This annual international summit will look at many facets of research and processes that are involved in ageing and senescence. With discussions ranging from discovery of biomarkers and assay development to immunology, this event promises to be packed with discussion and debate and is an ideal opportunity to discover what is new in the field. With an all round view of ageing, from diagnostics to therapy, this event will be multi-disciplinary.

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Hani Atamna, College of Medicine, California University of Science & Medicine, Colton, CA, USA
Dr. Atamna’s research is directed at understanding the mechanism of cellular senescence and to develop strategies to delay this process. He discovered the anti-senescence activity of methylene blue (MB), its effect on complex-IV, and mitochondria. MB prevented the age-related decline in cognitive function and muscle strength. Furthermore, Dr. Atamna studies on the mechanism of neurodegeneration of Alzheimer’s disease (AD) identified heme-binding domain in Amyloid-β, which helped explain the cytopathologies of AD (e.g., decline in complex-IV). He is interested in developing novel therapeutic and diagnostic strategies to delay AD and cell senescence in hope to improve the quality of life with age.

Christian Behl, Chair and Director of the Institute of Pathobiochemistry, University Medical Center, Mainz, Germany
Christian Behl PhD, Full Professor, Chair and Director of Institute
1982-1989, Study Biology, University of Würzburg
1988, Diploma, University of Würzburg
1991, PhD in Neurobiology, University of Würzburg
1992-1994, Post Doc, Salk Institute for Biological Studies
1994-1996, Research Scientist at the Max Planck Institute of Psychiatry, Munich
1997-2002, Head of an Independent Research Group of the Max Planck Society at the MPI for Psychiatry, Munich
2002- date, Full Professor for Pathobiochemistry, Chair and Director of the Institute of Pathobiochemistry, University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Joanna M. Bridger, BSc (Hons), MA, PhD, FSB, Reader of Chromosome Behaviour, Brunel University London, UK
Dr Bridger graduated from UCL in 1990 and then studied for her PhD at the University of Dundee where she investigated the role of nuclear lamins in chromatin organisation. After which she became a post-doctoral scientist in the group of Prof Peter Lichter at the German Cancer Research Centre in Heidelberg to study the 3D organisation of individual chromosome territories and their environment. She returned to the UK to take a position in the MRC Human Genetics Unit in Edinburgh with Prof Wendy Bickmore and was involved in the finding that chromosomes have specific non-random nuclear locations. In 1999 Joanna became independent establishing her own group at Brunel University London where she has been for the last 15 years studying the role of nuclear architecture in genome behaviour in development, differentiation, infection and ageing.

Shula Baker, NIHR School for Primary Care Doctoral Research Student, Arthritis Research UK Primary Care Centre, Keele University, Staffordshire, United Kingdom
Shula is a doctoral research student at the Arthritis Research UK Primary Care Centre, Keele University. Her research examines the role of social participation in maintaining good health in older people with musculoskeletal pain using a mixed methods approach. She is a registered Physiotherapist, and has worked as a community physiotherapist in the NHS since graduating from Keele with a Bsc(hons) Physiotherapy degree in 2008

Alice Coffey, University College Cork, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Cork, Ireland
Dr Alice Coffey is a Registered General Nurse, Midwife and Nurse Tutor. She has a PhD Nursing, Masters in Education and a BA (honours) Degree in Health Management. As lead of the Healthy Ageing Research Group in the School of Nursing UCC, she is actively engaged in national, European and international multidisciplinary education and research collaboration regarding older people and healthy ageing. Dr Coffey’s vision is focused on local, national and international multidisciplinary engagement to promote positive views of ageing and safe high-quality care for older people nationally and globally.
QueeLim Ch’ng, MRC Centre for Developmental Neurobiology, King’s College London, UK

QueeLim Ch’ng is a lecturer at the MRC Centre for Developmental Neurobiology in King’s College London. He has received several prestigious awards at each career stage: an ERC Starting Grant, an RCUK fellowship, the Jane Coffin Childs Postdoctoral Fellowship, and a HHMI Pre-doctoral Fellowship. He co-pioneered the first large-scale RNAi screens for synaptic function, followed by a large-scale analysis of synaptic protein localisation, as a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard/Massachusetts General Hospital. His current work uses a systems biology approach to uncover mechanisms by which neuroendocrine networks process environmental information to orchestrate physiology.

Laëtitia Gorisse, UMR MEDyC CNRS/URCA 7369, Faculty of Medicine, Reims, France

Laëtitia Gorisse made her studies in France especially on matrix proteins and their microenvironment in physiopathological contexts. Her PhD topic was about nonenzymatic posttranslational modifications of proteins, including matrix proteins, during chronic diseases and ageing (“Terms of accumulation of carbamylation derived products of proteins during ageing and chronic renal failure”).

