Foreword: Special Issue on Aging and Nursing Homes for The Aging International Journal

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I am very pleased to introduce this Special Issue on Aging and Nursing Homes in Europe and North America for The Aging International Journal. This Special Issue has articles covering aging topics from different countries around the world. This Special Issue consists of seven papers that address topics from different perspectives of interest to healthcare policy makers, academic researchers and practitioners. The Special Issue Call for Papers was posted and advertised on a national and international scale. All of the papers for this Special Issue were subjected to blind peer review and the authors revised the manuscripts in accordance with the Guest Editor’s and reviewers’ comments.

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I trust that the reader will find the papers in this Special Issue to be both interesting and provocative, and that they will motivate further research, case studies and demonstrations in the field of Public Health.

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