

European Association of Professors Emeriti



World Day of Older Persons 2023

**When the society achieves
intergenerational harmony,
aging is continuing to learn,
to discover, to create.**

Events

Naples, September 30

Sarajevo, September 30

Athens, October 1

Frascineto (CS), October 1

Košice, October 2

Salerno, October 2

Vancouver, October 2

Catania, October 14

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- chirurgiasantini@icloud.com **The event in Naples** is organized through the joint efforts of Natale G. De Santo, Giancarlo Bracale and Luigi Santini and Vincenzo Bonavita on behalf of the European Association of Professors Emeriti (EAPE) and of Massimiliano Marotta President of Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies. The event, entitled *Appeal for a Ministry of Family, Elderly, Women and Youth in Every Country of the European Union*, will take place at Palazzo Serra di Cassano on September 30.

An Elective Didactic Activity will be coordinated by Professor Alexandra Perna, MD, PhD, Director of the Renal Unit of the University Vanvitelli. It will be open to medical students who have completed the third year at the Medical School. It will provide 1 credit and 25 hours of interactive seminars before and after the event.

- **The event in Sarajevo** is entitled: *Healthy Aging* and will be Chaired by Halima Resic, Asim Kurjak and Radio Izet on behalf of EAPE, the International Academy of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Olympic Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It will take place on September 30.
- **The Athens Meeting of Professors Emeriti for the Old Persons Day** will take place at Louros Foundation on October 1st, and will be chaired by Christos Bartsocas and Athanasios Diamandopoulos.
- **The event in Frascineto (CS)**, entitled *The Role of Municipalities and of Social Media in Protecting the Creativity of Older Persons*, is organized by the Mayor of Frascineto, Dr. Angelo Catapano. It will take place in the morning of October 1st in the Auditorium "Croccia", Comprehensive Institute "E. Koliqi" Fratelli Cervi Street, Frascineto (CS).

- **The event in Košice** is chaired by Oliver Rácz and Katka Derzsiová and will take place on October 2, in the Pastoral Center of St. Gerhard, 5 Vrátna Street. The event is entitled *Passing the baton from “fathers” to “children” in medical science.*
- **The event in Salerno**, entitled *The Protection of Aging* is organized by Professor Paolo Ciambelli, Councilor of EAPE. The event has many partners including the University of Salerno and the European Biomedical Institute of Salerno (EBRIS). It will take place in the morning of October 2.

The event in Vancouver will be organized by the Emeritus College at the University of British Columbia and a “*Celebrating Aging*” Special Supplement of the UBC Emeritus College *Newsletter* will be prepared for October 2. Professor Emerita Dianne Newell and the College’s Communications group will proceed to identify relevant content for “*Celebrating Aging*” that will showcase a sampling of stories from a broad range of Emeriti.

- **The event in Catania** takes place under the Patronage of the Rector of the University of Catania. It is chaired by Mauro Guarino and Guido Bellinghieri and will take place in the Aula Magna of the Rectorate Building on October 14. The event is entitled *Aging is not a disease - New engine for solidarity between generations.*

**Publication of the Proceedings of the 2023 EAPE
Events for the Word Day of Older Persons in the
*Bulletin of the European Association of Professors
Emeriti***

The proceedings of the 2023 EAPE events for the World Day of Older Persons will be published in the News Section of the *Bull Eur Assoc Profs Emer* 2023; 4 (4). For each event a report of 1200-1500 words coauthored by all speakers, should be made available by the end of October. Not a detailed description of each talk but a synopsis where EAPE expectations and views on the meaning of this special event shall be made available. This will help preparing a position paper on behalf of EAPE.

Event No. 1 - Naples

Protecting Creativity in Aging - An Appeal for a Ministry for Senior Citizens, Women and Youth in All European Countries

Organized by

European Association of Professors Emeriti
Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies

Venue

Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici
Palazzo Serra di Cassano, Via Monte di Dio 14
Saturday, September 30, 9.15 AM – 1.15 PM

Organizing Committee

Dr. Massimiliano Marotta
Prof. Emeritus Vincenzo Bonavita
Prof. Emeritus Giacarlo Bracale
Prof. Emeritus Natale Gaspare De Santo
Prof. Emeritus Luigi Santini

Presentations

11 minutes without slides

Lecturers and Topics

Session one (9.15-11.15)

