

**2012 China-Sweden Workshop**  
**Multidisciplinary research on aging and health**  
**in a socio-cultural context**

The 2012 China-Sweden Workshop, “Multidisciplinary research on aging and health in a socio-cultural context,” will be held 23–25 May 2012 at Jining Shengdu International Conference Center, Jining/Qūfu, Shandong, the People’s Republic of China.

The workshop is aimed at facilitating and strengthening contacts and new collaborations in the field of aging and health among researchers in China, Sweden, and other countries. The target audience is researchers, senior medical students, and doctoral students in the fields of geriatric epidemiology, preventive medicine, public health, social gerontology, and community medicine, as well as health care providers to elderly people.

The theme of the workshop is aging and health approached from a multidisciplinary perspective and taking into account the socio-cultural diversity between Eastern and Western countries. The workshop will provide an opportunity for in-depth discussions about how social and cultural diversity, genetic traits, lifestyles and dietary traditions, and health care service systems can affect the phenotypes of aging in various ways.

The workshop will include eight scientific sessions, which will focus on methodological issues in aging research, demographic transition, cognitive aging and dementia, epigenetics and aging, neuropsychology of aging, lifestyle and socio-cultural factors in aging and health, pharmacoepidemiology, and population-aging-related health economics. Experts in these fields from countries such as Sweden, Denmark, the United Kingdom, and China have been invited as keynote speakers. A special poster session will be devoted to postgraduate students and junior researchers, who can present and discuss their studies.

The Jining Medical University will take full responsibility for local organization of the workshop. We hope you will join us at the China-Sweden Workshop in May 2012.

**DATES & PLACE:** 23–25 May 2012, Shengdu International Conference Center, Jining High-tech Development Zone, Chongwen Road No. 8888, Jining, Shandong, China.

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