

Men So Re! MIRAI GCT1 Workshop

“Health and Aging Population”

October 27, 2025

Venue: OIST, B-250 Sydney Brenner Lecture Theater (Seminar Room B250)

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University

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The event is hybrid; the Zoom link will be provided for those who register for the Workshop.

10.30-11.00	Welcome coffee
11.00-12.15	Session 1: Health, Aging, and Wellbeing Chair: Eleonor Kristoffersson, MIRAI GCT1 Chair <hr/> Welcome remarks from Karin Markides, President of OIST Anna Sandgren , Associate Professor in Caring Science, Linnaeus University <i>‘This matters to me’: How can we meet communication needs of an aging society?</i> Johan Niklasson , Associate professor and senior consultant (attending) physician, Docent in geriatrics, Umeå University <i>“Morale and Longevity: Is a Positive Outlook the Secret to a Longer Life—and Does Gender Matter?”</i> Mariko Naito , Professor at Department of Oral Epidemiology, Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences, Hiroshima University <i>“The associations between oral health, sleep disorders, and social support: a cross-national comparative study between Japan and Sweden”</i> Hitoshi Katsuta , Professor Department of Medical Science and Technology, Faculty of Medical Sciences <i>“Conquering Type 1 Diabetes: Pancreatic Islet Regeneration via Pancreatic Tissue Stem Cells”</i>
12.15-12.40	Session 2: Startup Pitch Session <hr/> Dr. Khashayar Misaghian (Sage Sentinel): A fall prevention solution. Dr. Lalhaba Oinam (Ekei labs): Measuring internal age and understanding the progression of aging. Dr. Olga Elisseeva (HerLifeLab): Supporting women’ aging.
12.40-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Craig Willcox Okinawa Centenarian Study, Chair and Professor of Public Health and Gerontology, Department of Human Welfare, Okinawa International

	University “Islands of Longevity: Exploring Healthy Aging in Okinawa and Hawaii”
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-16.45	Session 3: Technology, Innovation, and Intergenerational Perspectives Chair: Yuliya Kulikova, OIST <hr/> Sofi Fristedt , Associate professor in health and caring sciences & Head of department at the Institute of Gerontology, Jönköping University <i>“Welfare technology - successes, challenges and unmet user needs to consider for improvements”</i> Eleonor Kristoffersson , Professor in tax law at School of Behavioural, Social and Legal Sciences, Örebro University <i>“AI as a tool for mitigating loneliness - legal perspectives”</i> Marcus Liwicki , Professor, Machine Learning, Luleå University <i>“Sustainable Machine Learning for the Welfare of the Society”</i> Karin Blad , Assistant Professor of business law, School of Behavioural, Social and Legal Sciences, Örebro University and Magnus Kristoffersson Associate Professor in law, School of Behavioural, Social and Legal Sciences, Örebro University <i>“Aging and business succession”</i>
17:00	End of the Workshop

Website and registration:

<https://groups.oist.jp/odr/event/mirai-workshop-health-and-aging>

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