

Newsletter

Message from the APA President

Happy Lunar New Year!

Since my last communication to you in early January, the Fourth Council held its first meeting at the Institute of Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, in Thailand on January 18th and 19th.

As the first order of business, a plaque was presented to the immediate past President, Terence Hull, and the past Executive Secretary, Bhassom Limanonda, in appreciation of their outstanding dedication and service. A plaque prepared for Professor Jalal Abbasi Shavazi will be delivered to him personally later this year.

The Council had a productive discussion. During the review of the Third APA Conference held in Kuala Lumpur in 2015, the Council members noted the importance of constituting the Scientific Committee to go through the review process on a large number of submitted abstracts and to prepare a high quality conference scientific program. Furthermore, for future conferences, the APA Secretariat and the Scientific Committee's need to work out a clear set of expectations and obligations for the NOC of the hosting country were emphasized.

The Council agreed that the APA should improve communication with the Population Associations of other regions and IUSSP as well as actively participate in their seminars and conferences. Of course, the APA should also develop a forum for important demographic, socioeconomic, and political issues in the Asia region for further development. I would like to ask our members to become involved in



APA Scientific Groups, which will be coordinated by Dr. K. G. Santhya. The Council meeting also brought up the Scientific Group's need to generate new membership and to seek external funds for its programs and activities.

It is regrettable to report that the APA experienced a substantial loss of the reserve funds to support the Third APA Conference held in KL. Therefore, one of the urgent tasks and challenges ahead of us is to find the means to improve our financial sustainability. First, we at the administration are doing all we can to minimize expenditures at our level and at the same time set up a more detailed and clearer financial reporting system for APA sponsored programs. We are also in the process of updating various reporting requirements to the Thai government. The administrative staff is currently working to secure membership payments that fell far behind. We have also begun our search process for financial support

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from international organizations and donor institutions to assist in the planning of our next conference.

Without a doubt, increasing the number of members is important for both our academic and financial status. I strongly urge our current members as well as the Council members to encourage fellow scholars in their countries to join APA and become active in our programs. We also need to actively invite scholars all over the world who may be interested in Asian demographic issues to join us in the APA.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Sureeporn Punpuing as she completes her term as the

Executive Secretary. However, now, as a member of the Council, we are most fortunate that we can continue to depend on her leadership and dedication to APA. Appointment of a new Executive Secretary will be announced very soon.

As I promised in my previous message already, the membership will be placed at the heart of everything we do during my service term. We will certainly do our best to keep all members informed of APA activities and programs and encourage your participation. To reach these goals, we plan to publish the newsletter more often, and we are also in the process of improving our website as it provides

a good opportunity to reach out to the community.

I am confident that most of the tasks and challenges ahead of us can be accomplished with your continued support and participation. Kindly embrace our common goals and join us in taking the association forward. Please be ready to volunteer for APA activities and send us your suggestions for improving our association. May these be excellent years for the APA.

Doo-Sub Kim
President, Asian Population Association
February 16, 2016

First Meeting of the Fourth APA Council, 18-19 January 2016



The first meeting of the Fourth Council of the APA was held at the Institute of Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, in Thailand on January 18th and 19th, 2016. Prof. Doo-Sub Kim, President of the APA, gave a welcome address and appreciated the efforts of the Third Council to take the APA to greater heights during 2012-2015. The Council agreed to announce a call for a host country institution for the 4th Asian Population Association Conference to be held in mid-2018 and to work out a clear set of expectations and obligations for the National Organising Committee of the hosting country and a detailed financial reporting system for future conferences and APA sponsored programs. The Council also decided to circulate a call for proposal to form scientific groups and noted that scientific groups need to generate new membership and seek external funds for their programs and activities. The Council agreed that the APA should improve communication with the Population Associations of other regions and IUSSP as well as actively participate in their seminars and conferences. Suggestions were made to increase the number of paid members of the APA as well to update the APA website. The meeting concluded with a division of responsibilities among council members in the implementation of the association plans.

APA collaboration with other regional professional associations

APA is committed to foster collaboration with other regional professional associations. Prof. Adrian Hayes represented the APA at the 7th African Population Conference, which was held in Pretoria, South Africa during November 30 - December 4, 2015. He made a presentation entitled "The demographic dividend: lessons from Asia" in a special session entitled "Harnessing the demographic dividend in Africa: What can we learn from Asia and Latin America?" In his presentation, Prof. Hayes emphasized that while the demographic dividend (DD) is real, it is also elusive. Its realization depends most crucially on ensuring that favourable demographic dependency ratios translate into favourable economic support ratios, and the Asian experience suggests researchers need to give much more explicit attention to this relationship. He also highlighted the way recent work under the International National Transfer Accounts Project has provided something of a 'game changer' in the way we can now view and analyse the changing ratio of 'producers' to 'consumers' in different countries. The President of the Latin American Population Association attended the 3rd APA Conference in KL without any support offered from APA.