The European Association of Professors Emeriti, the World Day of Older Persons, and the Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies

Massimiliano Marotta

President of the Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies,
Naples

An Appeal to Establish a Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth in All European Countries

Natale Gaspare De Santo, Jochen Ehrich, Luigi Santini, Giancarlo Bracale, Paolo Ciambelli and Vincenzo Bonavita

For the European Association of Professors Emeriti

Alzheimer's disease: what we can do now and will do two decades hence

Vincenzo Bonavita

Emeritus Professor University Federico II Naples, President and Physician in Chief Hermitage Capodimonte, Naples

Research on aging present status and perspectives

Francesco Salvatore

Emeritus Professor of Human Biochemistry at the University Federico II in Naples

Equal Opportunities at University Federico II

Concetta Giancola

President Committee for Equal Opportunities, University Federico II, Naples

Equal opportunities at the University Luigi Vanvitelli

Marianna Pignata

President Committee for Equal Opportunities, University Luigi Vanvitelli, Naples

Comments to the presentation of Professors Tina Giancola and Marianna Pignata

Luigi Santini

Professor Emeritus University Luigi Vanvitelli, Naples

20 min discussion with floor

Session 2 (11.15-13.15)

Achieving happiness is our mission

Don Antonio Maione

Streetwise priest

Old and young citizens in the city: needs and desires for cities of coexistence

Patrizia Bottaro

Vice President of "Civilizzare l'Urbano", Naples

Young and old citizens in the city: needs and desires for cities of coexistence

Massimo Pica Ciamarra

Editor-in-chief of "Le Carré Bleu", feuille internationale d'architecture, Naples

Comments to the presentations of Professor Bottaro and Pica Ciamarra

Raffaele Cananzi

former State Lawyer and State Secretary of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers

The continuous intergenerational exchanges between generations at a nautical club of international reputation

Giancarlo Bracale

EAPE Councilor, President Circolo Canottieri, Napoli

Being poor and old in Naples

Marco Rossi

Comunità di Sant'Egidio, Naples

Support work after retirement: a fulfilling activity, increasing self-esteem and generating happiness

Aldo Bova

President Forum of the Social and Health Associations, Rome

The countries where expected life span at birth is lower than 60 years

Fatou Diako Capuano

European Cultural mediator, President of the Migrants Board of the Municipality of Naples

20 min discussion with the floor

5 min for moderator

Elective Teaching Activity at the University Luigi Vanvitelli in Naples

Alessandra Perna, MD PhD

Professor of Nephrology and Physician-in-Chief of the Renal Unit at the University Luigi Vanvitelli, organizes an *Elective Didactic Activity* entitled “An Appeal for a Ministry for Senior Citizens, Women and Youth in All European Countries”. This activity will provide **1 University Credit** (25 hours work). It is required to have completed the third academic year. In preparation of the event and after it students will participate to a series of interactive seminars (for a total of 25 hours). Students will be made aware of wants and needs of the younger generations as well as of the seniors, with a special look into the coexistence in the cities having in mind the possibility to create a Ministry for Family Affairs, Seniors, Women and Youth in the countries of European Union.

Event No. 2 - Sarajevo *Symposium on Healthy Aging*

Organized by

International Academy of Sciences and Arts in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo, September 30, 2023

Venue

National Olympic Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Alipašina bb, OC Zetra, 71000 Sarajev

Partners of the Symposium

Universitas Studiorum Sarajevo

European Association of Professors Emeriti

Olympic Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizing Committee

Academic Asim Kurjak, president

Prof. dr Mirza Dautbašić, prorector NIR, member

Academic Halima Resić, vice president

Academic Žarko Papić, member

Academic Almir Badnjević, member

Academic Žarko Primorac, member

Prof. Dr. Milanko Mučibabić, member

Mr. Marijan Kvesić, member

Lecturer and Topics

How to age healthily in this dynamic time

Academic Asim Kurjak

*Physical activity of patients with chronic kidney disease –
NEPHROAEROBICS*

Academic Halima Resić

Nutritionism in third life age

Prof. dr Arzija Pašalić

Neuropsychology of Aging

Academic Osman Sinanović

The effects of programmed strength training on biomarkers of health status and quality of life of women of the third life age

Prof. dr Zoran Milošević

Transformation processes in the third life age

Academic Izet Rađo

Panel Discussion

Tomislav Cvitanušić, MA

Prof. dr Milanko Mučibabić Sejfo Šehović

***Moderator Lana Grgić, MA**

Event No. 3 – Athens

The Athens Meeting of Professors Emeriti for the Old Persons Day

Sunday 01/10/2023.

