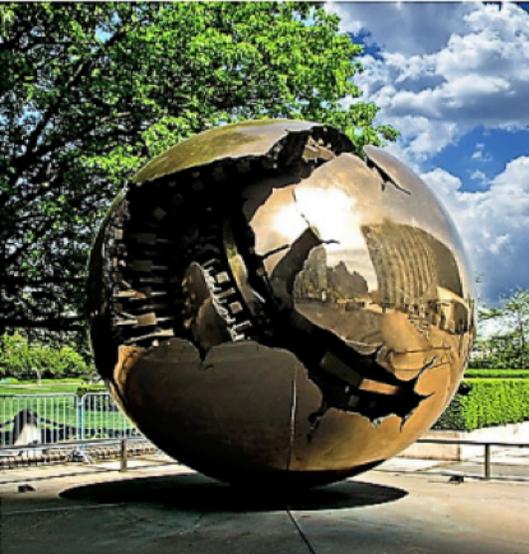


# Conference Program

## *Bridging the Gap*

Setting the policy debate framework and defining the global landscape of aging through patient-centric strategies



**MAKING THE UN  
2030 GOALS  
A REALITY**



## **Age and Longevity in the 21 Century: Science, Policy and Ethics**

**April 13-15, 2018  
New York City**



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School of Public Health**

# Connecting Globally



Population aging is a worldwide phenomenon in both developed and developing societies, and is expected to exert pressures on health care systems, economies, and social institutions. Determining how to cope with and plan for health and global aging have become important imperatives for governments and the private sector alike.

This three-day conference will offer a unique opportunity to call attention to the impact of new technologies on the global issues surrounding aging and longevity. By facilitating accessible discussions with experts in the field, the conference will promote global thinking, scientific exploration, and policy developments at the individual, social, community and macro-societal level.

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Ana Lita, Ph.D.  
*GBI Executive Director*

# Walk away with actionable solutions

	<h3>End of Life Care</h3> <p>The conference provides a platform for the UN member states and UN entities, the private sector, and civil society to undertake a policy dialogue about access to quality health-care services including palliative care for older persons.</p>		<h3>Healthy Aging</h3> <p>Health, social, and economic policies for the elderly differ significantly among all nations. Analysis of these differences helps with the formulation of effective policies for long-term care of the elderly to enhance their health status, as well as their social, financial and economic well-being.</p>
<h3>Drug Discovery</h3> <p>The development of anti-aging drugs is an intriguing area of scientific research. To evaluate the safety and efficacy of new potential drugs, it is necessary to gather the specific knowledge on the available preclinical models of anti-aging compounds to extend healthy lifespan.</p>		<h3>Neuroscience of Aging</h3> <p>Recent advances in regenerative, cardiovascular, and orthopedic medicine have resulted in people living longer despite the expected “degeneration” of the brain. What does “brain aging” mean and what is the answer given by neurologists, geriatric psychiatrists, and neuroscientists?</p>	
	<h3>Regenerative Medicine</h3> <p>Developed and developing countries have already recognized the extraordinary potential of regenerative medicine to improve quality of life, and have invested in research initiatives, leading to better treatments for aging-associated diseases.</p>		<h3>Living with Mortality</h3> <p>The harsh issues of health care rationing, normative directives, legal instruments, decisions and timelines on later retirement, and palliative care are only a few of the current contentious topics at the End of Life.</p>

# UN Panel Discussion Speakers



**Gabriela Barros de Luca, L.L.M.**  
Open Society Public Health Program



**Daniela Bas, M.A.**  
Division for Social Policy  
and Development, United Nations



**Paul T. Conway, M.A.**  
The American Association  
of Kidney Patients



**Bruce Elliot Gelb, M.D., F.A.C.S.**  
NYU Langone Medical Center



**Ion Jinga, Ph.D.**  
H.E. Ambassador of Romania  
to the United Nations



**Ana Lita, Ph.D.**  
Global Bioethics Initiative



**Tonya Manning, F.S.A.,  
F.C.A., E.A., MAAA.**  
Chief Actuary, United Nations Joint  
Staff Pension Fund



**Nata Menabde, Ph.D.**  
World Health Organization

## Moderator



**Stjepan Oreškovic Ph.D.**  
University of Zagreb School of Medicine



**Mirjana Kujundžić Tiljak, M.D., Ph.D.**  
University of Zagreb School of Medicine,  
A. Stampar School of Public Health