Makoto Goto, Tokyo Women's Medical University, Tokyo, Japan

In 1976: after completion of medical residency at University of Tokyo Hospital, Dr Goto started to find out biomarkers of normal ageing by using accelerated ageing models ( Werner syndrome as a genetic model and rheumatoid arthritis ( RA ) as a natural model ), because two conditions are 1)short life-span ( Werner syndrome: about half and RA: about 10 years shorter than normal ); 2) High frequencies of age-related pathologies; skin atrophy, atherosclerosis, malignancy, osteoporosis, metabolic syndrome and infection; 3) telomere-shortening. Dr Goto has been working as a physician-scientist at University of Tokyo, Toin University of Yokohama, Tokyo Women’s Medical University, Tokyo Metropolitan Otsuka Hospital, Yokohama General Hospital and Nerima-Hikarigaoka Hospital. In 2015, Dr Goto retired from professorship.

Mine Orlu Gul, UCL School of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmaceutics, London, UK

Dr Mine Orlu Gul is a pharmacist. She received her MSc on the subject of colon targeted microspheres in 2003, followed by a PhD about fluorescently-labeled nanoparticles and their interaction with lung cells in 2008 from Istanbul University, Faculty of Pharmacy. She held a 1-year visiting scientist post at King’s College London funded by Marie Curie Host Fellowship for Early Stage Training in the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission. In respect to this, she was awarded an additional professional qualification, Euro-PhD in Advanced Drug Delivery, certified by Galenos Network & Saarland University, Saarbrucken, Germany. She worked as post-doctoral research fellow at the School of Pharmacy, University of London between 2008 and 2012 funded by UK NIHR Medicines for Children Research Network. She was appointed as Lecturer in Pharmaceutics to develop a research agenda in geriatric pharmaceutics in October 2012. She is a member of UCL Grand Challenges of Human Wellbeing Executive Group and Geriatric Medicines Society Age Appropriate Formulations Working Group. She also co-chairs The Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences-Age Related Medicines Focus Group.

Lorna Harries, Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Exeter, Exeter, United Kingdom

Lorna gained her PhD from University College London in November 1994 and has since worked at several institutions including the Biomedical Research Centre at the University of Dundee, the MRC Cell Mutation Unit at the University of Brighton and the Institute of Biomedical and Clinical Sciences at the University of Exeter Medical School. Lorna set up the RNA-mediated disease mechanisms group in 2006; the group has interests in -omics approaches to the study of human ageing and age-related disease processes in man. Her specific focus is on the impact of alternative messenger RNA processing, small RNA and epigenetic gene regulation, with particular reference to human ageing and common age-related diseases in man. Her work ranges from ‘big data’ approaches (whole genome transcriptomics and epigenetics) to detailed individual molecular analysis of particular genes. Funding sources include the Wellcome Trust, the MRC, the Dunhill Medical Trust, The Dr Hadwen Trust and Diabetes UK. Lorna has written over 85 peer-reviewed articles and was awarded the Diabetes UK RD Lawrence Prize Lectureship in 2011. Her research team currently consists of 6 postdoctoral, postgraduate and technical staff.
Sze Man Hung, Institute of Chinese Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Sha Tin, China
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Emeritus Amos D Korczyn, Department of Neurology, Tel Aviv University, Ramat Aviv, Israel
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Ingo Kolodziej, RWI, Essen, Germany
Ingo Kolodziej has been working as a researcher at RWI in the research department “Health Economics” since July 2012. He studied Economics and Business at Leibniz University of Hanover (B.Sc.) and Health Economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam (M.Sc.). During the time of his studies he worked as a teaching assistant at the departments of Statistics and Applied Economics. His research interests are in health economics, applied econometrics, the interdependencies of health and an ageing society.

Marios Kyriazis, ELPIs Foundation for Indefinite Lifespans, UK
Marios Kyriazis qualified as a medical doctor (MD) from the University of Rome, Italy, and after preclinical work in the USA he worked as a clinician in acute medicine in Cyprus, and the UK. He subsequently qualified as a Gerontologist with interest in the biology of aging and became a Chartered Member of the ‘Royal Society of Biology’ in the UK. He also has a post-graduate qualification in Geriatric Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians of London. Other appointments include Member of the Board of Trustees at the Mediterranean Graduate School of Applied Social Cognition, affiliate researcher at the Evolution, Complexity and Cognition Group, University of Brussels, and a Ronin Research Scholar. Currently, he works with the ELPIs Foundation for Indefinite Lifespans, a serious endeavour to study the elimination of age-related degeneration. The research is focused on transdisciplinary models and explores common principles between biology, complexity sciences, evolution, cybernetics, neurosciences, and techno-cultural elements. Areas of interest include robustness and degeneracy in organic systems, fragility and redundancy, repair processes (including self-repair), hormesis and environmental enrichment in aging, and immortalisation of somatic cells.

Donna M. Wilson, University of Alberta, Alberta, Canada
Donna Wilson is a Registered Nurse, with a full-time tenured position as Professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta. Her program of research focuses on health services and health policy, with most studies on aging and end-of-life care. Her research often involves population data and mixed methods for both qualitative and quantitative understandings. She has over 300 published articles, books, and book chapters in print. She is frequently consulted for expert commentary on aging, end-of-life care, health policy, and health system trends and issues.

