

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “INTEGRATED LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEMS”

10th Edition
12–13 May 2026

“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
(Iași, 11 Carol I Boulevard, Building A)

12 May 2026

9.00–9.30 – Welcome and registration of guests (UAIC, “Hall of Lost Steps”, “Mihai Eminescu” Aula Magna)

9.30–10.00 – Conference Opening Session (Mihai Eminescu Aula Magna, UAIC)

- **Prof. Dr. Conțiu Tiberiu Șoitu**, Vice-Rector, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- **Ms. Elena Dobre**, Deputy General Manager, Directorate-General for Social Assistance Policies within the Ministry of Labour, Family, Youth and Social Solidarity
- **Ms. Diana Cristea**, Senior Social Worker, Chair of the National Council of Social Workers from Romania
- **Mr. Lucian Bala**, Managing Director of TZMO Romania SRL
- **Mrs. Daniela Morosanu** – Managing Director, National Agency for Payments and Social Inspection
- **Mr. Irinel-Ioan Stativa**, Vice-President of the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

10.00 – 11.30 – Plenary session. Knowledge Transfer I

(“Mihai Eminescu” Aula Magna, UAIC)

Moderator: Prof.univ.dr. Daniela Șoitu

- **Mrs. Michelle Daniel**, President & CEO of Eden Alternative, United States of America – ***Person Directed Care Partnership***
- **Dr. Charu Dutt Arora** – Geriatrics & Palliative Care Specialist, Asian Institute of Medical Science, Harvard Medical School, New Delhi, India - ***Caring Beyond Cure: Elevating Everyday Practices in Long-Term Care***
- **Prof. PhD. Adrian Iftene**, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi, Vice-Rector / Faculty of Informatics – ***Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Mixed Realities into Modern Long-Term Care Systems***
- **Ms Elena Dobre**, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Social Assistance Policies within the Ministry of Labour, Family, Youth and Social Solidarity – ***Priority government measures in the field of social services for older people***

11.30–11.50 – Coffee break



11.50 – 13.00 – Plenary session. Knowledge Transfer II

(Mihai Eminescu Great Hall, UAIC)

Moderator: Prof. PhD. Conțiu Șoitu

- **Professor PhD. Marta Podhorecka**, Department of Geriatrics, “Nicolaus Copernicus” University in Toruń, Poland – ***From Physiotherapy to Integrated Care: How New Technologies Support Independence and Healthy Ageing***
- **Prof. PhD. Dorota Kalka**, Head of the Department of Development Support Psychology at SWPS University in Sopot & **Zuzanna Józefowicz**, psychologist, Torun, Poland – ***Residents Needs and Caregiver Well-Being in Long Term Care Facilities – A Cross Cultural Study***
- **Assoc. prof. PhD. Rafal Iwanski**, Institute of Education, University of Szczecin, Poland – ***Integrated long-term care for older people: challenges, policy directions and the role of social services***
- **Prof. PhD. Conțiu Șoitu**, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi, Vice-Rector / Department of Sociology, Social Work and Human Resources, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences – ***Rethinking Ageing Needs: How Visions, Policies and Perceptions Shape Long-Term Care***

13.00–14.30 – Lunch (Sala Pașilor Pierduți)

14.30-16.15 – Plenary session. Knowledge Transfer III

(“Mihai Eminescu” Aula Magna, UAIC)

Moderator: Mr. Lucian Bala

- **Mrs. Monika Murnikova**, Head of SIDABRA Centre, Lithuania – ***“Sidabra” projects and activities in Lithuania***
- **Lecturer PhD. Elena Jurkute**, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Head Nurse at Children’s Clinic of Kaunas – ***An overview of dedicated palliative care units in Lithuania***
- **Prof. PhD. Daniela Șoitu**, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Human Resources, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania; **Sirry Sif Sigurlaugardóttir, PhD candidate**, Faculty of Social Work, School of Social Sciences, University of Iceland, Gimli, Reykjavík, Iceland; **Prof. PhD. Nilufer Korkmaz Yaylagul**, Department of Gerontology, Faculty of Health Sciences, Akdeniz University, Türkiye; **Prof. PhD. Jolanta Pivoriene**, Institute of Educational Studies and Social Work, Faculty of Human and Social Studies, “Mykolas Romeris” University, Vilnius, Lithuania; **Lect. PhD. Cristina Maria Tofan**, Department of Psychology and Educational Sciences, “Gheorghe Zane” Institute for Economic and Social Research, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch – ***The 3 W - Risks and benefits of digital technology on the informal care of dependent older persons***