**Susan Modarress**  
Correspondent at United Nations & NYC

# Conference Keynote Speakers



**Dr. Erin Kimbrel, Ph.D.**  
Astellas Institute for  
Regenerative Medicine



**Dr. R. Sean Morrison, M.D., FAAHPM**  
Geriatrics and Palliative Care,  
Mount Sinai



**Dr. Mike West, Ph.D.**  
BioTime Inc.

# Conference Speakers



**Ercan Avci, Ph.D. (c)**  
Duquesne University, USA



**Antonia Balenovic, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Health Center Zagreb, Croatia



**Miriam Bentwich, Ph.D.**  
Bar-Ilan University, Israel



**Corinne Carey, J.D.**  
Compassion & Choices, USA



**Didier Coeurnelle, J.D.**  
Health Life Extension  
Society, Belgium



**David Cummiskey, Ph.D.**  
Bates College, USA



**David Driscoll, B.A.**  
Body & Brain Yoga, USA



**Sarah Egan, M.D.**  
Hospice of New York, USA



**Alanna Farrell, Pharm. D.**  
Merck, USA



**Basil Golding, Ph.D.**  
Food and Drug  
Administration, USA



**Nasreen S. Haque, Ph.D.**  
New York Medical  
College, USA



**Russell W. Hanson, Ph.D.**  
Mount Sinai, USA



**Mark J. Johnson, M.S., M. Ag. (c)**  
Columbia University, USA



**Jasna Karacic, Ph.D.**  
Croatian Association of  
Patient's Rights



**David C. Leven, J.D.**  
End of Life Choices, USA



**William A. Nelson, Ph.D., MDiv.**  
Dartmouth Geisel School  
of Medicine, USA



**Russell Woodruff, Ph.D.**  
St. Bonaventure University, USA

# Conference Schedule

Conference Day 1

Venue: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 2

Friday, April 13, 2018

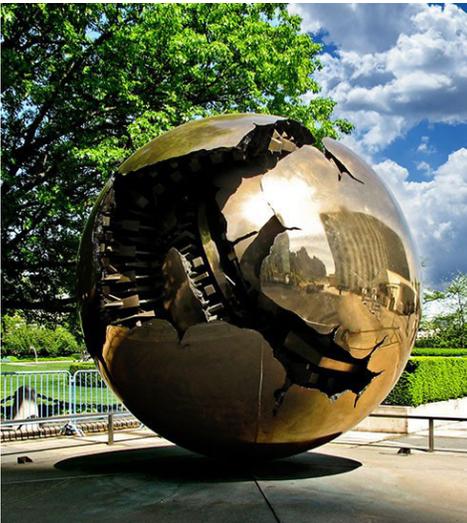
3:00 - 5:00 PM

## PANEL DISCUSSION 1: Advancing Policy Debate on End of Life Care

- **Gabriela Barros de Luca**, LLM *Program Officer*, Open Society Public Health Program
- **Daniela Bas**, MA *Director*, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- **Paul T. Conway**, MA *President*, the American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP)
- **Ion Jinga**, PhD *Ambassador*, Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations
- **Ana Lita**, PhD *Executive Director*, Global Bioethics Initiative
- **Tonya Manning**, FSA, FCA, EA, MAAA, *Chief Actuary*, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
- **Nata Menabde**, PhD *Executive Director*, WHO Office at the United Nations
- **Sean Morrison**, MD *Director*, the Lilian and Benjamin Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute, Geriatrics and Palliative Care, Mount Sinai
- **Mirjana Kujundzic Tiljak** *Director*, University of Zagreb School of Medicine, A. Stampar School of Public Health
- **Additional Remarks:** **Bruce Elliot Gelb**, MD, FACS, NYU Langone Medical Center  
**Stjepan Oreškovic**, PhD, University of Zagreb School of Medicine
- **Moderator:** **Susan Modares**, UN *Diplomatic Correspondent*, UNCA member

