

A Brief Chronology of  
*The International  
Centenarian Consortium*

1989-2014

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# What is the ICC?

- We are a group of centenarian researchers from around the world who have met every year since 1994
- We have met at:
  - Castles (France, Germany, Sweden)
  - Islands (Cuba, Hano, Hawaii, Hong Kong)
  - Rural (longevity) areas (Farmington, Sunchang, Tajima)
  - Universities (Georgia, Heidelberg, Hong Kong, Lund, Osaka, Seoul)
  - International conferences (Budapest, Paris, Cincinnati, Acapulco, Atlanta, Tokyo, Boston, Rio, Seoul, Vancouver)



First discussion was held at  
the XV International  
Congress of Gerontology

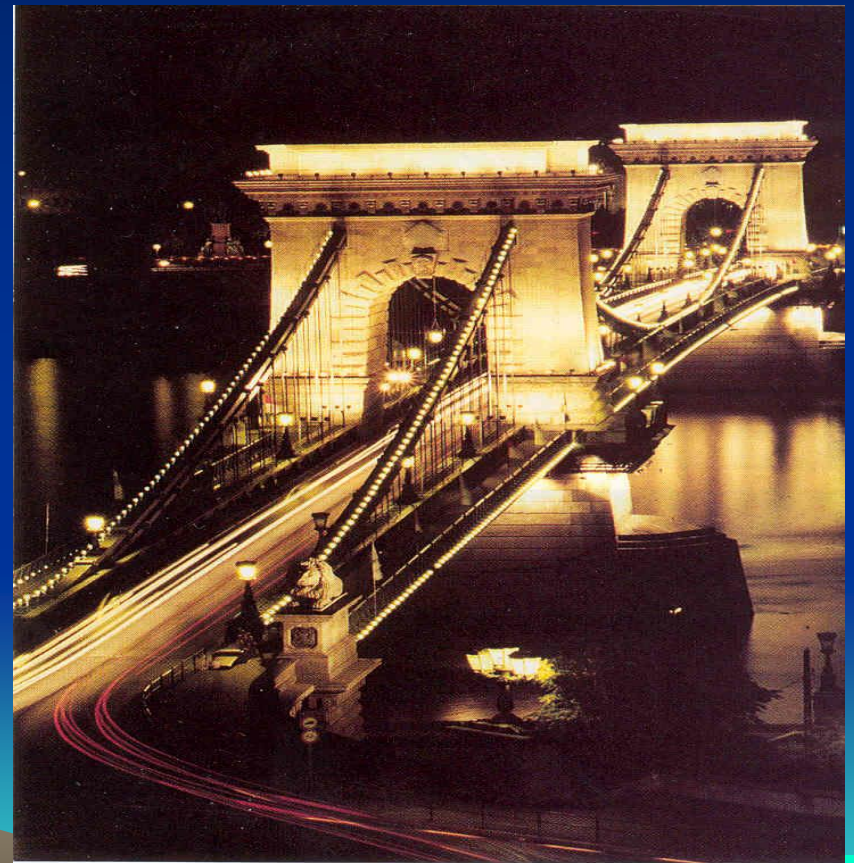
Acapulco, Mexico, 1989

Sweden (Hagberg and Samuelsson)  
and the U.S. (Poon and Martin)



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion at the XVI International Congress at Budapest, Hungary

- 1993
- Hungary (Beregi)
- Sweden (Hagberg, Samuelsson, Alfredson)
- Japan (Homma)
- U.S. (Poon)



First Meeting of the International Centenarian Consortium was in Athens, Georgia, USA, 1994  
hosted by the University of Georgia Gerontology Center



# Athens, USA, 1994

- Hungary
- France
- Sweden
- U.S.
- Japan
- Australia



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# Second Meeting - 1995 in Lund, Sweden

## Third Meeting - 1996 Symposium at Heidelberg



# 4<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the International Centenarian Consortium at Fontevraud and Paris, France, 1996

- Hungary
- France
- Sweden
- U.S.
- Heidelberg
- With joint meeting with other studies
- Hosted by the Ipsen Foundation

Centenarian Research

Workshop



Abbaye de Fontevraud  
France

April 15 - 18, 1996.

