

Message from the President

Dear APA members

As we rush to the end of 2013, population researchers across Asia are able to look back on a year of great accomplishment, and look forward to a new year of exciting possibilities.



The Population Association of America annual meeting in April 2013 was held in New Orleans. In recent years this meeting has become particularly important for the opportunity it affords researchers interested in Asia to meet with colleagues and agency representatives from around the world. There is an annual meeting of the PAA International Activities Committee which provides a great opportunity for the regional groups to organize joint sessions and meetings.

Perhaps the peak of our professional year was reached in 26-31 August 2013 when researchers from around the world gathered in Busan for the Twenty Seventh Conference of the IUSSP. Our Korean hosts put on a great meeting in a city that offered both excellent conference facilities and fascinating attractions for visitors. The APA shared a booth with the African and South American regional associations, allowing us to both save money and establish warm and collaborative working relationships with colleagues who share many of the same challenges faced by our organization. Many of you took advantage of this facility to meet the members of our Secretariat, renew your membership and pay subscriptions. For this we are all grateful to Professor Sureeporn and her team. Thanks to Vice President Professor Doo-Sub Kim we were able to recruit new members from among the young Korean population researchers.

The special APA session on Demographic Transition in Asia organized by former APA President Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi during the IUSSP Conference attracted a good audience to consider the four excellent papers on offer. Evi Nurvidya Arifin gave an overview of the Age Structural Transition while Premchand Dommaraju offered a Demographic Perspective on Households and Marriage in Asia.

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K.C. Samir linked the trends in Education and Human Capital to direct a sharp focus on one of the most important drivers of development in the continent.

Thomas Spoorenberg and Patrick Gerland shared the results of the UN Population Division’s innovative work on Fertility Transition across Asia. It was my pleasure and challenge to serve as Discussant for the session.

During the fortnight of 9-20 September the Sixth decennial Asian and Pacific Population Conference was convened in Bangkok to draw up a regional consensus on population and development issues of priority for governments and non-governmental organizations. The document hammered out in this meeting is both the product of a long period of national consultation, and a contribution to the forthcoming meeting of the UN General Assembly in terms of considering new directions for population policy. I was honoured to represent the APA in the NGO sections of the meeting, and pleased to be able to promote awareness of our organization among the hundreds of delegates. Many APA members were involved in national and UN agency delegations. I was able to meet privately with both the Executive Director and the Asia Pacific Regional Director of UNFPA, and brief them on the developments and plans of the APA. They both expressed their appreciation of the work of the Association, and their commitment to the enhancement of population training across Asia.

Internal actions of the APA in the last six months include two very important announcements that are related in more detail elsewhere in the Newsletter. However I would like to personally congratulate the four conveners of our new Scientific Groups: Dr Stuart Basten, Dr Shireen Jejeebhoy, Dr Salut Muhidin, and Dr Yaghoob Foroutan. The amount of work they have put into the organization of their groups is truly exemplary. My thanks also go to Council Member K.G. Santhya for undertaking the task of managing the Scientific Groups on behalf of the Council.

Warm congratulations also go to Associate Professor Tey Nai Peng and his colleagues in Malaysia for their successful bid to host the Third Conference of the APA to be held in Kuala Lumpur in July 2015. This promises to be a great conference, and all APA members should start immediately to plan for the submission of abstracts and papers that will be announced early in 2014.

Please be sure all your personal details are updated on the membership page, and that your email account settings specify the APA as a ‘safe sender’. Please also visit the APA webpage regularly to learn about the growing range of services offered by the Association.

Professor Terence H. Hull
18-10-2013



Third APA Conference

Congratulations to Associate Prof. Tey Nai Peng from the Population Studies Unit, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, and his colleagues from the National Population and Family Development Board and the Federation of Reproductive Health Associations of Malaysia who submitted the successful proposal for holding the 3rd APA Conference. They will be contacting all APA members with announcements and notices such as a call for abstracts and papers, information on exact conference dates and arrangements, and invitation for participation in the main conference and associated side events.

MALAYSIA 2015



Please make a note in your calendars to prepare for the conference which will be held in August 2015. More information on the exact dates and venue of conference will be announced soon.



Scientific Groups

The sub-committee on the Scientific Groups headed by Sanhya received six proposals. The Council members unanimously supported the following four Scientific Groups: i) Fertility ideals and intentions in Asia, ii) Urbanization and internal migration in Asia, iii) Demography of Asian migrants and diasporas, and iv) Pathways to adulthood in Asia: Filling gaps in what is known about sexual and reproductive health. The chairs, members and proposed activities of the four approved Scientific Groups are as follows:

Scientific Group (SG) titles	SG Chair and institutional affiliation	SG members and institutional affiliation	Proposed activities
Fertility ideals and intentions in Asia	<i>Stuart Basten</i> Oxford University, UK	<i>Zheng Zhenzhen</i> CASS, China <i>Minja Kim Choe</i> East West Centre, Hawaii <i>Minna Säävälä</i> Väestöliitto, Finland <i>Nazar Shabila</i> Hawler Medical University, Iraq	Two workshops and the promotion of a network of scholars working on fertility ideals and intentions.

