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The world's population is ageing rapidly, presenting an urgency to address the health problems of the aged. Critical insights on these problems can be gained by examining how the ageing process has been shaped over evolutionary time, and how it is influenced by different environments and lifestyles. In this issue, we feature research conducted on humans in small-scale societies and on our closest primate relatives to ask how bodies, minds, and behaviour age outside of the usual research settings. These contributions shed light on the complex relationship between ageing and disease and offer clues to the social and ecological predictors of successful ageing.

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**Front image** A healthy, old male chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) living in the wild in Kibale National Park. This individual has been the subject of research for over 30 years, contributing to insights about how humans' closest relatives age. Image credit: Ronan Donovan.

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