Under the auspices of

Panhellenic Society for Geriatric and Gerontology

Hellenic Society for Geriatric Oncology

The Louros Foundation for the History of Medicine

Hellenic Society for the Dissemination of the Hippocratic Spirit

Hippocratic Foundation of Kos

Society of the Friends of the Museum for Hellenic Medicine

The Deltos Journal for the History of Medicine

Venue

Louros Foundation for the History of Medicine,
5 Semitelou Str., 11528-Athens, Greece

18.00 Registration

18.30 Welcome addresses

18.45

Negative factors leading to the deterioration of the Grandparents/Grandchildren relations

Professor Gerasimos Metaxas

19.05 Discussion

19.15

The strong support by Grandparents to the Grandchildren in Greece on happy and sad days

Professor Athanasios Diamandopoulos

19.35 Discussion

19.45 Break

20.00

Ancient Greek and Byzantine writers on Old Age

Dr. Panagiotis Ziropiannis

20.20 Discussion

20.30

Grandparents and Grandchildren in Modern Greek Art

Professor Christos Bartsocas

20.50 Discussion/Conclusions

Event No. 4 - Frascineto (CS)

The Role of Municipalities and of Social Media in the Protection of the Creativity of Older Persons

Sunday October 1, 2023

Promoted by

Municipality of Frascineto

European Association of Professors Emerity (EAPE)

Organized by

Dr. Angelo Catapano, Mayor of Frascineto

Venue

Auditorium “Croccia”, Istituto comprensivo "E. Koliqi”

Via Fratelli Cervi

Frascineto

10.00 AM- 1.00 PM

Program

Protecting Creative Aging: the Fundamental role of Municipalities

Dr. Angelo Catapano, Mayor of Frascineto

The Catholic Church and the older persons. We were migrants now full Italian citizens

Donato Oliverio, Bishop of the Hierarchy of Lungro

Calabrian Migration

Pantaleone Sergi, Historian and Writer

Professors Emeriti and Aging

Natale Gaspare De Santo, EAPE Coordinator for the 2023
EAPE events for the World Day of Older Persons

*The Students of Higher Schools of Frascineto and the training of Seniors to
computer*

Eng. Tommaso Ferrari, retired High School Professor

The Municipality of Frascineto Knows the Needs of the Older Citizens

Dr. Ugo Ferraro, retired Director of the Pollino Consortium for
Social Services

Event No. 5 - Košice

Symposium on

Passing the Baton from „Fathers“ to „Children“ in Medicine

Under the auspices of

Prof. Daniel Pella, MD, PhD, Rector of P.J. Šafárik University Košice

Organized by

European Association of Professors Emeriti

Košice Medical Association

Slovak Medical Association

Partners

Medical Faculty, Šafárik University, Košice, Slovakia

Slovak Medical Chamber, Regional Unit, Košice

Pastoral center of St. Gerhard, Košice

Event site, Date and Time

Pastoral Center of St. Gerhard, Košice, Vrátna 5

October 2, 2023, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Organizing Committee

Rácz Oliver

Derzsiová Katarína

Zámboriová Mária

Pásztor Zoltán

Lecturers and Topics

Introduction and mission of the WDOP

Oliver Rácz, Katarína Derzsiová

Why children need older people in their life and how children can support the elderly?

Katarína Derzsiová

The use of older people's potential in the labour market

Josef Bartek and Eva Grmanová

Seniors' spirituality in the process of value transmission

Anton Fabian

Possible application of robot-assisted rehabilitation of geronts

Peter Takáč

Ageism as a social determinant of health

The association of leisure time activities with mental health in seniors

**Mária Zámbořiová, Mária Sovářiová Soósová, Valéria Parová,
Renáta Suchanová, Lucia Hazuchová**

The path from Albert Szent-Györgyi. Bruno Straub and Rudolf Korec for a boy from Košice to the fantastic world of medical research and science

Oliver Rácz

Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Prof. Oliver Rácz, MD, PhD.**

Event No. 6 - Salerno

The Protection of Aging

Organized by

European Association of Professors Emeriti (EAPE)

