the other dealing with the aspirations of the elderly (possible extension of professional life, new pensions system). Please find attached a preliminary draft programme of the Conference as well as a form of request for participation.

The debates and conclusions of this Conference will be used for the preparation of the report to be presented to the Parliamentary Assembly (rapporteur : Mr Jean-Marie Bockel, France).

I would therefore be grateful if you could inform interested members of your Parliament about this event who may wish to participate – in addition to the members of your delegation in the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee – in the Conference. In addition, please inform us whether it is your representative's wish to present a contribution on the situation in your country.

Mrs Agnès Nollinger (tel : 03 88 41 22 88 ; fax : 03 90 21 56 49 ; e-mail : agnes.nollinger@coe.int), Secretary of the Committee, remains at your disposal for any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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Conference on the situation of ageing in Europe: distress or hope?

Paris, 13 September 2006
Senate, Palais du Luxembourg, 15, rue de Vaugirard, 8e
Salle Clemenceau

Preliminary draft programme

As from 9.00 am : registration of participants

9.30 am Opening of the Conference

Message from **Mr Christian Poncelet**, President of the Senate
Welcoming address by **Mr Bernard Schreiner**, Chairman of the French delegation

Introduction

Rapporteur: **Mr Jean-Marie Bockel**, France, SOC, Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee

Session 1 – Aspirations and rights of the elderly

Chairman :

- A. Extension of the duration of working time and employment prospects for older workers
Speaker : **Mrs Helena Bargholtz**, Sweden, ALDE

Exchange of views

- B. Towards a new system of retirement?
Speaker : a representative from OECD

Exchange of views

11.00 - 11.15 am *Pause*

- C. Benefits of migration and mobility
Speakers : **Mr Jean-Guy Branger**, France, EPP/CD
a representative from OECD

Exchange of views

- D. Situation in countries undergoing transition
Speaker : **Mrs Brigita Schmognerova**, UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
a representative from the Pensioners' Croatia Association

Exchange of views

12.30 am - 2.30 pm *Lunch*

2.30 - 5.30 pm **Session 2 : The elderly under threat of inequalities and exclusion**
Chairman : **Mr Denis Jacquat**

- A. Violence, precarious and isolated condition
Speakers : **Mr Denis Jacquat**, France, EPP/CD
 Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Roumanie, EPP/CD

Exchange of views

- B. Uneven quality of long-term care, lack of family solidarity
Speaker : **Mrs Florence Leduc**, Deputy General Director of the National Union for Help, Healthcare and services at home

Exchange of views

4.00 - 4.15 pm *Pause*

- C. Specific problems encountered by women
Speaker : **Mrs Jay Ginn** from the Sociology Department of the University of Surrey

Exchange of views

- D. The situation of people with disabilities
Speaker : **Mr Bernard Marquet**, Monaco, ALDE

Exchange of views

- E. The situation of migrant workers
Speaker : a representative from OECD

Synthesis of the debate: Mrs Marie-Jo Guisset, Foundation Mederic Alzheimer

Closing statement: Mr Marcel Giesener (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Chairman of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee