

16th International Seminar on Supercentenarians INED, April 9-10, 2026

Call for papers

Launched in Rostock in 2000, the series will continue next year with the 16th International Seminar on Supercentenarians, organized by the French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED). The event will be held at Campus Condorcet in Aubervilliers, France, on **April 9-10, 2026**.

To measure age-specific mortality risks at very old ages and to select the most suitable models for adjusting life tables, it is essential to collect and analyze international data on supercentenarians (individuals aged 110 and over) and semi-supercentenarians (those aged 105–109). This work entails two main challenges: increasing the number of observations at such exceptional ages, and rigorously verifying the accuracy of reported ages, which are often exaggerated, misreported, or even entirely fabricated. For the past two decades, an international group of researchers has addressed these challenges by developing the *International Database on Longevity* (IDL) and publishing numerous studies through the first 15 seminars. The 16th seminar now aims to broaden this collective effort by issuing a general call for papers open to all interested researchers.

Since its inception, the IDL has relied exclusively on rigorously validated individual death records of those aged 105 and over. While this high standard cannot be abandoned, tensions with new data protection laws have sharply reduced the number of contributing countries. As discussed at the last seminar, the IDL is now considering complementary approaches for countries unable to share individual records. In such cases, sex-specific statistical tables by birth cohort, age at death, and year of death, still derived from validated data, could be included to expand population coverage. Accordingly, alongside individual-based analyses, the 16th seminar will also welcome contributions addressing how best to combine individual records and aggregated data.

To ensure coverage of key topics, we suggest the following (concise but not exhaustive) list of themes:

Data:

1. Updating the IDL: country-specific contributions
2. Validation of extreme-age records
3. Causes of death at advanced ages
4. Comparing vital statistics with validated longevity data
5. Geographical patterns of exceptional longevity: evidence and misconceptions

Analysis and indicators:

6. Longevity indicators beyond maximum life expectancy
7. Mortality patterns at extreme ages, including the plateau hypothesis
8. Data integration: combining individual records and aggregated tables
9. Impact of data errors on mortality analysis at extreme ages
10. Extreme-age mortality and the impact of stagnating lifespan improvements
11. Any other relevant topics

Please submit your proposals to super100_seminar2026@listes.ined.fr at your earliest convenience, and no later than ~~December 20, 2025~~ **January 10, 2026 (EXTENDED DEADLINE)**. Submissions should include a title and a brief abstract, and please indicate whether you would be willing to present in the poster session. Of course, you are also welcome to include longer summaries or even full papers if you wish.

A scientific committee will review the proposals and announce its selections by the **end of January**.

INED will cover meeting and facility costs, but participants will generally be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses, except in a few cases depending on INED's financial capacity.

The organizing committee:

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