

Events:

- The 1st edition of the International Symposium *The Challenges of Biological Research on Aging in the 21st century: from Cells to Clinics* will be held from Sunday, November 2 to Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at Manoir des Sables, 90 des Jardins Avenue, Orford, Québec, Canada. <http://cdrv.csss-iugs.ca/international-symposium>
- *CIHR-IA Special Event at CAG2014*: Towards the implementation of the CIHR Institute of Aging's Yearly Action Plan: 2014-15 – Mining a unique Canadian resource – The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging. 11:15 a.m. October 17, 2014. Niagara Falls, Ontario. For more information, visit: <http://cag2014.ca/>
- *The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) Webinar Series presents: 'Older Canadians, food intake and nutritional status: How the CLSA will advance knowledge'*. Speaker: Prof. Heather Keller, RD, PhD. 2-3 p.m. ET. December 4, 2014. Register online at: <http://clsawebinars.eventbrite.ca>.
- **TVN will be holding monthly webinars at 12 noon ET on the first Wednesday of each month**, exploring topics regarding care of the seriously ill, frail elderly from a state-of-the art perspective. **Follow TVN on Twitter (@TVN_NCE) for registration details.**

New Institute of Aging Advisory Board Members

Susan Kirkland, PhD
Professor
Departments of Community Health & Epidemiology and Medicine
Dalhousie University



Dr. Susan Kirkland is a Professor in the Departments of Community Health and Epidemiology and Medicine at Dalhousie University and an Affiliate Scientist at CDHA. She completed her doctoral degree in Epidemiology at the University of Toronto. Dr. Kirkland's research lies in the areas of chronic diseases and aging; she is particularly interested in the investigation of chronic diseases and the multifactorial determinants of health as they influence healthy aging. Dr. Kirkland is one of three principal investigators leading the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging, a 20-year study of 50,000 Canadians funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). This landmark study examines the interplay between social and physical environments, genetics, lifestyle factors, and the health care system on the process of aging and their influence on disease, health, and well-being. Dr. Kirkland is an investigator on numerous population based epidemiologic studies including the Canadian Multicentre Osteoporosis Study (CaMos), the Nova Scotia

Health Survey and the Canadian Community Health Survey Follow Up Studies. She is leading studies in the areas of healthy aging, HIV and aging, frailty, physical activity and obesity, and technologies to support aging in place. Dr. Kirkland also serves on the Board of Governors for Northwood Group, a non-profit continuing care organization in the Atlantic Region, and the Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

Felipe Sierra, PhD.
Director
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National Institutes of Health



Felipe Sierra, PhD. is the Director of the Division of Aging Biology at the National Institute on Aging, NIH. Trained as a biochemist in his native Chile, he obtained a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Florida in 1983. After a postdoc at the University of Geneva, he worked in industry (at Nestlé, still in Switzerland) for the next 5 years. At this stage he developed his interest in the biology of aging, an interest that brought him back to Academia (and to the United States), as an Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, and later as an Associate Professor at the Lankenau Institute for Medical Research in Pennsylvania. This last position was shared with a primary appointment at the University of Chile in Santiago. Four years after initiating this arrangement, Dr. Sierra relocated again to the US, this time as a Program Director within the Division of Aging Biology, NIA. He became the Director of this unit in April 2006. Dr. Sierra is also the founder and coordinator of the trans-NIH Geroscience Interest Group (GSIG). The group spans the entire NIH, and is built on the fact that aging is the major risk factor for most chronic age-related diseases – Alzheimer’s, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and more – and thus understanding the basic biology of aging is central to our ability to address these diseases. In 2013 and 2014 he received NIH Director’s Awards for this effort.