

**The concept note for the  
United Nations International Institute on Ageing (Malta)'s In Situ training  
programme to be held in Pune, India from the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 to the  
25<sup>th</sup> of January 2013.-**

The United Nations International Institute on Ageing (UN INIA) based at Malta was set up on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, 1987. The United Nations signed an official agreement with the Government of Malta to set up this institute which was inaugurated on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1988, by the then United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The need for training & education in the various fields of ageing was first emphasized in the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing in 1982 where there was a particular emphasis on the need of training all those who are actually working or intend to work in the field of ageing. Later on, 20 years later, in 2002, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing has also reiterated the importance of training & of having trained personnel. (Issue 4 in the Second Priority Directive is totally devoted to training of care providers & health professionals).

The objective of the UN INIA is to undertake training programmes to fulfill the training needs of developing countries & to act as a practical bridge between & among the developed & developing nations and to enable people to evolve appropriate policies in the various fields of ageing

These in situ training programmes are held in collaborations with Ministries, Universities and NGOS. These programmes are specifically customized and tailored as appropriate to, and rooted in, the socio-economic conditions & needs of the country.

The training programme is for a period of seven days. Two international faculty members from UN INIA are invited along with the local national resource persons. Such training programmes have been held in over 20 different countries since 1995.

One such in situ programme was organized by UN INIA in collaboration with the University of Pune from the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1998 to 15<sup>th</sup> of January 1998.

This week long residential training programme has some specific objectives-

1. To deliver multi-disciplinary knowledge on different aspects of human ageing which are relevant to the specific needs of the country holding the training programme.
2. To provide participatory & hands-on learning through lectures, workshops & group activities with international & local trainers.

3. To facilitate the capacity building of individuals who work, or intend to work in the fields of geriatrics and/or gerontology.

**Who can attend?**

The intensive training programme which is designed for professionals with a broad interest in issues related to older persons, will feature topics on social, health & economic aspects of ageing with a globalised outlook to the phenomenon. Target audience could include- medical officers/doctors, academicians, researchers, nurses & other allied health/medical professionals, statisticians, government officers, counselors, social workers, policy makers/planners, postgraduate students.

The maximum number of participants is 35 persons.

Registrations will be on first come first served basis.

Last date for application- 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2013.

**Registration Fee:**

The registration fee of Rs. 3000/- charged covers the training costs and material incurred throughout the duration of the programme. Participants are responsible for their own travel to the place of training. Outstation participants to make arrangements for their accommodation.