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AGE-IT Affiliated Fellowship programme

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Becoming part of the Age-It network

Age-It is a research programme that aims at generating a quantum leap, making Italy the leading scientific hub in research on ageing, and a state-of-the-art “empirical laboratory” regarding the ageing process. Age-It will set the gold standard in terms of socioeconomic, biomedical, policy, and technological solutions for an inclusive ageing society. Italy will become a benchmark for other, also non-European, rapidly ageing societies.

AGE-IT has become the hub of the Italian network of ageing scientists who share the common goal of advancing the research frontier and contributing to the design of policies, interventions and technologies for ageing societies. Applying a holistic, interdisciplinary, and problem-solving approach, Age-It will overcome the fragmentation of different perspectives on ageing, involving a critical mass of partners including research and educational institutions, care providers and civil society associations, businesses and industries. Its ambition is to include actors from all the relevant public and private, profit and non-profit spheres, also opening the path to reduced time-to-market for added-value products and services.

All activities are planned on the basis of five core objectives:

1. Producing an interdisciplinary blueprint of research on ageing, that will last well beyond the time of the programme itself, and will set the gold standard at the national and international level (OECD 2017; OECD 2020);
2. Unleashing the potential of fundamental and applied research on ageing, to push forward the frontiers of knowledge and drive breakthrough life-changing innovation in relation to social, environmental and economic changes, and biomedical factors, with a focus on sustainable development and a human-centred approach, also through the promotion, creation and development of start-ups and spin-offs from research;
3. Setting the basis for an architecture of the welfare system fully participating to the recovery effort, which will make Italy a more inclusive and cohesive society. This objective involves different domains: the pension system, health and long-term care systems (an integrated care model), and active labour market policies. It will aim at decreasing inequalities in the standard of living and ultimately reduce unequal ageing;
4. Training a new, gender-equal generation of cross-disciplinary scholars, with a particular focus on increasing the social and economic capital, and private-public collaboration, in the research communities of southern Italian regions and inner areas. The scholars will be able to reach worldwide excellence in their own discipline with the ability to use tools and concepts with an interdisciplinary approach to the different ageing dimensions;
5. Bridging the gap between academia and enterprise to upskill professionals on techniques providing the practical knowledge and skills to deliver future solutions.

With currently about 700 scientists and professionals affiliated from 27 partner institutions, AGE-IT is the largest research network in ageing in Italy, but the ambition of Age-It is to expand its boundaries and open up to a wider collaboration with all those (national and international) experts sharing our mission and views.

The purpose of this document is to describe the application process for external experts interest in becoming Age-It Affiliated Fellows.

1. Benefits of Age-It network membership

We offer many workshops and conferences, project collaborations, research visits and potentially access to datasets through Age-It Data Management Board.

2. What is the difference between Fellow and Affiliate status?

AGE-IT Fellows are established researchers that formally joined the programme since its start (“Massa Critica” in Italian) or have been hired by selection procedures during the project (“RTDa, tecnologici, assegnisti di ricerca, dottorandi” in Italian). Affiliated status can promote participation and opportunities to the network activities, however, do not represent an entitlement to financial support from the programme.

3. How to become Affiliated Fellow

Age-It do not accept unsolicited applications.

To become affiliated fellow and join the Age-it network, a candidate must be nominated by a current Age-It Work Package Leader. The application will be evaluated by the Age-It network membership committee established within the Steering Committee of Age-It.

All Age-It Work Package Leader can nominate potential new members sending an email to info@ageit.it. Nominations must include the motivation and the nominee's CV.

The membership committee itself reserves the right to identify and invite potential candidates for the affiliated fellowship programme.

4. How long does the evaluation process take?

The process usually takes a few weeks after the application is sent. Nominees will only be notified if the evaluation is positive and leads to an invitation to join the AGE-IT network. If a nomination was unsuccessful, the same person can be nominated again in the following years.

5. Does membership in the AGE-IT network expire?

Age-It Affiliated fellows are initially appointed for one year. The appointment can then be renewed after evaluation by the Age-It network membership committee.