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Urbanisation and Internal Migration in Asia	<i>Salut Muhidin</i> Macquarie University, Australia	<i>Kailash C. Das</i> IIPS, India <i>Aree Jampaklay</i> IPSR, Mahidol University Thailand <i>Tommy Firman</i> BIT, Indonesia <i>Yu Zhu</i> Fujian Normal University China	Take stock of the state of knowledge of cross-national analyses of urbanisation and internal migration in Asian countries. Two workshops are proposed that will focus on the conceptual and technical issues in cross-national analyses of urbanisation and internal migration in Asia.
Demography of Asian Migrants and Diasporas	<i>Yaghoob Foroutan</i> University of Waikato, New Zealand	<i>Graeme Hugo</i> University of Adelaide Australia <i>Aris Ananta</i> Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore <i>Jacqueline Leckie</i> University of Otago New Zealand <i>Fei Guo</i> Macquarie University, Australia <i>Maruja Milagros Asis</i> Scalabrini Migration Center Philippines	Two regional workshops
Pathways to Adulthood in Asia: Filling Gaps in What is Known about Sexual and Reproductive Health	<i>Shireen Jejeebhoy</i> Population Council, India	<i>Lou Chaohua</i> , SIPPR, China <i>Mahesh Puri</i> , CREHPA, Nepal <i>Meimanat Hosseini</i> , ANU, Australia <i>Maria Midea M Kabamalan</i> , University of Philippines, Philippines <i>Phil Guest</i> Mahidol University, Thailand	Two seminars: <i>i) Unintended pregnancy among the young: correlates and consequences</i> <i>ii) Role of gatekeepers in facilitating young people's transition to adulthood.</i>



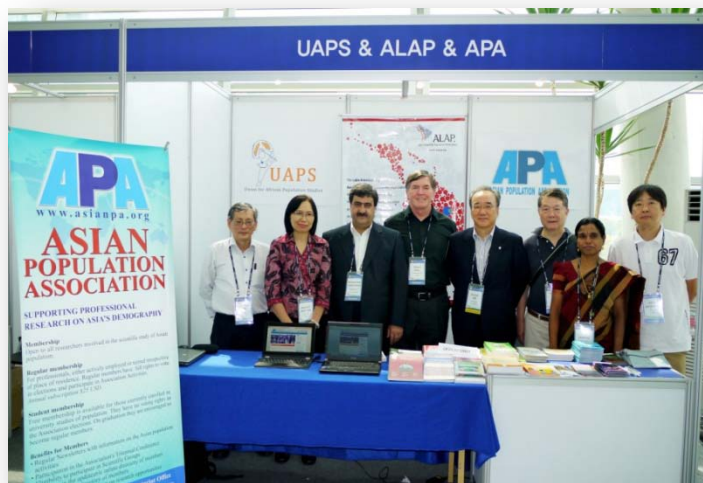
APA at the XXVII IUSSP Conference in Busan

A collaboration of the Population Associations from the three regions – APA, in collaboration with the Latin American Population Association (ALAP) and the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS), exhibited the Population Association alliance booth at the “XXVII IUSSP International Population Conference” in Busan, Republic of Korea from August 26-31, 2013.

The APA Secretariat team from the Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, Thailand, joined hands with teams from the Latin American Population Association (ALAP) and the Union for African Population Studies, to promote the Associations’ work. The activities conducted at the booth, such as introducing the three population associations and extending their networks, were very successful and drew great attention from almost 500 visitors. The APA Secretariat staff also distributed APA flyers and invitations to membership subscription and renewal.



Presidents of Population Associations - from left: Anastasia Gage (current Vice President and next President of the IUSSP), Terry Hull (President of the Asian Population Association - APA), Jean-François Kobiane (President of the Union for African Population Studies - UAPS) and Laura Rodriguez Wong (President of the Latin American Population Association - ALAP) at the Welcome Reception of the XXVII IUSSP Conference

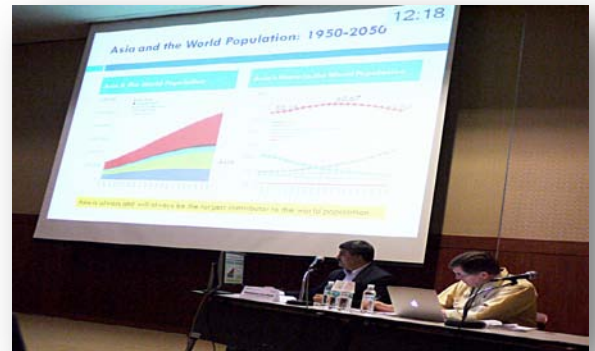


APA Council members at the Exhibition Booth: from left: Associate Professor Tey Nai Peng, Associate Professor Sureporn Punpuing, Professor Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi, Professor Terry Hull, Professor Doo-Sub Kim, Dr. Wen Shan Yang, Dr. K.G. Santhya and Dr. Rikiya Matsukura

