

IPA Shared Interest Group

• Social Workers •

is a forum

to raise awareness of social work, social factors, social science relating to geriatric mental health issues which aims

to promote the mental health of the aged, through the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of mental illness.

To reach this goal

Together with optimum quality-of-life and a maximum of autonomy, independence and self-determination

for the elderly,

the following aspects need to be integrated:

Optimum Quality of Life & Autonomy



(see Bährer-Kohler, 2009/2010)

An exciting opportunity

It is an exciting opportunity to share unique perspectives and challenges with colleagues from everywhere in the world.

Strategies and activities will emerge to assist not only other social workers but also our colleagues across disciplines and, most importantly, older people themselves.

IPA will facilitate the development of a network and communications structure which will support the sharing of experiences, information and knowledge as well as documenting professional social work. To ensure that the Social Workers SIG is well organized we are looking for colleagues from the discipline who are willing to apply their expertise, enthusiasm, and organizational skills to developing this SIG in cooperation with IPA.

IPA Annual Membership Fee

Social Worker Annual Membership Fees:

\$20 USD in C&D Countries

\$70 USD in A&B Countries

Agenda 2009/2010

- A presentation on the Social Workers SIG on the IPA website.
- A flyer describing the Social Workers SIG.
- A symposium on mental health and social factors at one of the next IPA events in Spain (Sept. 26-29 2010) or The Netherlands (Sept. 6-10 2011).
- An article concerning the Social Workers SIG in the *IPA Bulletin*.

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