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**USC Roybal Institute and Mexico's National Institute of Geriatrics to Co-Host Aging Conference in Mexico City**

**WHAT:** The Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging at the University of Southern California (USC) School of Social Work and Mexico's National Institute of Geriatrics (INGer) will bring together experts from Mexico, China and the United States for the International Workshop on Social Support for Older Adults to consider the challenges of successful aging and what the countries can learn from each other. Sessions will examine the role of social support, including emotional (e.g., sharing problems or venting emotions), informational (e.g., advice and guidance), and instrumental (e.g., providing rides or assisting with housekeeping); its sources (e.g., friends, family or community) and how it impacts overall health and well-being.

In addition to USC and INGer, Mexico's National Council on Science and Technology—the equivalent of the U.S. National Science Foundation—and the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City are sponsoring the event. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City is supporting the event as part of the U.S.-Mexico Bilateral Forum on Higher Education, Innovation and Research. Established by President Barack Obama and Mexico President Enrique Peña Nieto, the initiative aims to expand economic opportunities for U.S. and Mexican citizens through educational cooperation and academic exchanges between the two nations.

The event is part of an ongoing series of research activities organized by the Global Research Network on Aging and Health (GRNAH), which was founded by the USC Roybal Institute and Mexico's National Institute of Geriatrics. GRNAH promotes the use of comparative international research for developing scientifically validated public health and patient care interventions, especially for people living in low-resource communities.

**WHO:** The USC Roybal Institute's mission is to advance research whose goal is to enhance optimal aging for persons in minority and low-income communities.

The National Institute of Geriatrics is dedicated to research on age-related diseases and their treatment, social and economic conditions of the elderly, and care for older adult populations. INGer is the newest of 12 National Institutes of Health led by Mexico's Ministry of Health.

**WHEN:** July 31, 2014–August 1, 2014

**WHERE:** Radisson Paraíso Perisur Hotel  
Cuspide 53, Col. Parques del Pedregal, Delegacion Tlalpan.  
Mexico City, Distrito Federal