

APRIL 9-10, 2026

CONFERENCE CENTRE
CAMPUS CONDORCET

16TH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR SUPERCENTENARIANS



THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 9:45 Introduction word

François Clanché, Director of INED

9:45 – 10:15 International database on longevity: Recent developments

Carlo Giovanni Camarda, France Meslé, Svitlana Poniakina and Jean-Marie Robine

10:15 – 11:00 SESSION 1: BEFORE BECOMING SUPERCENTENARIAN

Chair: Jean-Marie Robine

- Long-term evolution of centenarians in Japan

Reiko Hayashi

- The centenarian population in Chile: An estimate based on population censuses, 1960-2024

Marcela E. Alvear Portaccio, Moisés H. Sandoval

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK - POSTER SESSION

11:30 – 12:45 SESSION 2: SPATIAL PATTERNS OF SUPERCENTENARIANS

Chair: France Meslé

- Demographic indicators for comparing the level of extreme longevity and identifying a Blue Zone

Michel Poulain, Anne Herm and Jean-Marie Robine

- Spatial pattern of extreme longevity in France: Evidence from early twentieth-century birth cohorts

Florian Bonnet and Michel Poulain

- What is the relationship between an ancient corpus of marriages and the emergence of centenarians in the descendants? Comparison between a typical Sardinian “Blue Zone” village and a seemingly “normal” Belgian village

Dany Chambre and Giovanni Mario Pes

12:45 – 14:00 – LUNCH BREAK, FOYER OF THE CONFERENCE CENTRE

14:00 – 15:30 SESSION 3: MEASURING MORTALITY AT OLDEST AGES

Chair: Nadine Ouellette

- How long does the oldest living person live? Is there a mortality plateau?

Roland Rau and Joel E. Cohen

- A moving benchmark: cohort shifts in plateau ages

Trifon Missov, Silvio Patricio and Elisabetta Barbi

- Estimating mortality at extreme ages. Does data structure matter? Evidence from Italian women aged 105+

Carlo Giovanni Camarda, Marco Battaglini, Giorgia Capacci, Silvia Capuano and Graziella Caselli

- Modeling mortality at oldest ages using vitality-based framework: The case of French cohorts

Linh Dang Hoang Khanh

15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK - POSTER SESSION

16:00 – 17:15 SESSION 4: EXTREME LONGEVITY ACROSS COUNTRIES

Chair: Bernard Jeune

- Have survival gains at older ages reached a limit in Japan?

Golden Welsh and Nadine Ouellette

- Who reach 105 in Belgium? Socio-demographic trajectories of SSC

Anne Herm and Michel Poulain

- High-age population estimates in England and Wales

Ngairé Coombs and Daisy Broman

17:30 – 19:30 COCKTAIL DINATOIRE, FOYER OF THE CONFERENCE CENTRE

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09:30 – 11:00 SESSION 5: THE MATHEMATICS OF EXTREME SURVIVAL

Chair: Carlo Giovanni Camarda

- Sex ratio differences among centenarians in high-income countries

Elder Lara Castaneda

- Probabilistic approach for population estimation at ages 90 years and older

Aidan Metcalfe

- A novel method to estimate mortality at extreme ages

Aubrey D.N.J. de Grey and Robert D. Young

- Some links between Gompertz's work (1825) and Gumbel's work (1937): From the Gompertz law of mortality to extreme values of life

Nicolas Brouard

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 SESSION 6: ENSURING ACCURACY OF DATA

Chair: Giulia Ferrari

- The earliest known verifiable centenarians in History

Guillaume Legris and Jimmy Lindberg

- Validation of newly identified sample of semi-supercentenarians in metropolitan France and the French Antilles

Laurent Toussaint, Carlo Giovanni Camarda, France Meslé, Svitlana Poniakina and Jean-Marie Robine

- Validation of extreme-age records: Age validation of 116-year-old Ethel Caterham (born 21 August 1909), World's Oldest Person?

Oliver Trim, Sylvain Grosgeorge, Dawid Skalec, Maksymilian Moskwa and Waclaw Jan KroczeK

- Are age misreporting patterns universal? Evidence and methodological solutions for a Sub-Saharan African country

Marilia R. Nepomuceno, Benjamin-Samuel Schluter and Bruno Lankoandé Yempabou

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK, FOYER OF THE CONFERENCE CENTRE

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:

Carlo Giovanni Camarda, France Meslé, Jean-Marie Robine, Nadine Quellette, Adrien Remund and Francisco Villavicencio

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Carlo Giovanni Camarda, France Meslé, Jean-Marie Robine, Svitlana Poniakina, Giulia Ferrari and Evgeniya Samoshnikova

14:00 – 15:30 SESSION 7: MECHANISMS OF HEALTHY LONGEVITY

Chair: Svitlana Poniakina

- Beyond chronological age: Sex and inflammation shape innate immune cell profiles in semi- and supercentenarians

Carlo Bertolazzi Giorgio, Anna Calabrò, Serena Meraviglia and Calogero Caruso

- Living to be 100: The symbolic construction of longevity through the biographies of centenarians

Juanma García González, Carmen Jiménez Rivero, Paula Mozo Romero, Beatriz Palma Vega

- The life and biology of Maria Branyas

Natalie S. Coles, Manel Esteller, Josep Carreras

- The CENTAURE project, the new survey of French centenarians: The search for new biomarkers of healthy longevity

Jean-Marc Lemaître and Jean-Marie Robine

15:30–15:45 CONCLUDING REMARKS

15:45 – 17:00 SATELLITE MEETING: DISCUSSION WITH DATA PROVIDERS

POSTER SESSION

- And yet, my heart didn't get any wrinkles (according to Victor Hugo)! Can we still fall in love pass 100?

François Robin-Champigneul, Michel Allard, Jacques Huguenin

- Common problems in the registration of centenarians: individual age validation of cases in Chile

Moisés H. Sandoval, Marcela Alvear Portaccio, Karen Ortega

- Eliza Underwood (1866? /67-1981) – The First 114-year-old?

Jimmy Lindberg

- Familial longevity of Swedish semi supercentenarians

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- Health trends in Swedish centenarians 1990-2022

Jimmy Lindberg*, Yuge Zhang*, Shunsuke Murata, Ingemar Kåreholt & Karin Modig (*contributed equally)

- Semisupercentenarian data in Poland

Dawid Skalec, Maksymilian Moskwa, Adam Bartosik, Waclaw Jan KroczeK

- Spatial and cohort patterns of Sardinian semi-supercentenarians and supercentenarians, 1980–2020

Gianni Pes and Alessandra Errigo

- Supercentenarian data in the USA. Emergence of «Great Supercentenarians» (115+)

Oliver Trim, Natalie Coles, Robert Young, Sylvain Grosgeorge, Dawid Skalec, Maksymilian Moskwa, Waclaw Jan KroczeK

- The mystery of the supercentenarians. Why is their number non-increasing?

Didier Coeurnelle

- Validation of extreme-age records: Age validation of 112-year old Ilie Ciocan of Romania (born 21 August 1909), World's Oldest Person?

Lacramioara Frasinianu, Waclaw Jan KroczeK