Ramkumar Menon, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine & Perinatal Research Division, The University of Texas Medical Branch, USA
Dr. Menon is a Perinatal and Reproductive Biologist and his studies have emphasized on identifying the mechanistic pathways of preterm birth (PTB, birth before 37 weeks of gestation). His research is now focused on fetal tissue oxidative stress responses to adverse intrauterine environment and how they cause fetal cell senescence. Dr. Menon has shown that premature senescence of the placenta and fetal tissues make them dysfunctional, create adverse intrauterine environment and promote preterm labor and delivery. His recent studies have provided insights into novel mechanisms of parturition triggers based on the concept of fetal cell senescence.
Yolande FM Ramos, Dept. Medical Statistics and Bioinformatics, Section Molecular Epidemiology, Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden, The Netherlands
Dr. Ramos received a PhD in Molecular Cell Biology and in Molecular Epidemiology. Currently, Dr. Ramos is working as a postdoctoral fellow in the group of Dr. Meulenbelt. Scientific interests are applying functional genomics to enhance bench-to-bed transition and precision medicine in the field of skeletal health and disease, in particular osteoarthritis. To achieve the aims, genetic variants identified in association with OA are further characterized by applying functional studies. In addition, Dr. Ramos aims at the identification of (molecular) biomarkers to respectively assess pathophysiological processes and to allow classification of OA patients with clinical relevant receiver operating curves.

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Graham Pawelec received an MA in Natural Sciences and a PhD in Transplantation Immunology from Cambridge University, UK. He is currently Professor of Experimental Immunology, University of Tübingen Medical School, Tübingen, Germany. He is a Visiting Professor, Nottingham Trent University, UK, and holds an Honorary Chair at Manchester University, UK. He is Co-Editor-in-Chief of “Cancer Immunology Immunotherapy” and Deputy Editor of the “Journal of Translational Medicine” and “Immunity and Aging”. Research interests are currently centered on alterations to immunity, especially T cell-mediated immunity, in ageing and cancer in man, and the influence these have on the outcome of vaccination.

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Present position- Professor of Internal Medicine (MED 09) at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the Università “G. d’Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara, appointed on 1-11-2004, affiliated to the Department of Medicine and Sciences of Aging,
- Director of the section of Allergy, Clinical Immunology and Occupational Health, member elected in the Council Board of the Department.
- Vice-director of the Schools of Specialty in Allergy and Clinical Immunology and in Rheumatology.
Teaching commitments
= Responsible for teaching the courses of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology and coordinator of the integrated course of Systematic Pathology IV (including the subjects above mentioned, Allergology and Dermatology) in the Medical School, 5th year.
= Lecturer in Rheumatology in the Graduate School of Physiotherapy, coordinator of the course of Locomotor pathology, 2nd year. 
Author /coauthor of over 300 publications, including peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, proceedings of scientific meetings and congresses, 80% of them in English.

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Dr. Rizzo has over 14 years of experience in drug discovery and development. He was Head of Biology at Intercept Pharmaceuticals Inc. NY, USA. He is currently VP of Yaqrit Ltd, a start up from the University College London (UCL) for delivering new therapeutics for liver and gastro-intestinal diseases. He is founder of iDNA Ltd, a consultancy company for drug discovery and development programs. 
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Dr Vidaki completed her undergraduate studies in Biology at the National University of Athens. During her studies, she had the chance to develop her research skills in Cancer Biology as a summer student at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. She then decided to undertake a Masters degree in Forensic Science at King’s College London, where she further specialised in Forensic Genetics. She successfully completed her PhD in 2015, where her research mainly focused on tissue- and age-specific epigenetic changes in forensically relevant specimen. She is currently working as a post-doctoral researcher in the same Department.

**Christina R. Victor**, Professor of Gerontology and public health, Brunel University London, UK
Christina Victor is Professor of Gerontology and Public Health at Brunel University London and Vice Dean (Research) in the College of Health and Life Sciences. Her primary research interests focus upon understanding the social context of ageing and later life with specific reference to issues of loneliness and isolation, ageing in ethnic minority communities and promoting physical activity in later life. She has

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Dr. David E. Vance is a psychologist actively pursuing research in neurocognitive aging, neurocognitive remediation, and aging with HIV. Dr. Vance has +225 publications including +165 peer-reviewed publications, numerous book chapters, and editorials, and has presented his research prolifically in national and international venues. In 2011, he received a White House invitation to attend the first forum on aging with HIV and has participated as an invited member of the NIH Think Tank – Working Group on HIV and Aging sponsored by the Office of AIDS Research to develop the national research agenda, published in the Journal of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndromes.

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Michael Wade is Professor of Kinesiology, and faculty in the Center Cognitive for Cognitive Science. His research focusses on the coordination and control of skill. His published research addresses dyspraxia in atypical children and changes in skill as a function of aging and dementia A major theme of his research examines the dynamic interaction between perception and action and how such an embodied relationship can be disrupted as a consequence atypical development. He has published continuously from 1968 to the present, including journal articles books and book chapters. Professor Wade was born in the UK a graduate of Loughborough University, and completed his PhD at the University of Illinois.
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