Salerno, October 2, 2023

10 AM – 13.30 PM

Venue

EBRIS (European Biomedical Research Institute of Salerno)

Via S. De Renzi 50, 84125 Salerno

Partners of the Symposium

University of Salerno

EBRIS Foundation

Municipality of Salerno

Schola Medica Salernitana Foundation

Unesco Chair in Plantae medicinales mediterraneae

3CLab-Cross Cultural Competence Learning & Education

Studies Centre EUTOPIA

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Prof. Emeritus Giorgio Donsì

Prof. Emeritus Luigi Egiziano

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Prof. Emeritus Raffaele Riccio

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Dr. Ermanno Guerra, member
Mrs. Immacolata Savarese, member
Miss Chiara Signore, member
Mr. Francesco Di Vincenzo, member

Lecturers and Topics

Microbiome and resiliency: how to age with grace

Prof. Alessio Fasano

Harvard Medical School (Boston), President EBRIS Foundation

Oxygen and glucose: two factors essential for life but ageing culprits

Prof. Paolo Abrescia

University of Napoli Federico II, CEO of TRASE

The Regimen Sanitatis of Salernitan Medical School. An ancient manual for good health and long life

Prof. Paola Capone

Former Professor University of Salerno, Studies Centre Eutopia

Tai Chi Chuan: a technique of ancient Martial Art for good health and long life

Prof. Annamaria Cucolo

Emerita of Physics, University of Salerno

Wellness and healthy ageing: from Salerno Medical School to science-based skincare

Prof. Rita Aquino

University of Salerno, Responsible Unesco Chair in Plantae
medicinales mediterraneae

Research and experience. The Emeritus Professor's role across different cultural contexts

Prof. Bice Della Piana

University of Salerno, Scientific Director of 3CLab-Cross Cultural
Competence Learning & Education (Italy)

The endless adolescence: how and why of a timeless life

Dr. Giulio Corrivetti

Vice President EBRIS Foundation, Director Mental Health ASL Salerno

Vulnerability and personal data protection

Prof. Pasquale Stanzone

Emeritus of Private Law, University of Salerno, President of the Italian Data Protection Authority

20 min discussion with floor

Event No. 7 – Vancouver

UBC Emeritus College Council has approved a project to celebrate Oct 1 2023 World Day of Older Persons

A “Celebrating Aging” Special Supplement of the UBC Emeritus College *Newsletter*.

This initiative would be completely in keeping with the content currently included in the College *Newsletter*. It has been the strong opinion of many of our Emeriti that the College needs to showcase stories from its members, including stories of transitioning into retirement.

The College co-sponsors with UBC Human Resources biannual faculty retirement workshops, each of which includes presentations from several Emeriti about their activities since retiring. These stories could serve as a basis for the publication.

Professor Emerita Dianne Newell and the College’s

Communications group will proceed to identify relevant content for “*Celebrating Aging*” that will showcase a sampling of stories from a

broad range of Emeriti. This supplement, to be published on or about Monday October 2, will be shared with the European Association of Professors Emeriti.

Event No. 8 - Catania

Symposium on

Aging is not a disease - New engine for solidarity between generations

Under the auspices of

Prof. Francesco Priolo, Rector of the University of Catania

Organized by

European Association of Professors Emeriti

Archbishop of Catania

Prefect of Catania

AIDO (Italian Association of Organ Donors)

Catania Medical Association

Order of the Holy Sepulchre

Venue, Date and Time

Aula Magna University of Catania

Piazza Università, Catania

October 14, 2023, 9:30 – 12:30 a.m.

Organizing Committee

Prof. Mauro Guarino

Dr. Maria Novara

Prof. Guido Bellinghieri

Lecturers and Topics

Introduction and Mission of WDOP

Professor Mauro Guarino

Combining care with taking care of the elderly: mainly human relationships with young people

Dr. Maria Novara

Recovery possible through possible activities

Prof. Domenico Maugeri (Psychiatrist)

Seniors in the process of value transmission

His Excellency Luigi Renna, Archbishop of Catania

The frail old man

Prof. Guido Bellinghieri, President Italian Branch of EAPE

Physical activity and mental health of the elderly

Prof. Domenico Maugeri (Geriatrist)

The difficulties of retired scientists in receiving grant support

Carmine Zoccali, Editor Emeritus of Nephrology Dialysis and Transplant

Message of the EAPE Committee for the 2023 World Day of Older Persons

Natale G. De Santo, Liv Mjelde, Dianne Newell, Christos Bartsocas, Guido Bellinghieri, Vincenzo Bonavita, Giancarlo Bracale, Angelo Catapano, Paolo Ciambelli, Katarína Derzsiová, Athanasios Diamandopoulos, Mauro Guarino, Asim Kurjak, Massimiliano Marotta, Maria Novara, Alessandra Perna, Oliver Rácz, Halima Resic, Luigi Santini

“An old man dying is like the burning of a library”.