# Fontevraud, France, 1996



# Fontevraud, France 1996



# Paris, France



# Paris

## Our host on the Seine



# Fifth Planning Sessions and Meetings

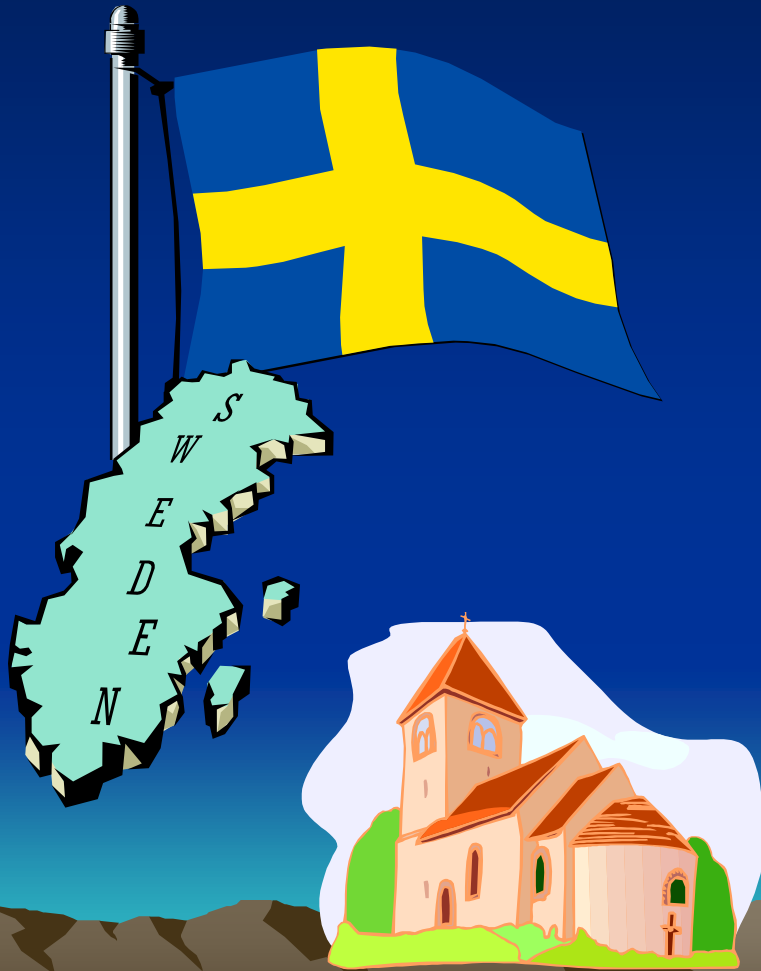
- Cincinnati





# 6th Meeting of the International Centenarian Consortium at Bakaskog, Sweden, 1998

hosted by the Lund University Gerontology Research Center



# 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Centenarian Consortium at Hirschhorn, Germany, 1999



# 8<sup>th</sup> Planning Session and Symposium at the XVII International Congress of Gerontology, Vancouver, Canada, 2001



# 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Centenarian Consortium, Boston, 2002 (GSA meeting)

- Germany
- Japan
- U.S.
- Sweden
- Honolulu/  
Okinawa



10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Centenarian  
Consortium, Honolulu, 2003  
hosted by the Pacific Health Research Institute

- Heidelberg
- Sweden
- Okinawa
- U.S.
- Australia



# Hawaii 2003



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# The 11<sup>th</sup> International Centenarian Consortium Meeting, Hano, Sweden, 2004

hosted by the Lund University Gerontology Research Center



# 7<sup>th</sup> Hano ICC Meeting

Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.



