

Municipality of Varna

Respected Prof. Walker, Dear representatives of the Coordination Team of the project ERA-AGE 2 – European Research Area in Ageing, participants and guests of the FLARE Summer School in Varna,

I am expressing my sincere wishes for successful work of all of you as well as my great satisfaction of your choice of our ancient and presently modern town of Varna to be a host of your significant scientific event – Summer School on ageing.

It must be appreciated as a prospective scientific step preparing young specialists in research on ageing as a great demographic challenge and its socio-economic consequences. The goal of the specialized programme FLARE – Future Leaders of Research on Ageing has its strategic meaning for the today society and its future shaping.

Increment of population lifespan doubtfully is a great human achievement. However the gained years of life are to be spent in good health, wellbeing and quality of life.

Hospitable Varna is proud to be host of this Summer school of young researchers. Here are gathered the ancient traditions and modern life style tracing harmonically and balanced generations relationship.

Varna municipality is well aware regarding ageing consequences and is introducing reliable policies and undertakings. Partially they concern events of such kind as this Summer School and collaborates with scientific agencies dealing with ageing.

Thus Varna municipality has been partner of organized in Varna, 15 of May 2009 conference on “Ageing and Health” related to the mentioned project.

We are declaring our readiness to assist all initiatives of such kind in the name of health ageing and wellbeing of older people.

I wish you successful work and opportunity to have good sunny days on the Black sea coast and lasting memories of our country.

**Kiril Yordanov,
Mayor of Varna**