Amadou Hampâté Bâ

Malian writer and philosopher (1901-1991)

Preamble

Since 2019 EAPE has been actively involved in the celebration of the World Day of Older Persons (1, 2). In that year Dubravca Šuica, European Commissioner Vice-President for Democracy and Demography, in her address to European citizens focused on the importance of recognizing the contribution of older people in our societies. *“I want to raise the importance of protecting their rights, including their access to equal and affordable healthcare and digitalization services”.*

She highlighted the fact that *“Our ageing population is therefore one of the main demographic drivers in Europe. An increasingly older population presents both diverse challenges and opportunities not only at the individual, societal and economic level but also between generations as well”.* *“Let us also look at the untapped potential of ageing and the opportunities it provides. Many contribute to our society through volunteering activities and some continue to exercise their profession. As grandparents, they are indispensable in the lives of their grandchildren, often also stepping in for their own children when the youngest need to be looked after and childcare is not available”.*

In October 2020, the Emeritus College at British Columbia in Vancouver in collaboration with EAPE hosted an innovative

symposium. The symposium was featured in the Bulletin, which included articles by prominent individuals such as Anne Junker, Sir Les Ebdon, Judith G. Hall, Jochen Ehrich, John F. Helliwell, and Luigi Campanella (3).

In 2021 EAPE organized a series of stimulating events in Italy, Greece, Slovak Republic and Slovenia, where many EAPE members provided original contributions (4). Papers by Natale Gaspare De Santo & Jochen Ehrich, Vincenzo Bonavita, Giancarlo & Umberto Bracale, Maddalena Illario, Lucka Lober, George N. Christodoulou, Anton Fabian, Oliver Ràcz and Katarina Derzsiová and others were made available (4). In 2022, a workshop with 12 speakers was held at the Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies in Naples (5). The proceedings were documented and are in press with la scuola di Pitagora Editrice (Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies).

Learning a biological science without the excitement of research is dull, and conducting research without the scrutiny of an audience is sterile.

Joseph Sepe, M.D. Professor at University of Maryland Global Campus Napoli, Campania, Italy, Teaching Philosophy Statement

EAPE Programs for October 1, 2023

Again this year, "*The European Association of Professors Emeriti will play an active role in organizing the World Day of Older Persons*" (6), which has been outlined by UNO with the goals of the *Decade of Creative Aging* that have been endorsed by the European Union. Emeriti and Emeritae celebrate the day being aware that as university professors they were able to achieve the highest roles in education and science thus shaping the life of their countries. Emeriti (ae) aspire to perpetuate their role of modern mentors by inspiring fellows and avoiding – as Dennis Cokkinos wrote – without imposing a “so-spoke-he” method (7). Of course Emeriti (ae) are aware that teaching is impossible when not rooted in research.

Gottfried Benn, a German poet who was a candidate for Nobel on five occasions (however, he failed in all occasions, has written a

booklet *Altern als Prolem für Künstler*)(8) wherein he shows that the Europe of art and science was a product of 200 geniuses, half of which were seventy years old or older. The list includes Titian, Michelangelo, Franz Hals, Goethe, Shaw, and so on, and he outlines their ability to create masterpieces. In "*The Death of Titian*", Hofmannsthal vividly describes the last day of the artist, who, despite being near death as diagnosed by the doctor, paints with vigor in his villa near Venice. He doesn't care and asks his students to bring him the old works of art that he wants to compare with the last, that expresses greater expertise. The elderly individual proved that he was more than just a dauber by becoming a celebrated artist at the age of 99. This goes to show that age is just a number and one can achieve success and recognition at any age.