# Hano 2004



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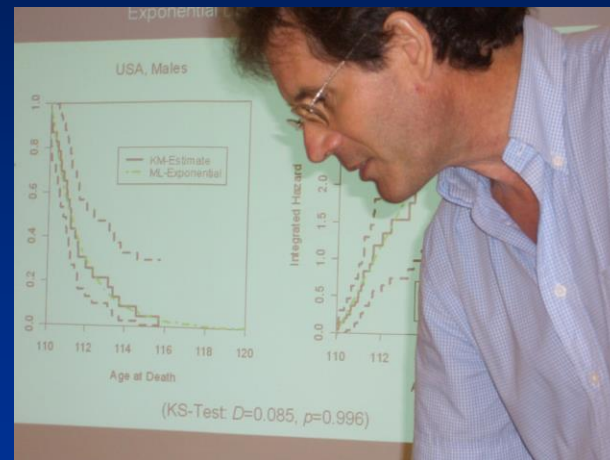
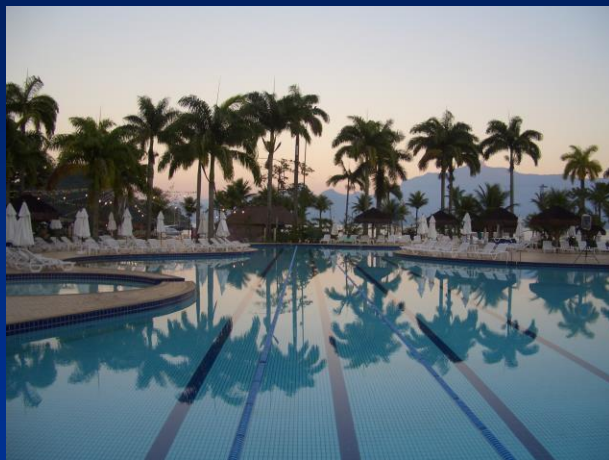
# Hano 2004



# 12th Meeting Angra dos Reis (Rio) 2005



# Angra dos Reis (2005)



# Rio (2005)





# 13th Meeting 2006 Sunchang, Korea



# 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting - 2008

## 20<sup>th</sup> Georgia Centenarian Study Celebration, Atlanta



# 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2009 International Congress of Gerontology, Paris



## Predictors of Longevity: 20 years of data from the Georgia Centenarian Study

- Introduction of the Georgia Centenarian Study
  - Leonard W. Poon
- Biological clock & longevity
  - Jonathan Arnold
- Resources & adaptation predictors
  - Peter Martin
- Neuropsychological predictors
  - John Woodard
- Discussion
  - Bradley Willcox



## 2009 Paris





## 2010 Havana, Cuba





# 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting - Hong Kong 2011





May 6-7 2011 Wang Gungwu Theatre, The Graduate House

International Conference on Healthy Longevity

# The Emergence of Oldest-Old and Centenarians

HKU 100  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
CENTENARY  
香港大學百周年