- **Mrs Sonja Verbeek-Smit**, Care Manager, Attent Association of Nursing Homes, the Netherlands – *The path to Future-Proof Elderly Care*
- **Lect. PhD. Mihaela Zamfir**, “Ion Mincu” University of Architecture and Urbanism, Bucharest; **Asist. Prof. PhD. MD Mihai-Viorel Zamfir**, „Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest – *Innovative residential architecture concepts for seniors with varying degrees of dependency - from Western best practice models to applications in the Romanian space*

16.15–17.30 – Poster session, “Hall of Lost Steps”

Moderators:

Assoc.prof. Mihaela Rădoi, Director of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Human Resources, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, UAIC

Prof.PhD. Daniela Șoitu, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Human Resources, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, UAIC

19.30 – Dinner at the “Traian” Hotel restaurant, Iași

Day Two

13 May 2026

(Casa Universitarilor, 9 Carol I Boulevard, “Ion Simionescu” Hall / “Vespasian Pella” Hall)

“Ion Simionescu” Hall 9.00-11.00

9.00 – 10.00 – **Workshop 1: Dr. Michelle Daniel**, President & CEO of Eden Alternative, United States – *Person Directed Care Partnership*

10.00–11.00 – **Workshop 2: Lect. Dr. Aurelia Curaj**, University of Bucharest, President of the Geron Foundation / Longevity Academy – *Ageing: Risk or Opportunity?*

11.00–11.30 – Coffee break

‘Vespasian Pella’ Hall, 11.30-13.00

11.30 – 13.00 - **Workshop 3: The social worker’s role in LTC services with and for the older people (hybrid format)**

Moderators: Prof. PhD. Florin Lazăr, University of Bucharest, Vice-President of the CNASR

Prof. PhD. Daniela Șoitu – “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași

Participants: social workers providing social and long-term care services to older adults

“Ion Simionescu” Hall 11.30-13.00

11.30 – 13.00 - **Workshop 4: "Models of good practices in residential centers for the elderly"**

Interventions: Ms. Tania Anghel, Care Coordinator Enayati Medical City, **Psychologist Anamaria Rosu**, Coordinator Association Filantropia Largiana, **Mrs. Ionut Ciocoiu**, Manager Residentia Center Caro Vest, **Pr. Vladimir Beregoi**, Social Advisor at Husi Diocese, **Dr. Daniela Florina Gafita**, Department Manager, Public Health Direction Neamt – **Risk management using prevention – from theory to practice**

13.00–14.00 – Lunch (Casa Universitarilor, 9 Carol I Boulevard)

“Vespasian Pella” Hall, 11.30-13.00

14.00–16.00 – **Workshop 5: The role of older people in long-term care. Citizen science**

Moderator: Prof. PhD. Daniela Soitu

Participants: Active seniors from:

- The **Iasi Seniors' Academy** – coord. **Ms. Magdalena Lupu**;
- **Seniors' Club** of the Roman Catholic parish of the “Assumption of the Virgin Mary”, Iasi – coord. **Ms. Carmen Olaru**;
- **Affect Association** – coord. **Dr. Atena Gaspar**

“Ion Simionescu” Hall 14.00-16.00

14.00-15.00 **Workshop 6: Dementia-Friendly Nursing Homes That Work - Practical architectural solutions for residents with neurocognitive disorders**

Moderators: Lecturer PhD Arch. Mihaela Zamfir, Asist. Prof. PhD. MD Mihai-Viorel Zamfir

15.00–16.00 – **Workshop 7: Administrative updates on the rules/laws/procedures for the scheme for LTC providers**

Moderators: Mrs. Anca Maftai, CARITAS Association Iasi & Ms. Elena Dobre, Deputy General Manager, Directorate-General for Social Assistance Policies within the Ministry of Labour, Family, Youth and Social Solidarity

Participants: LTC service managers

“Ion Simionescu” Hall 16.00-16.30

16.00–16.30 – **Conclusions**

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- Ms Diana Cristea, Senior Social Worker, President of the National Council of Social Workers from Romania
- Assoc.prof. PhD. Romeo Asiminei, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, Dean
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