



IAUTA, the International Association of Universities of the Third Age, announce their Conference and Workshops on "International Cooperation and U3A" Toulouse, France June 3rd and 4th 2014.
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U3A Signpost

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We regret to announce the death of Dr R.N. Kapoor in the USA. He was well-known for his astonishing vitality and energy, even into his late years, and will be missed by all who knew him.

On retirement as Vice-Chancellor of Chitrakoot Rural University - of which he was the inspiration and founder, he took up the challenge of providing for India's Third Age population. With help from Dr Sajjan Singh of the Chinmaya Ashram at Rewa (which was India's very first U3A) he travelled widely to promote the cause of those who were retired. This energy found expression in the first U3A International Conference at Chitrakoot, and the founding of an All-India organisation, the [Indian Society of Universities of the Third Age](#), based in Udaipur.

It was due to his far-reaching and global inspiration that the U3A Asia Pacific Alliance was formed, an ambitious online project that [can be seen here >>>](#)

March 8th is [International Womens Day](#). Women for Women International works in eight war-torn and post-conflict countries in Africa, the Balkans, the Middle East and South Asia. Our programs help give women the support and training they need to be economically self-sufficient and become leaders in their communities.



Archaeology Groups: News from the [Godavaya shipwreck](#) in Sri Lanka continues to shed light on trading between the Roman world and the Indian sub-continent.

At Ain el Mreisseh, Beirut, Lebanon, lies the remains of a shipwreck tentatively dated to the 10th or 9th century BC. The site promises to yield data on seafaring in the Early Iron Age. A full list of 2013 projects may be found [here >>>](#)

Dr Charles Afolabi (JP), Executive Director, U3A Nigeria

Nigeria becomes the first country in West Africa to establish The University of the Third Age (U3A Nigeria). Our website is at <http://worldu3a.org/nigeria/>



Established in 2007, registered and incorporated as an Educational Services Organization by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) The University of the Third Age (U3A Nigeria) is recognized globally.

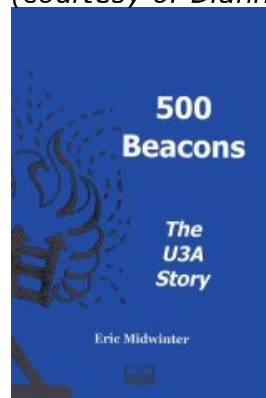
It is the first of its kind to be established in West Africa and second in Africa after South Africa. The official launch of U3A NIGERIA will take place on April 24, 2014. For further information [please click here >>>](#)



Current Affairs/Economics Groups: Whether one agrees or disagrees, in a world where the richest 85 individuals now hold as much wealth as the entire bottom half of the world's population it seems reasonable that some questions should be put. More can be found [here >>>](#)

500 Beacons; The U3A Story - now on KINDLE

(courtesy of Dianne Norton, Third Age Press).



This is the tale of the origins, the development and the future aspirations of this unique pioneering of the principles of mutual aid. The British University of the Third Age was launched in 1982 to provide a network of self-mobilising learning groups for older people. It has proved to be one of the most successful exercises in social co-operation, radical adult education and older age citizenship since World War II.

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