Bristlecone pine tree is  
the oldest living thing on earth

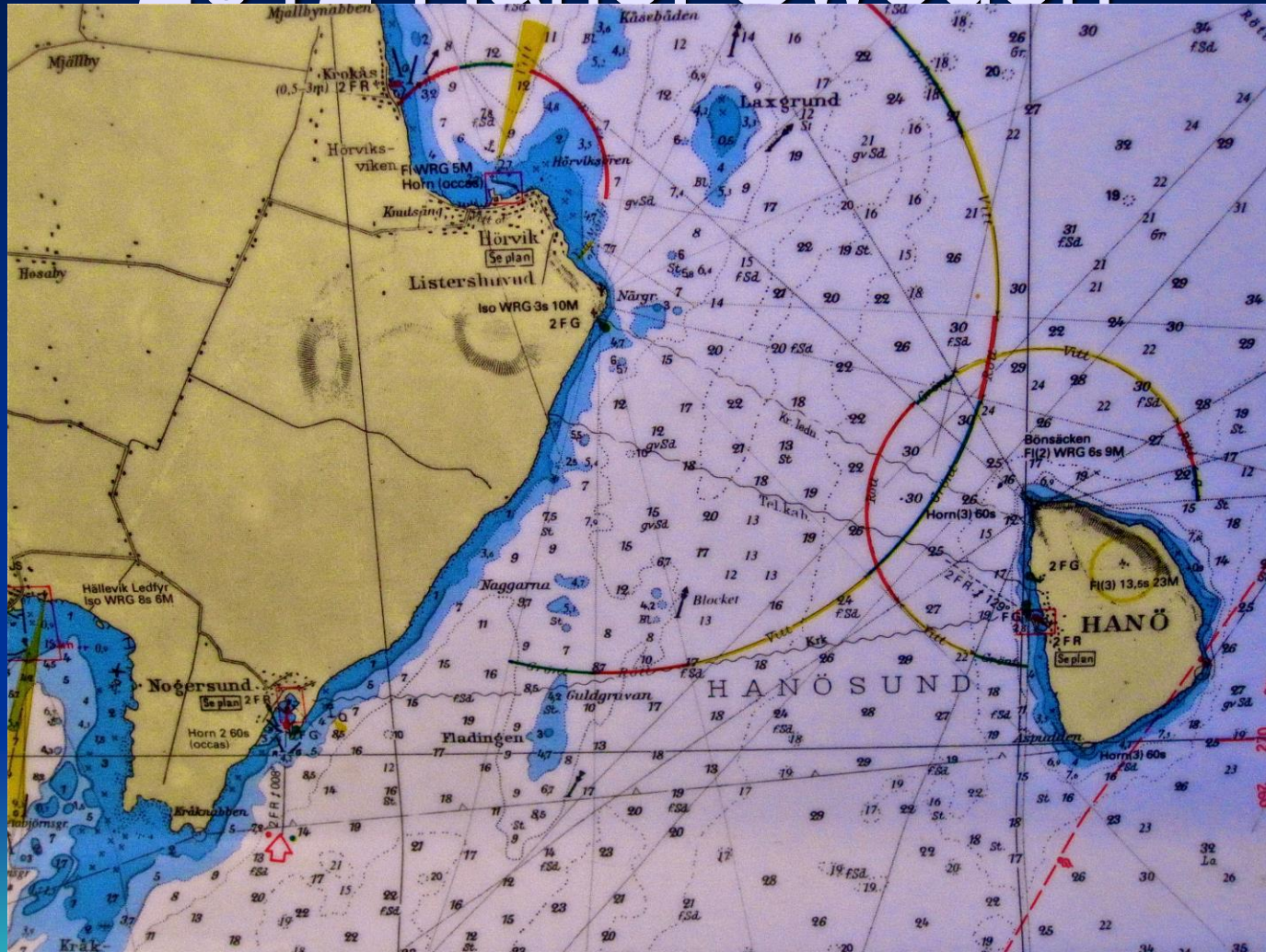






# 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

## 2012 Hano, Sweden





# 19th ICC Meeting, Sunchang, Korea, 2013

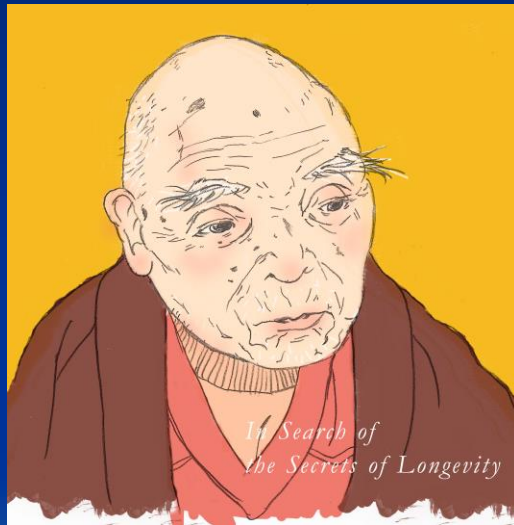


# 19<sup>th</sup> ICC Meeting, Sunchang, Korea, 2013



# 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting - 2014 Osaka, Japan

- Hosted by Gerontology Consortium, Osaka University
- Jointly Hosted by Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University & Center for Supercentenarian Research, Keio University



# Accomplishments

- Sharing of research ideas and results
- Development of joint research protocol
- Joint grant proposal writing
- Joint publications (books and special issues)





# Accomplishments

- Professional opportunities
  - L. Poon: Fulbright scholar in Sweden
  - P. Martin: Fulbright research scholar in Japan
- Team publications:
  - Comparison of cognition across countries
  - Comparison of loneliness across countries
  - Comparison of life events and personality across countries
- Three areas of ICC
  - ICC Dementia
  - ICC Genetics
  - ICC Behavior
- Student mentoring

