

# MaxnetAging

*Max Planck International Research Network on Aging*



## MaxnetAging Conference IV

Naples, Italy

November 8–12, 2006

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**Wednesday, November 8**

## **Arrival and Opening**

Arrival in Naples  
(Transfer from Airport to the Conference Hotel San Francesco al Monte)

15.30 Coffee

16.00 **Opening and Introduction of MaxnetAging Network Members**

**Paul B. Baltes**, MPI for Human Development, Berlin

Session Chair: **Sigrun-Heide Filipp**, University of Trier

### **Special Topic I:**

17.00 **The Intricacies of Setting People Straight:  
Paradoxical Effects of Public Information Campaigns and Debiasing Interventions**

**Norbert Schwarz**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Commentaries: **Ute Kunzmann**, International University Bremen

**Brian A. Nosek**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

19.30 MaxnetAging Reception

20.00 Dinner

Thursday, November 9

**Social Cognitive Regulating Systems**

Session Chair: **Ursula M. Staudinger**, International University Bremen

9.00 **The Social Cognitive Psychology of Human Aging**

**Fredda Blanchard-Fields**, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta

Commentary: **Shigehiro Oishi**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

10.30 Coffee

Session Chair: **Shu-Chen Li**, MPI for Human Development, Berlin

11.00 **Heuristic Decision Making and Aging: On Benefits of Cognitive Limitations**

**Gerd Gigerenzer**, MPI for Human Development, Berlin

Commentaries: **Ursula M. Staudinger**, International University Bremen

**Jeffrey R. Stevens: Temporal Discounting and Aging**  
MPI for Human Development, Berlin

12.30 Lunch

Session Chair: **Paul B. Baltes**, MPI for Human Development, Berlin

15.00 **Special Topic II: An Overview of European Community Projects**

**Rocío Fernández-Ballesteros**, Free University Madrid

Session Chair: **Paul B. Baltes**, MPI for Human Development, Berlin

16.00 **Junior Fellows Projects**

**Ute Kunzmann**, International University Bremen  
**Caroline Schuster Cordone**, University of Fribourg  
**Leora Friedberg**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville  
**Denis Gerstorf**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

17.30 Coffee

18.00 **Junior Fellows Projects**

**Marc Luy**, University of Rostock  
**Shigehiro Oishi**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville  
**Michael Rapp**, Charité University Hospital Berlin  
**Markus Ullsperger**, MPI for Neurological Research, Cologne

19.30 Break

20.00 Dinner

**Friday, November 10**

**Dynamics of Mortality and Morbidity: Social, Legal, and Cultural Factors**

Session Chair: **Timothy A. Salthouse**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

9.00 **The Plasticity of Longevity**

**James W. Vaupel**, MPI for Demographic Research, Rostock

Commentary: **Laura Fratiglioni**, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm

10.30 Coffee

**Twin Studies: A Tool to Examine Plasticity of Aging**

11.00 **Twin Studies and Plasticity: Social and Environmental Factors**

**Margaret Gatz**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles

11.45 **Twin Studies and Plasticity: Genetic Factors**

**Nancy Pedersen**, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm

12.30 Commentaries: **Denis Gerstorf**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

**Katie Palmer**, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm

13.30 Lunch

**Special Meeting of the Law Group**

**Follow-up Consultations on Junior Fellow Projects**

16.30 Coffee

**Legal Perspectives**

Session Chair: **Jacqui Smith**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

17.00 **Autonomy in Old Age: Voting as a Case Study**

**Richard J. Bonnie**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Commentaries: **Ulrich Becker**, MPI for Foreign and International Social Law, Munich

**Markus Roth**, MPI for Foreign and Private International Law, Hamburg

**Hartwin Brandt: The Elderly in Greek and Roman Law**

Brown University, Providence / University of Bamberg

19.00 Break

19.30 Dinner

**Saturday, November 11**

**Neuronal and Behavioral Plasticity in Aging and Old Age:  
Positive and Negative Outcomes of Life Events, Intervention, and Living Long**

Session Chair: **Ulman Lindenberger**, MPI for Human Development, Berlin

9.00 **Indices of Age- and Lesion-Related Changes in Systemic Neuroplasticity**

**Thomas Elbert**, University of Konstanz

Commentaries: **Andreas Maercker**, University of Zurich

**Michael Rapp**, Charité University Hospital Berlin /  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York

10.30 Coffee

11.00 **Morphometry of the Brain: Stamp Collection or Food for Thought?**

**Arne May**, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf

Commentary: **Markus Ullsperger**, MPI for Neurological Research, Cologne

12.30 Lunch

Session Chair: **Gerd Kempermann**, Max Delbrück Centre for Molecular Medicine, Berlin

14.30 **Special Topic III:**

**The Effects of Aging on Circadian Systems**

**Gene Block**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Commentaries: **Sebastian Jessberger**, Salk Institute, La Jolla

**John Nesselroade**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

16.00 Coffee

16.30 **Final Session: Organizational Planning for the Next Conferences**

Session Chair: **Lars Bäckman**, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm

**Ulman Lindenberger**, MPI for Human Development, Berlin

17.30 Break

19.00 Departure: Transfer to Restaurant (Special Location at the Harbor)

19.30 MaxnetAging Conference Dinner

**Sunday, November 12**

**After Conference Activities**

Guided Tour Through the City of Pompeii  
and  
Observations on Ancient Roman Life

Commentary by Hartwin Brandt (Brown University / University of Bamberg)  
(personal contribution to transport costs € 20)

**OR**

Bus Tour Along the Amalfi Coast  
(personal contribution to transport costs € 20)

We will be back at the hotel at around 3 pm,  
in time for those leaving to collect their luggage,  
have coffee, and wait for the transfer to the airport.