

# Geriatric medicine in a time of generational shift

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Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark  
Patron of the 5th EUGMS Congress

## Dear colleague,

Today, most geriatricians are treating elderly born in the first decades of the 20th century. These generations endured financial depression, world wars, the Spanish Flu and hard work. Later they benefited from industrial development, prosperous times, and antibiotics and they had numerous children. These elderly belong to the 'gratitude generations' as they have gratefully obeyed medical authority, whereas their children, who belong to the so called post-WW2 generations or the baby boomers, question all authorities.

In a time of intergenerational shift, geriatricians need to prepare themselves for the changing characteristics of the future geriatric baby boomers. They will not only be numerous: they will also be different! In addition to the "classic diseases" they will suffer from life-style associated diseases owing to the sedentary life style and rich caloric intake of their generation. Although trained to treat older people with mul-

tiple diseases and functional decline geriatricians are forced to develop an alertness vis-a-vis the future hordes of baby boomers with both high comorbidity and high demands. They will challenge our knowledge and expect us to be on top of the latest recommendations and to have insight into new treatments. This is why you need to be in Copenhagen on September 3-6, 2008.

[www.eugms2008.org](http://www.eugms2008.org).

Furthermore our city can offer some fine moments. With its rich history full of historical buildings and ancient streets, its outstanding museums and galleries, the uniquely enchanting Tivoli Gardens and a resident monarchy that is the oldest in the world, the Danish capital has a host of attractions to suit all tastes. A pulsating metropol and historical oasis.

Welcome to Copenhagen in September 2008.

[www.woco.dk](http://www.woco.dk).

# Major Topics

## **Geronto-Epidemiology**

The plasticity of ageing and disease

## **Cancer**

Pain control · New treatments

## **Musculoskeletal disorders**

Osteoporosis · Fractures · Falls · Osteoarthritis

## **Mental health**

Depression · Dementia · Delirium  
Sensory deprivation

## **Metabolic syndrome**

Hypertension · Hypercholesterolaemia · Diabetes  
Lifestyle-related diseases

## **Surgery**

Transplantations and Implants

## **Geriatric sports medicine**



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