APA Session at XXVII IUSSP Conference

The APA session on “Demographic Transition in Asia” was included in the conference program on 31st August, 2013. The session, chaired by APA Immediate Past President, Professor [Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi](#), and with Professor Terry Hull, APA President, serving as the discussant, consisted of the following presentations:

1. [Age Structural Transition in Asia](#), by [Evi Nurvidya Arifin](#), Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
2. Demographic Perspective on Households and Marriage in Asia, by [Premchand Dommaraju](#), Nanyang Technological University
3. Education and Human Capital in the Asian Region, by [K.C. Samir](#), International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
4. [Fertility Transition Across Asia](#), by [Thomas Spoorenberg](#), United Nations Population Division; [Patrick Gerland](#), United Nations Population Division (Population Estimates and Projections Section)



Congratulations to APA and its Executive Secretary

The APA is proud to announce that Dr. Sureeporn Punpuing, an IUSSP member and the APA Executive Secretary, has been elected as a council member for Asia and Oceania to serve on the 2014 – 2017 IUSSP Council.

Congratulations!



Recent meetings, workshops and conferences

1. XXVII IUSSP Conference, 26-31 August 2013, Busan, Korea

For details, visit:

<http://www.iussp.org/en/event/17/info>

<http://busan2013.iussp.org/>

2. Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, 16-20 September, UN, ESCAP, Bangkok

Senior Officials Segment (16-18 September), Ministerial Segment (19-20 September). Preceded by a meeting of NGOs a week earlier.

For details, please visit,

<http://www.unescapsdd.org/appc>

[Draft Asian and Pacific declaration on population and - UNFPA](#)

http://www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/documents/news/2013/APPC6_WP1ER3.pdf

3. “International Conference on the Demography of Disasters: Implications for Future Policy on Development and Resilience”, 18–20 September 2013, University House, Australian National University

4. Asian MetaCentre Training Workshop on “Demographic Analysis and Computer Application” Bangkok, Thailand, 7th –18th October, 2013. This workshop is organized by College of Population Studies, Chulalongkorn University, in collaboration with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. For more details, visit: www.cps.chula.ac.th/demogworkshop_2013.htm

5. A seminar on Asian Graduate Student Fellowships was held in July 2013 at the National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute, for current graduate students doing their Master’s or PhD degrees and working in the humanities and social sciences on Southeast Asian topics.

6. “Population and Development: New Approaches to Enduring Global Problems” was held in June 8-22, 2013. Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI) represents a unique professional development initiative to provide a platform for outstanding young faculty and practitioners from the global south and emerging economies to engage in a sustained, high-level intellectual and policy dialogue with leading scholars in their fields. Participants will engage with cutting-edge theory, innovative and tested research methods, and first-rate scholarship upon which to build their own research programs. To learn more about the program visit website:

<http://brown.edu/biari>



Forthcoming meetings, workshops and conferences

There are detailed announcements requiring your participation and follow-up. Please ensure that your calendar includes the following:

- 15-16 January 2014. Second meeting of the Third Council of the APA to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Items for the Agenda should be sent to the Executive Secretary by 5 January.
- 19-20 January 2014. Conference of the Philippine Population Association.
- 21-24 January 2014. Seventh Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights to be held in Manila, The Philippines.

For more details, visit:

http://tarshi.net/asiasrc/announcements/Detail_conf.asp?newsID=138&pgno=1

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

For more details, visit:

<http://www.populationassociation.org/sidebar/annual-meeting/>

- July-August 2015. Third Conference of the Asian Population Association to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



APA Membership

We wish to make an appeal to those who are interested in having a timely access to information on research opportunities, in participation in the Association's Triennial Conference, and in making connection with experts in demography and population around the world. We now have a total of 1,271 members in our database, but, as of November 2013, only 30 members have paid their 2014 subscription.

Membership fee

Contribution by APA members is enhancing our activities. Members who are late with payment are kindly reminded to pay their dues for 2014. Online payment is possible for members through three easy and convenient channels: 1) PayPal; 2) credit card payment; and 3) money transfer. Paying the membership fee will give you an access to a searchable membership directory and enable you to seek population and social science experts in several professional fields.

APA website

The APA website has been constructed so as to enable constant updating of information on relevant events, to carry announcements related to the field, and present daily news on population-related issues. Especially important is the improvement of information on members' profiles, so we would like to invite all the members to update their personal profiles and to share their CVs. This is beneficial to us all in terms of building the human network and improving collaboration. If you cannot access your profile, please write to us: secretariat@asianpa.org.



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