



## **PROFESSOR JOSEPH TROISI**

Professor Joseph Troisi, Ph.D. (Soc.), M.A. (Soc.), M.Phil., M.Th., B.A. (Hons) is the Director of the International Institute on Ageing, United Nations-Malta, and the Director of the European Centre of Gerontology, University of Malta. He also directs the WHO Collaborating Centre on Health Ageing, Malta, and heads the Department of Sociology, University of Malta. He is a Member of the Task Force set up by the Government of Austria and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) to monitor, within the UNECE region, the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing 2002 and also acts as Rapporteur of the group. He also serves on the Focal Point Group of the United Nations to monitor the implementation of the same Plan of Action. He is a member of the European Consortium responsible for the European Masters in Gerontology.

On 4th June, 2008, Professor Joseph Troisi, Director of the European Centre of Gerontology and Head of the Department of Sociology, was awarded the degree of Honorary Doctor in Gerontology by the Saint Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation and Gerontology, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences. The award was made “for many years of educational activity and an outstanding contribution to international developments in gerontology”.

For a number of years he has served as a member of the Committee of Experts on Varieties of Welfare Provision and Dependent Old People, Directorate of Social and Economic Affairs, Council of Europe. A founding member of the Maltese Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, and of the Mediterranean and Middle East Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, he serves as President and Honorary Secretary of the two organisations respectively since their inception. He has also served on a number of UN panels and actively participated in various international expert group meetings and workshops in the field of ageing.

As temporary advisor in the field of ageing with the World Health Organisation, he has served as government consultant in Croatia, India, Kuwait, Tunisia and Yugoslavia. On behalf of the government of Tunisia he has prepared a *Strategy Report for the Second Ten Year Plan of Action on Ageing in Tunisia (2004-2014)*.

He is also a member of a number of international Scientific Committees including the Bessie and Louis Stein Foundation, Hadassah Medical Organisation, Geriatrics 2006, the

7<sup>th</sup> IFA Global Conference on Ageing. Since 1996 to date, he has been serving as the Chairman of the University of the Third Age, Malta and is also on the Board of the National Council of Elderly Persons in Malta.

He is also consultant to a European Union funded research project entitled "EUROFAMCARE" co-ordinated by the University of Hamburg. This research is aimed at studying the roles and needs of family carers of older persons in all the EU Member States. He has just completed a report on the State of the Welfare State in the Maltese Islands. This report was commissioned by the Higher Institute for Labour Studies (HIVA) of the Catholic University of Leuven. He also serves on the Council of the Sociology of Population Research Committee of the International Sociological Association.

He is Visiting Professor at Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia. Professor Troisi has conducted training programmes in various aspects of Gerontology throughout the world and has lectured in a number of universities in China, Croatia, Egypt, Ghana, India, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Turkey. He has conducted extensive research in various areas of Sociology and Social Gerontology and is the author of a number of books and articles in scholarly journals.