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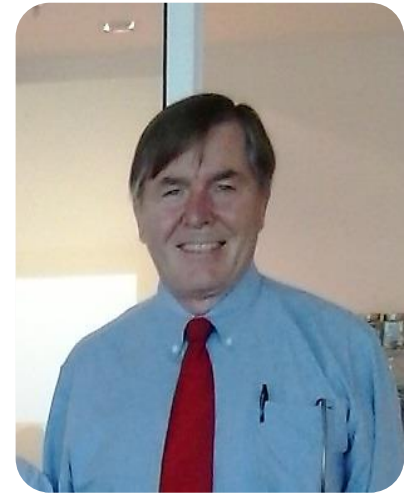
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Message from the President

Dear APA members

The first half of 2014 has been a time of consolidation and planning for APA, with members of committees working hard on the wide range of activities to be carried out later this year and through 2015.

Many of you will have received emails announcing calls for papers, and some of you will be very busy preparing for workshops, national conferences, and the lead up to the Third APA Conference to be held in Kuala Lumpur in July next year. In this APA Newsletter I want to bring you up to date on both these events, and the work of the Secretariat.



First, though, if you have not done so recently, I want to encourage you to visit the Association's website: <http://www.asianpa.org>. You will find a very useful set of announcements relevant to your professional research, and links to keep you up to date on population-related news, publications and conferences. I particularly appreciate the "Population and Demography in the News" rubric where you can find materials collected by the secretariat from regional and global news services.

While you are looking at the updated page, I urge you to do two things. Most important is to go to the "Membership" tab, and choose the "Instruction" option. This will explain how to get to all the pages you need to manage your membership information and subscription renewals. I know that many members have had difficulties with this over the past few years, but the Secretariat staff have invested a great deal of effort in improving the site, and it should now be easily accessible. I have heard from many members that the pages are working well. If you still have any problems, let me know.

When you have successfully logged in you should then check on your “Payment status/print receipt” page. This will tell you about all your payments from your initial joining date to the present, and will indicate the years for which you have paid. We have tested the credit card and cash payments options and they are very secure. If you have made a payment and it is not registered on your page, please contact Ms Parnnachat Tipsuk (secretariat@asianpa.org) who will correct any errors. Of course student membership is free, but if you are a regular member, or if you were originally enrolled as a student member but have since graduated, please ensure that your subscription is up to date.

One benefit of membership is the option of having your professional information included in the APA Membership Database. This is a valuable resource for you, and for institutions across Asia with an interest in population research. It is important that you keep your profile up to date, with the latest contact information, research specializations and membership in professional associations. Because this is searchable it is used to identify professionals who might be able to contribute in various activities, like consultancies, reviewers, meeting chairs, and representational roles. As a member you can search the database to identify potential collaborators, and groups like UNFPA, WHO, and multilateral NGOs can use it to deepen their links with professional researchers in Asia.

The value of the website has been brought home to me frequently during my professional travels over the last six months. While attending both the Philippine Population Association Scientific Conference in Pampanga and the Seventh Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights in Manila, Philippines, I was reminded of the value that colleagues in the Philippines place on international collaboration. In response to many of their questions, the best reply I could give was “visit the APA website”. The visitor statistics indicate that they did, and continue to do so.

In early June the Population Association of Nepal (PAN) and a range of supporting collaborators held the first National Population Conference in Kathmandu. Representing APA I found the quality of papers to be impressive, and was amazed at the very high standards displayed in the posters. I can still remember a time when posters were the sideshows of conferences, but increasingly this is where the most exciting discussions take place, and some of the most interesting topics are explored.

For some years now APA, along with the regional associations for Africa and South America, have been invited to work with the PAA International Outreach Committee to organize activities of mutual interest. The Annual PAA Meeting, this year in Boston, also brings many Asian professionals to present papers and network with colleagues. The Committee discussions included plans for PAA, UAPS, and ALAP to send delegates to the APA Third Conference. This will offer opportunities for exchange of ideas concerning ways to enhance population research around the world.

Finally, I would like to remind all members of APA that the Association will only be as strong as the contributions made by the many people who volunteer their time to serve on the Council, the Secretariat and the Scientific Groups. Through their selfless efforts the Association has continued to grow, and all of us have benefitted from the growing number of activities designed to promote Asian population research. I thank all these volunteers, and invite all members to consider how they each might participate more in the activities of APA. Don't forget that the deadline for abstracts for the Third Conference is set for 15 September 2014.

