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### Preface

## Words from the Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee, 2019 IAGG-AO

The number of older population is rising at an unprecedented rate worldwide. Every country should anticipate significant growth of older persons over the coming decades. Older people tend to have multiple comorbidities such as degenerated organ diseases and non-communicable diseases. Polypharmacy and the use of potentially inappropriate medicine is not uncommonly seen in treating older persons. Functional declines are also important which will lead to the status of functional impairment or disability in the older people. Health care system as well as social economic system are facing these challenges in a rapid aging society.

We are honor and happy to host the 11<sup>th</sup> IAGG Asia/Oceania Regional Congress at the Taipei International Convention Center in Taiwan. The theme of the congress is "Health and Wellbeing in the Silver World: From bench to policy". This congress covers many scientific fields, including clinical science, biological science, behavioral and social science, policy, planning and practice science and gerontechnology. We collect 14 important research papers from the United States of America, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Thailand,

which matching the theme of the congress, and publish in the *International Journal of Gerontology* as a supplement issue.

We would like to thank all authors and reviewers to contribute their works to this issue. The members of the Organizing Committee and Scientific Committee of this congress wish all participants to have a rewarding meeting and a pleasant stay in Taiwan.

Sincerely  
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