The philosopher Roger Dadoun (1928-2022) used different criteria in his *Octogenarian Anthology*, which focused on giants in various fields and their late masterpieces, as well as tackling the taboo of eros and aging (9). It includes Gaston Bachelard (78), Bruno Bettelheim (87), Wilfred Bion (82), François-René de Chateaubriand (80), Cicero (73), Helen Deutsch (98), Marcel Duchamp (81), Havelock Ellis (80), Erik Erikson (92), Anne Freud (87), Sigmund Freud (84), Eric Fromm (80), Muriel Gardiner (84), Heinz Hartmann (76), Imre Hermann (95), Victor Hugo (84), Carl Gustav Jung (86), Abram Kardiner (90), Margaret Mahler (88), Octave Mannoni (90), Herbert Marcuse (81), Henri-Émile-Benoît Matisse (85), Claude Monet (86), Katsushika Hokusai (89), Pablo Picasso (99), Georges Rouault (87), Theodor Reik (81), Seneca (committed suicide at 69), Bernard Shaw (94) René Spitz (87), and D.W. Winnicott (75).

Professors Emeriti, Depontani Senes?

Professors Emeriti, however, at least in Europe, play a minimal role at the universities where they met the needs of many generations of students. Their knowledge does not attract the interest of rectors, university administrators. It is difficult for them to obtain research grants since in Europe they ask for university status, even if the European Union allows Emeriti to act as principal investigators in

the grants they support. There are two exceptions: the University of Calabria at Rende and the University Ca' Foscari in Venice (9). This tells us that not much has changed from the second century AD when Pompeius Festus wrote on "*Depontani senes, qui sexagenarii de ponte deiciebantur*" / "The men sixty years of age hence called *sexagenarii*, because they were freed from the obligation of voting in the *comitia*; that is of passing over the bridges (*pontes*) which led them into the *saepta*", [where the voting took place] (10).

Emeriti (ae) have strong sense of responsibility toward those who did not have the opportunity to pursue higher education, or those who have retired without access to resources or support. *Staying connected to the world and engaging in various activities are essential for preserving creativity and maintaining physical and mental health as we age. Access to cellular phones and other media can help facilitate communication and socialization, leading to greater opportunities for creative collaboration and exchange of ideas. Attending sporting events or other cultural activities can also provide inspiration and stimulate the mind. Much can be done to improve the world. The European Union has the potential to make significant contributions towards this goal. Access to comfort goods can help individuals cope with difficult times, but it is also important to recognize the value of special training foreseen by the Hungarian born American economist Tibor Scitovsky (1910-2002), for stimulating goods, which provide a sense of meaning, support, and social as well as spiritual connection that can be essential during difficult times.*

A man is not old until he is looking for something.
Jean Rostand, biologist (1894-1977)

Roger Dadoun, former professor of Comparative Literature at Diderot University in Paris, in the *Manifeste pour une vieillesse ardente* (11) raises many points for discussion and reflection.

"Man has lived through time as an instrument accumulating and preserving knowledge, and as a condition for their systematic transmission. And time, concretely, is age. Advancing in years means increasing one's knowledge and

becoming its custodian. The elderly person, a true repository of collective knowledge, assumes a vital function for the group. Thanks to their experience, the elderly are called upon to watch over the continuity, cohesion, balance, and self-regulation of the group. To age is to oversee" (12).

Dadoun also thinks that now seniors have the potential to "*Creating a mythical movement perhaps, of affirmation and recognition of old age, the advanced age - agonizing and paradoxical, which in this third millennium possesses the strength of numbers and political potential - would be able to face a society dominated by fantasies of impetuous youth and the easy enthusiasms of mature and "handsome" men in the prime of life.*"

"Growing and affirming as a senior, advanced age could – call to mind utopia, make its entrance into history, bringing awareness of memory, prudence, distance, and perhaps wisdom. All qualities that would offer humanity the possibility of a future, of a new era under the sign of "an eternal eros," "freshly painted with the colors of the present" (13).

Conclusion

The EAPE events for the World Day of Older Persons meet the needs and wants of professors emeriti. There will be the possibility to support the needs of all aged and retired persons, the needs of those who did not have the chance to conquer wisdom. Emeriti in addition will be able to support their quest to continue to be active part of the community that learns, teaches and investigates. They, *"being aware of the vastness of their ignorance" ... "that allows continue learning", "search for knowledge based on rejection of any obvious-seeming certainty"* in order to have the possibility *"to reimagine the world again and again"* and *"to reflect on the "nature of scientific thinking", "to keep opened the door of nature (14).* Who better than emeriti?

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