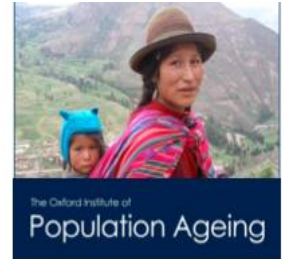




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Welcome

Welcome to this first newsletter for LARNA, the Latin American Research Network of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, a multidisciplinary and cross-divisional research and teaching Institute at the University of Oxford.

The research of the Institute addresses the causes and consequences of global population ageing and comprises six thematic research programmes: understanding demographic change, demography and economy, demography and society, bio-demography and health, demography, science and innovation, and demography and the environment. To facilitate its global research, the Institute has established and directs formalised research networks in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America collaborating with more than 30 leading research institutions in different countries in these regions.

The Latin America Research Network on Ageing (LARNA) was created in 2008 under the directorship of Dr George W. Leeson at the Institute, and co-ordinated by Dr Alejandro Klein from the University of Guanajuato-Leon in Mexico. **The network is supported by a core group of** distinguished Latin American scholars working in the field of ageing.

LARNA held an inaugural conference in Oxford in 2009 with papers published in a special issue of the Institute's *Ageing Horizons* (Issue Number 9, 2010).

The 2nd LARNA Conference was held in Mexico in 2010. It was coordinated by Professor Verónica Montes de Oca and centred on Ageing in Latin America and the papers are due for publication in 2013.

In 2011, the 3rd LARNA Conference took place in Lima, Peru, and was coordinated by Professor Blanca López La Vera.

Professor Rosa Kornfeld Matte coordinated the most recent 4th LARNA Conference held in Santiago de Chile in 2012.

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The aim of LARNA is:

* to provide a platform for exchange and capacity building between network members, and

* to forge collaborative research and training initiatives.

In developing research and capacity building programmes, LARNA draws on directions and approaches identified by the strategic plan and framework for research on ageing in Latin America that was developed as an outcome of the inaugural conference in 2009.

We hope that LARNA will bring together Latin American researchers with an interest in all aspects of population ageing in Latin America, and provide opportunities to advance cross national collaboration, and we hope the newsletter will provide members with an opportunity to exchange news and views related to population ageing in the region.

So, do send your contributions for future newsletters to LARNA@ageing.ox.ac.uk

In this newsletter, we have contributions from Dr Alejandro Klein writing about population ageing in Latin America and the role of LARNA; from Professor Veronica Montes de Oca writing about the National Autonomous University of Mexico and its work in population ageing; and from Professor Carla da Silva Santana writing about her spell as an academic visitor at the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing.

LARNA core groups members:

- Professor Rosa Kornfeld Matte (Chile) - SENAMA, Government of Chile
- Professor Maria Soledad Herrera (Chile) - Institute of Sociology, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
- Professor Rita de Cássia da Silva Oliveira (Brazil) - Universidade Estadual de Ponta Grossa - UEPG
- Professor Marcos Jardim (Brazil) – Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
- Professor Veronica Montes de Oca (México) - de Investigaciones Sociales. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- Professor Blanca Lopez La Vera (Perú) - Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences, UNEX Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru
- Professor Ricardo Iacub (Argentina) - Universidad de Buenos Aires

