

# The 19th Annual Commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons

## “Aging Activism: A Global Tool to Create a Society for All Ages”

October 8, 2009

United Nations Headquarters, New York

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### MORNING PROGRAM

10:00-1:00 PM UN ECOSOC Chamber

Message from the U.N. Secretary General, **Ban Ki Moon**, on the International Day of Older Persons.

Opening Remarks from **Kiyotaka Akasaka**, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

Welcome Message from **Jessica Frank**, Chair, CoNGO Committee on Ageing, N.Y.

### AMBASSADORIAL SYMPOSIUM

Facilitator: **Barbara Crossette**, United Nations Correspondent for The Nation

**H. E. Ambassador Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Brazil**

**H. E. Ambassador Mr. Mohammed F. Al-Allaf, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

**H. E. Ambassador D. Juan Antonio YÁñez-Barnuevo, Spain**

**H. E. Mr. Jean Marie Ehouzou, Republic of Benin**

**H. E. Ambassador Norachit Sinhaseni, Kingdom of Thailand (Invited)**

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LUNCHEON **Rosemary Lane**, Acting Focal Point on Ageing and Officer-in-Charge, Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development

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### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

3:00-5:00 PM (Occurring Simultaneously)

*Promoting Aging Activism to Assure the Rights of Older Persons*

Moderator: **Susanne Paul**, Global Action on Ageing.

Keynote Speaker: **Nora Berra**, Secrétaire d'Etat aux Ainés, France

Participants: **Dr. Luciano Di Cesare**, Director Ejecutivo Nacional de PAMI, Argentina

**Dr. Alexandre Kalache**, Global Ambassador, HelpAge International

**Javier Vasquez**, Human Rights Law Advisor, Pan American Health Organization

*From Rhetoric to Reality: Educating and Empowering for Implementation*

Moderator: **Helen Hamlin**, Board of Directors, International Federation on Ageing

Participants: **Dr. Pat Spadafora**, Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, Canada

*Emerging Challenges in Aging -Climate Change; Social Services in Developing Countries*

Moderator: **Dr. Peter Walker**, UN/NGO Representative for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

Participants: **Peter Grevatt**, Director Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, Environmental Protection Agency, USA

**Dr. Jennifer Rouse**, Director, Division of Ageing, Ministry of Social Development, Trinidad and Tobago

**Mr. José Miguel Guzmán**, Director, Population and Development Branch, United Nations Population Fund