

## ForAge International Conference

# The Future of Learning for Older People in Europe

## Learning from Experience

**30 September – 1 October 2013**

**Budapest, Hungary**

To coincide with the **United Nations International Day of Older People on 1 October**, the ForAge Grundtvig Multilateral Network is holding a Pan-European Conference to examine trends and developments in learning in later-life and what can be learned from the experience of European initiatives in this field. The programme includes the following topics:

- The context for later-life learning in 21st Century Europe and the role of ForAge
- Improving the quality of training of those trying to reach potential older learners
- The benefits of later-life learning and the supporting evidence
- Experiences of other European networks as information sources and influencers as well as providing expert opinion about future actions
- Perspectives from international adult education organisations
- Emerging issues and the further development of later-life learning
- Older learners' perspectives
- Oral and poster presentations of European Projects on later-life learning

### Keynote speakers include:

- ☞ Speaker, Hungarian Ministry of Human Resources, Department of Social Affairs
- ☞ Professor Dr László Iván, President of the Hungarian Academy of Elder People
- ☞ Dr Alan Tuckett OBE, President of the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)
- ☞ Dr Michael Sommer, Infonet coordinator, Akademie Klausenhof, Germany
- ☞ Professor Franz Kolland, University of Vienna, Austria



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## Information about the Conference

**Registration:** The ForAge conference is open to everyone interested in later-life learning, including projects funded by the European Commission, adult education centres, community groups and projects, and local authorities and researchers. Conference registration must be made via Barbara Varga-Pintér at [barbara.varga-pinter@trebag.hu](mailto:barbara.varga-pinter@trebag.hu).

**Offers** of presentations on any of the conference topics are welcomed. Any individual or group who would like to give an oral or a poster presentation should send their details and an abstract to Jim Soulsby, ForAge Facilitator, at [jim.soulsby@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.soulsby@btinternet.com), as soon as possible and no later than 31 July 2013. Please indicate whether the proposal is for an oral or a poster presentation. The organisers have to reserve the right to make changes to the programme.

**Submissions** of proposals and abstracts are free of charge. After the reviewing process, all authors will be informed whether the organisers have been able to accept their proposal by mid-August 2013. For those who are accepted, registration fees need to be paid no later than 10 September 2013 to ensure that the presentation can take place at the conference and be published in the Book of Abstracts.

**Abstracts** are restricted to 3,000 characters (including spaces, title, authors and institutions). They may not contain tables or graphs and are restricted to Times New Roman letter type, size 12 with 2.5 cm wide margins. References in the text should be cited at the end of the abstract (they must fit in the 3,000 characters). All content of the abstract is the sole responsibility of the author(s). Proposals should also include the name(s) of the proposer and full contact details, including email address.

**Location:** The conference will take place in the **Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Budapest City Centre, József körút 5, Budapest, H-1088 Hungary.**

**Conference fees:** The cost of the conference package is **165 EUR** per person. This covers participation in the conference on Monday 30 September and Tuesday 1 October, including the reception and dinner on Monday evening, 3 coffee breaks and lunch on Tuesday.



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**Accommodation:** The host hotel, Courtyard by Marriott, Budapest City Centre, is offering conference participants reduced rates for rooms as follows: single bedroom: 85 EUR per room; double room: 95 EUR per room; the prices include VAT and breakfast.

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## **Draft programme - 30 September, 2013 Monday**

### REGISTRATION: 13.00-13.30

Every delegate will be allocated to a group to which he/she will contribute to workshop sessions on the Tuesday morning

### 13.30-14.00 WELCOME

13.30 Welcome on behalf of ForAge – Professor John Benyon, Coordinator Forage Network

13.40 Welcome on behalf of Trebag Ltd. Budapest, Hungary, Péter Kövesd Managing Director Trebag.

13.50 Welcome on behalf of the Ministry of Human Resources, Department of Social Affairs and Elders, Hungary

### 14.00 – 15.30 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary session. Setting the scene and exploring the agenda.

14.00 *Learning lessons from across the world* – Dr. Alan Tuckett, President International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)

14.35 Infonet. *Sharing information about adult learning in Europe*. Dr Michael Sommer Infonet coordinator, Akademie Klausenhof, Germany

15.10 Discussion

15.30 *Coffee break*

### 15.50 – 16.40 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary session

15.50 *Why these issues are important, the context for later life learning in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Europe* and the place of the ForAge Network. Jim Soulsby UK ForAge Facilitator.

16.15 1<sup>st</sup> European project presentation

16.30 2<sup>nd</sup> European project presentation

16.50 – 17.50 3rd Plenary session Focus on Hungary - presentations and testimonies followed by discussions

17.50 Closing 1<sup>st</sup> day of Conference – summary, instructions for evening reception & programme for next day



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18.30 *Reception*

19.30 Conference dinner

## **1 October, 2013 Tuesday *United Nations Day of Older People***

9.00 Celebrate October 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. Professor Dr László Iván, President of the Hungarian Academy of Elder People

9.20 Summarising the previous day's events

9.35 Key note address. *The benefits of learning in Later Life.* Professor Franz Kolland, University of Vienna, Austria.

10.20 – 11.15 1<sup>st</sup> workshop session Furthering the issues and increasing our knowledge  
There will be three simultaneous workshop sessions to which delegates will be able to attend and contribute to them all over the two days.

11.15 Coffee break

11.35 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop session

12.20 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop session.

13.15 Lunch, viewing the posters and networking

14.30 – 15.30 4<sup>th</sup> plenary session The Posters

15.35 – 17.00 5<sup>th</sup> plenary session

15.35 Listening to the learner

15.50 MENTA 50+

16.10 EDU Senior

16.30 One more European project

17.00 – 18.20 6th and final Plenary Session

17.00 Bringing it altogether and where do we go next. Feedback from workshops, Discussion and recommendations,

18.00. Summary and closing comments. Peter Kovess, Trebag and Jim Soulsby, Forage

18.20 Close of conference



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