Welcome to Dr. Rossarin Gray as the new Executive Secretary of APA

The APA Council is delighted to announce that Dr. Rossarin Gray, Director, Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University will be joining the APA Council as Executive Secretary of the Association. The Council takes this opportunity to express its deepest appreciation of the contribution of Dr. Sureeporn Punpuing as the Executive Secretary over the last five years.



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APA Announcements

Call for a host country institution for the 4th Asian Population Association Conference



The Asian Population Association (APA) invites institutions, organisations and national population associations in Asian countries to consider hosting the 4th Asian Population Association Conference in mid-2018. The APA organizes a regional population conference every three

years in collaboration with a host country institution to discuss the latest population research and debate pressing regional population issues. Interested institutions should submit their proposal electronically to the APA Secretariat (Secretariat@asianpa.org), with a copy to the APA President, Professor Doo-Sub Kim (duskim@hanyang.ac.kr). The decision on the next Conference venue will be taken by the APA Council in early August 2016. Deadline for submitting a proposal is 30 June 2016. For more details, please visit APA website at www.asianpa.org.

Call for proposals to form scientific groups



The Asian Population Association (APA) Council is seeking proposals from APA members to form Scientific Groups on key or emerging issues in the population field in the Asian region. Scientific groups will be created for the period 2016-2018. Scientific groups play a key role in developing and implementing the work programme of the APA and provide a way to involve members in advancing specific research themes and to participate in the activities of the APA. Examples of themes that may be considered include: climate change; internal and international migration; marriage patterns; data quality and accessibility; gender and power differentials; sexual and reproductive health including fertility decline; access to safe abortion services

and demographic monitoring of medical abortions; social issues of sex selection; young people's life course; and ageing. Suggestions for other themes are also welcome, though the topics should be relevant to a number of country settings, and promote collaborative activities across Asia.

Interested members should send a proposal including the name of the theme, the rationale for the topic, proposed chair for the scientific group, a list of three to five potential members, a tentative programme of activities that the group would like to pursue over the period from May 2016 through December 2018 and outputs anticipated from the group's activities. Interested members should submit their proposal electronically to the SG Coordinator Dr. K. G. Santhya (kgsanthya@popcouncil.org) with copy to the APA President Professor Doo-Sub Kim (duskim@hanyang.ac.kr). Deadline for submitting a proposal is 31 March 2016. For more details, please visit APA website at www.asianpa.org

Forthcoming workshops and conferences

26 – 28 May	International conference on “Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital and Inequality” will be organised by the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association during 26-28 May 2016 at National University of Singapore.
11 – 12 June	The annual meeting of the Population Association of Japan entitled “Linking Past to Present” will be held during 11-12 June 2016 at Reitaku University, Kashiwa, Chiba Prefecture, Japan
28 – 30 June	The 4 th Mahidol Migration Center Regional Conference "In the Era of Transnational Migration" will be organized by Mahidol Migration Center during 28-30 June 2016 at Mahidol University, Salaya Campus, Thailand
29 – 30 June	The regional conference on integration of migrants and social policy issues will be organized by Mahidol Migration Center during 29-30 June 2016 at Mahidol University, Salaya Campus, Thailand

Fundraising

The APA Council is exploring many ways to raise funds to support the activities of the association. The Council would like to acknowledge gratefully the donations from the following individuals in the last quarter.

Prof. Doo-Sub Kim (\$3,000)
Prof. Terry Hull (\$1,527)
Prof. Baochang Gu (\$ 531)

Contributions from APA members, by way of membership fee and small and big donations will be greatly appreciated. Please visit APA website at www.asianpa.org for paying your membership fee or making a donation to the Association.

APA membership

We wish to inform the APA members that although we have a total of 1,211 members in our database, only 74 members have paid their 2016 membership fee. Contribution by APA members is critical for sustaining the activities of the association. Members who have not yet paid their membership fee are kindly reminded to pay their dues for 2016. Please visit APA website at www.asianpa.org for making the payment.

APA website

The APA website is continuously updated with information on relevant events, announcements and news related to the field. We would like to invite all the members to visit the site regularly. We would also like to invite all members to check their personal profile in the membership directory and update their profile. If you cannot access your profile, please write to us at secretariat@asianpa.org



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