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Special Issue

I am very pleased to introduce this Special Issue of *The Aging International Journal*. This Special Issue has articles covering topics from Europe, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and other aspects of aging in Middle East. This Special Issue consists of papers that address topics from different perspectives of interest to healthcare policy makers, academic researchers and practitioners. The Special Issue was posted and advertised on a national and international scale. All of the papers for these special issues were subjected to blind, peer review and the authors revised the manuscripts in accordance with the Guest Editor's and reviewers' comments.

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

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