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IAGG Institutional Care of Older Adults Conference

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The International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) Institutional Care of Older Adults Conference was held in Hong Kong from 4th – 5th May, 2011. Over 170 participants attended the conference. The Conference was opened by Prof. Jean Woo and Dr. Susanna Lo. Guest speakers included Prof. John Morley, Prof. Debbie Tolson, and Prof. Yves Guigoz. Local speakers included Prof. Jean Woo, Dr. TW Auyeung, Dr. WC Chan, Prof. LW Chu, Dr. Jenny Lee, Dr. CM Lum, Dr. Joshua Tsoh, Dr. Maria Tang, Dr. Maria Chui, and Dr. Elsie Hui.

The first day of the conference programme included IAGG recommendations, overview of nursing home care, nutrition, dementia including behavior problems, polypharmacy, communication problems, falls and fractures, hypertension and heart failure, and palliative care. The following day included ethical principles, suicidal behaviors in the elderly, diabetes, incontinence, translating evidence into practice, nursing homes, and developing research. A

session "meet the professor workshops" was also held to allow further interaction and sharing of knowledge and to reinforce knowledge concerning nursing homes.

Participants were invited to fill in the evaluation form at the conference and we received 127 completed forms and feedback was generally positive with some helpful suggestions:

"It is good to introduce the conference to private residential care homes for the elderly in order to equip and enhance the care of the staff (nurse working in private sectors) and their owners especially on ethical issues, incontinence care, and fall management"

"Please consider topic of management of sleep disturbances in nursing home residents"

"Extend the session lengths and give more time to each presentation. Most of all, I have made a very right decision to join this conference. Thanks you all!"

Overall, over 95% of respondents found the conference excellent, very good, or good.

Appendix: Evaluation Results of Presentations at Both Days and the Conference Organization

Remarks: Presentation power point files will be uploaded on the internet with password control