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INCLUSIVE LONG-LIVING SOCIETY:

DIGNITY IN AGEING

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DAY 1

8:30 - 9:00 Registration of participants

9:00 - 9:30 Welcome speeches

9:30 - 10:00 Introduction to conference

10:00 - 10:45 prof. dr. **Joanna Lane**, Founder and Managing Director, Stichting Health ClusterNET; Chairperson Familial Hyperlipidaemias Europe Foundation; Professor of Health & Public Policy, Centre for Health and Technology, University of South-Eastern Norway; Co-Chair Advisory Board of the Transforming Health and Care Systems European Partnership; Senior Expert for the Active & Healthy Ageing - Reference Sites Collaborative Network.

Still me - Why dignity in ageing begins with seeing people as they are

10:45 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:30 prof. dr. **Marios Argyrides**, Neapolis University Pafos, School of Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities

When the Mirror Changes: Reclaiming Dignity in the Ageing Self

12:30 - 13:00 dr. **Adriana Teodorescu**, Babes-Bolyai University, Department of Social Work

The Double Bind of Active Ageing: From Personal Empowerment to Collective Disengagement

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 14:45 prof. dr. **Sanja Smojer Ažvić**, University of Rijeka

Active Ageing, Purpose in Life and the Role of Community in Promoting Ageing with Dignity

14:45 - 16:00 Panel discussion

Dignity across all older generations in a long-lived society (TBD)

DAY 2

- 9:00 - 9:25 doc. dr. **Anamarija Kejžar**, UL, Faculty of Social Work
What have we actually achieved within the EUTOPIA CC Age-friendly Community 5.0?
- 9:25 - 9:50 prof. dr. **Gregor Jurak**, prof. dr. **Vojko Strojnik** in dr. **Petra Prevc**, UL, Faculty of Sports
Physical performance and the dignity of older adults
- 9:50 - 10:15 prof. dr. **Judita Peterlin**, UL, School of Economics and Business
55+ runners at the Ljubljana marathon
- 10:15 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 11:10 doc. dr. **Simon Colnar**, UL, School of Economics and Business
Intergenerational knowledge transfer in modern organizations
- 11:10 - 11:35 doc. dr. **Mojca Leskovec** in as. **Nina Tušek**, UL, Faculty of Arts
Strengthening the wellbeing and resilience of older adults through art
- 11:35 - 12:00 prof. dr. **Vlasta Novak Zabukovec**, UL, Faculty of Arts and UL, Silver Chair
Psychological aspect of longevity
- 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 - 13:25 doc. dr. Simona Hvalič Touzery, UL, Faculty of Social Sciences
When a robot enters care: a reflection of the dignity of older persons
- 13:25 - 13:50 as. dr. **Anja Kokalj**, dr. med., specialist in psychiatry
Dignity of people with dementia and their relatives – after the first year of operation of the mobile palliative care unit
- 13:50 - 14:15 izr. prof. dr. **Evgen Benedik**, **Anja Mrhar**, UL, Biotechnical faculty
Clinical aspects of nutrition in older adults – insights and misconceptions

14:15 - 14:45 Break

14:45 - 15:10 prof. dr. **Nives Ličen**

What does the UL Silver Chair bring us?

15:10 - 15:45 **Jerneja Laznik**, UL, Faculty of Social Sciences

Factors influencing the acceptance of social robots among older adults

Martin Lipovšek, UL, Faculty of Arts

Understanding the idea of longevity

Neža Rotnik, UL, School of Economics and Business

Knowledge Transfer and Ageism in an Ageing Workforce

Anže Mrak, UL, School of Economics and Business

Intergenerational knowledge transfer in craft enterprises in Slovenia

15:45 - 16:00 Closing of the conference