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Recent Meetings, Workshops and Conferences

Second meeting of the Third Council of the APA
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 15-16 January 2014

Philippines Population Association Scientific Conference
Pampanga, Philippines, 20-21, January 2014

7th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights
Manila, Philippines, 21-24 January 2014

8th Annual POPPOV Conference on Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development
Nairobi, Kenya, 22-23, January, 2014

47th Session of the Commission on Population and Development
Assessment of the Status of Implementation of the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, United Nations, New York, USA, 7-11 April 2014

Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America
Boston, USA, 1-3 May 2014,

Demographic Transition, Transformations of Kinship and Marriage, and the Application of Islamic Family Law
University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 15-17 May 2014

Asian Graduate Student Fellowship Programme 2014,
Asia Research Institute, University of Singapore, 16 May - 27 June 2014

First National Population Conference “Communicating Population for Development Planning”, Kathmandu, Nepal 5-7 June, 2014,

Brown International Advanced Research Institutes Workshop, 7-21 June 2014, Brown University, USA. Those who would like to receive information about BIARI 2015, please e-mail biari@brown.edu and request to be added to the mailing list. Also visit <http://brown.edu/biar> for more information.

European Population Conference,
Budapest, Hungary 25-28, June 2014,

National Conference on the Inter-relationships between Population Dynamics and Development, Putrajaya, Malaysia 26 June, 2014,

International Conference of Growing in One-parent Families in Asia
Singapore, 1-2 July 2014,

APA members

We now have a total of 1,271 members in our database, but, as of July 2014, only 75 members have paid their 2014 subscription.



Forthcoming Meetings, Workshops and Conferences

UN General Assembly Special Session on ICPD Beyond 2014,

New York, 22 September 2014. The Beyond 2014 Review process will engage world leaders from governments and civil society and create a renewed consensus and global commitment to create a more equal and more sustainable world.

More information: <http://icpdbeyond2014.org>

ICPD Beyond 2014 Global Report: <http://icpdbeyond2014.org/about/view/29-global-review-report>

46th Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) Conference on Evolution of Public Health in the Asia Pacific Region,

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 17-19 October 2014

ISI Regional Statistics Conference 2014 (ISI-RSC 2014)

Theme: *Statistical Science for a Better Tomorrow*. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-19 November 2014

More information: <http://www.isi-rsc2014.my>

Unintended Pregnancy among the Young: Correlated and Consequences

Bangkok, Thailand 1-3, December 2014, (Deadline for submission of abstract- 1 September 2014)

17th Biennial Conference of the Australian Population Association –Australia’s Population in a Global World

Hobart, Australia 3-5 December 2014, (Deadline for submission of abstract, 31 July 2014)

Asia Population Association (APA) Third International Conference

27-30 July 2015. Please be reminded that the deadline for abstract submission is 15 September 2014.

For details, visit www.asianpa.org

National Organizing Committee

Chair: **Professor Dr. Awg Bulgiba Bin Awg Mahmud**

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APA Activities



Terence Hull (President of the Asian Population Association - APA), at the first National Population Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal, 5-7 July 2014



(From left): APA team - Doo-Sub Kim (Vice President), Terry Hull (President), and Sureeporn Punpuing (Executive Secretary) UNFPA team – Anna Harmer, Nobuko Horibe and Christophe Lefranc at the UNFPA Bangkok, 3 June 2014



Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi lecturing the topic on “Low Fertility in Asia: Pathways, Consequences and Policy Implications fertility” to students and faculties of Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, 16 January 2014



Interesting Published articles on Population and Demography

Indigenous Australian population projections: problems and prospects

Journal of Population Research June 2013, Volume 30, Issue 2, pp 101-116

A Population Projection for Indonesia, 2010–2035

Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies Volume 50, Issue 1, 2014

The Demography of Indonesia in Comparative Perspective

Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies Volume 50, Issue 1, 2014

Update on World Population and Demography

World Population

World Population is still growing very rapidly. The human population has hit almost 7.25 billion as at July 11, 2014, and it is growing by almost a 224,000 persons per day, or about 82 million a year. (<http://galen.metapath.org/popclk.html>) / (<http://www.poodwaddle.com/Stats>)

The UN Population Division projected the world population to reach 7.325 billion in 2015, with 4.385 billion (or about 60 percent) living in Asia (UN Population Division, World Population Prospects, 2012).

Why is China relaxing its one-child policy?

(<http://www.economist.com/blogs/economist-explains/2013/12/economist-explains-8>)

World Contraception Day 2013: Reaffirming Indonesia's Commitment to Family Planning

<http://advancefamilyplanning.org/news/world-contraception-day-2013>

IUSSP Governance, Council 2014-2017

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**We will be running a survey to seek your suggestions for improvement.
Members are advised to visit APA website and take part in the survey.**

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