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Cocktail Reception: Beekman Tower



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# Conference Schedule

Conference Day 2

Venue: Cornell Club

Saturday, April 14, 2018

8:20 - 9:00 AM

Registration, Breakfast and Introductory Remarks

9:00 - 9:40 AM

Keynote Speaker: **Mike West, PhD**, BioTime Inc.

9:40 - 11:10 AM

## PANEL DISCUSSION 2: Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Technologies

- **Didier Coeurnelle, JD**, Healthy Life Extension Society, Belgium
- **David Cummiskey, PhD**, Bates College, USA
- **Nasreen S. Haque, PhD**, New York Medical College, USA
- **Mike West, PhD**, BioTime Inc., USA
- **Moderator: Russell W. Hanson, PhD**, Icahn Institute, Mount Sinai, USA

11:10 - 11:25 AM

Networking Coffee Break

11:25 - 1:15 PM

## PANEL DISCUSSION 3: Ethical Challenges at the End of Life

- **Corinne Carey, JD**, Compassion & Choices, USA
- **Sarah Egan, MD**, Hospice of New York, USA
- **David C. Leven, JD**, End of Life Choices New York, USA
- **Moderator: Stjepan Oreskovic, PhD**, University of Zagreb, Croatia

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Networking Lunch Break

2:00 - 2:30 PM

**Alanna Farrell, PharmD**, Merck Pharmaceutical

2:30 - 4:00 PM

## PANEL DISCUSSION 4: Living with Mortality in an Aging Society

- **Miriam Bentwich, PhD**, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- **William A. Nelson, PhD**, Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine, USA
- **Russell Woodruff, PhD**, St. Bonaventure University, USA
- **Moderator: Marie-Claire Roberts, PhD**

4:00 - 4:10 PM

Networking Coffee Break

4:10 - 4:50 PM

**Erin Kimbrel, PhD**, Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine

4:50 - 6:20 PM

## PANEL DISCUSSION 5: Healthy Aging: Public Policy and the Economics of Caring for the Elderly

- **Ercan Avci, PhD (c)**, Duquesne University, USA
- **Antonija Balenovic, MD, PhD**, Health Center Zagreb, Croatia
- **David Driscoll, BA**, Body& Brain Yoga, USA
- **Mark J. Johnson, MS, MAg(c)**, Columbia University, USA
- **Jasna Karacic, PhD**, Croatian Association of Patient's Rights, Croatia
- **Moderator: Bruce Gelb, MD**, NYU Langone Medical Center, USA

6:20 - 6:30 PM

Concluding Remarks

# Conference Schedule

## Conference Day 3

Venue: Ben and Jack's Steakhouse

Sunday, April 15, 2018

11:30 - 1:00 PM

**Barton Wald, MD**, *President*, PA Health Leadership Consultants and  
*Medical Director*, California Quality Collaborative

1:00 - 1:15 PM

Concluding Remarks

## Conference Venues

### CONFERENCE DAY 1, April 13, 2018

UN Headquarters, Conference Room 2  
405 East 42nd Street  
(Entrance on 46th St and 1st Ave)  
New York, NY 10017

### CONFERENCE DAY 2, April 14, 2018

The Cornell Club-New York, Fall Creek Room  
6 East 44th Street (Between Park Ave and 5th Ave)  
New York, NY 10017  
Tel: 212.692.1376  
[www.cornellclubnyc.com](http://www.cornellclubnyc.com)

### CONFERENCE DAY 3, April 15, 2018

Ben and Jack's Steakhouse  
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NY, NY 10016  
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