

# APA NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President



From Australia to Jordan and Sri Lanka to Korea members of the Asian Population Association are engaged in remarkable range of studies to understand the determinants and consequences of population change. With the two demographic billionaires of China and India and thousands of ethnic groups and a wide variety of religious and ideological formations, the nature of Asian development is subject to an enormous range of social variants.

This is why the Third APA Conference recently held in Kuala Lumpur was such an exciting and intellectually stimulating event. Almost 400 oral presentations kept the participants busy over the three days of the meeting, with four plenary sessions and 77 parallel sessions being very well attended. The Local Organizing Committee were hospitable and very helpful in managing the event. This year we included an innovation in the form of a Presidential Address, which I used to discuss the importance of improving the quality and accessibility of demographic data in the context of international development goals, targets and indicators. I hope the Address will

become a tradition of the Association, much as it has been a key activity in the Population Association of America.

The Nominations Committee has put together a very high quality slate of candidates for the election of the Fourth Council of the Association. Voting will be held online from 1 October through 15 November for all financial members of the Association. As of 14 September there are 255 financial members, out of a total membership list of over 1200. The difference reflects the large number of student or inactive members, but there are also many regular members who have simply failed to pay their \$25 USD subscription for 2015. If you fall into that category, please go to the website today to ensure that you are financial in time for the election. The Association will be strong if the members are active and supportive.

In January 2016 the new Council will be addressing a range of high priority issue. They will need the active help of the members to determine where the 2018 Conference will be held, what Scientific Groups should be set up, and how best to improve population research and training in Asia. Please be ready to volunteer for some or all of these activities.

*Terence H. Hull  
President, Asian Population Association,  
2013-2015*

## APA SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

### *Scientific Group on Pathways to Adulthood in Asia*

The APA Scientific Group on Pathways to Adulthood in Asia organized a seminar on “Unintended pregnancy among the young: correlates and consequences” on December 1-3, 2014 at the Novotel Bangkok Pleonchit Sukhumwit Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. The Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, Bangkok, co-organized the seminar and served as the local host organization. Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy (Population Council) and Dr. Philip Guest (Mahidol University) as well as Professor Lou Chaohua (SIPPR, Shanghai, China), Mr. Mahesh Puri (CREHPA, Kathmandu, Nepal), Dr. Maria Midea M Kabamalan (University of Philippines, Manila, Philippines) and Dr. Meimanat Hosseini (ANU, Canberra, Australia (and Iran) were involved in reviewing and selecting abstracts. The seminar was jointly supported by the Ford Foundation, the Packard Foundation, the UNFPA, the UNICEF, and the Wellcome Trust.



The findings of the seminar point to the need for improvement of research methods and development of better programmes and policies in order to enhance the access of young persons to contraception, safe abortion, and to maternal and child health services.

Eight of the papers presented during the seminar have been selected for further development and a publication is proposed in order to further disseminate the findings of the seminar.

### *Session in Population Association of America Meetings 2015*

At the initiative of the APA, a session on “Assumptions and Presumptions of Population Projections in Asia: Case Studies from China, India and Indonesia” was organized at the 2015 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting at San Diego during 30 April - 2 May 2015. Four papers were presented in the session, chaired by Terrence Hull with John R. Wilmoth of the U.N. Population Division as the discussant.

Professor Terence Hull and Professor Peter McDonald contributed to the PAA Memorial Service with brief eulogies for the late Professor Graeme Hugo, who passed away in early 2015. Graeme contributed substantially to the APA since its inception, and was co-chair of a Scientific Group.

### *Session in the Third APA Conference in Malaysia, 26-30 July 2015*

A workshop on “Fertility Preferences in Asia (in preparation for the volume ‘Family Demography in Asia: A Comparative Analysis of Fertility Preferences’), chaired by Stuart Basten, was conducted during the 2015 APA Conference, 27 July 2015. Twenty papers varied by different countries and regions were presented.

A session on “Emerging Issues on Internal Migration and Urbanisation in Asia” chaired by Salut Muhidin was presented on 29 July 2015.

# THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASIAN POPULATION ASSOCIATION

The Third International Conference of the Asian Population Association is scheduled to be held on 27-30 July 2015 at the Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

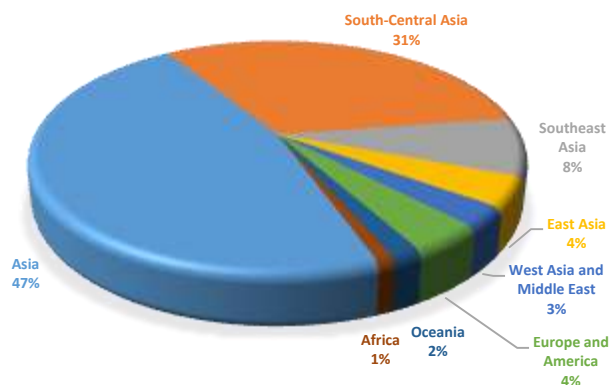


*The themes of the Third International Conference of APA include:*

1. Population Size, Growth, Distribution or Characteristics Issues (including children and youth, gender, population ageing)
2. Fertility, Fecundity and Reproductive Health
3. Mortality, Morbidity and Causes of Death
4. Migration: Internal, International (including refugees) and Urbanization
5. Marriage, Family, Kinship and Religion
6. Demographic Theory and Methods (including demographic training)
7. Interdisciplinary Studies, Education, Labour, Economics and Development

*National Organizing Committee*

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<b>Saira Shameen</b>	United National Population Fund (UNPFA)
<b>Noor Azina Ismail</b>	Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya
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<b>Jamilah Mohamad</b>	Dean, Equitable Society, Research Cluster, University of Malaya
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<b>Tey Nai Peng</b>	Coordinator, Population Studies Unit, University of Malaya
<b>Siti Salwati Fadzli</b>	Assistant Registrar, University of Malaya



### *Abstracts for the third APA Conference*

In response to the call for papers, 1624 abstracts were received from scholars from 51 countries. The Scientific Committee for the conference, chaired by Professor Doo-Sub- Kim, selected 1218 abstracts after a rigorous review process. The papers will be presented in a series of parallel oral sessions, spread over four days, while a “Super Poster” session will have all posters up for examination for the full duration. This will provide poster givers with a unique opportunity to have their work discussed by their peers.

### *Important dates and information about the 3<sup>rd</sup> APA Conference*

Activity	Date
Deadline for abstract submission	15 October 2014
Review and decision making on abstracts	October – December 2014
Announcement of the selected abstracts	15 January 2015
Submission of full paper	1 June 2015
Registration	15 February – 15 June 2015
End of Early Bird rate registration fee	15 June 2015
Conference	27 – 30 July 2015

### *The 3<sup>rd</sup> APA Conference in Numbers*

1634	Submissions to the first call for abstract
1	Workshop (pre-conference activities)
6	Special sessions (pre-conference activities)
5	Plenary sessions
77	Parallel oral sessions
271	Oral Presentations
195	Posters in a Super hall
15	Exhibitors (8 international and 7 local)
426	International participants
150	Local participants

### *FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES*

The National Organizing Committee of the conference and the APA Secretariat have been making efforts to raise funds for the conference. Professor Terence Hull, President of the APA, and Professor Sureeporn Punpuing, Executive Secretary of the APA met Ms. Ann Harmer, the Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific Regional Office of the UNFPA and her colleagues in Bangkok in March 2015 and discussed funding support for the conference. Further, Professor Terence Hull, President of the APA, approached Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to seek support for the conference. The UNFPA Executive Director has extended valuable support of the UNFPA to the conference. The Head of the Asia Pacific Regional Office of UNFPA, Ms Nobuko Horibe granted \$50,000 from the Regional budget for core support.

Moreover, the UNFPA Executive Director has assured the participation of UNFPA colleagues from the Regional and Country offices and has also encouraged UNFPA Country offices to support participants from their respective countries through scholarships. A number of UNFPA country offices, including Iran, China, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, have agreed to provide support to some of the participants from the respective countries. The UNFPA-Indonesia and BKKBN will facilitate participation of scholars from Indonesia. It is expected that such support will be available from other country offices as well.

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## APA ACTIVITIES



The National Organizing Committee Team from University of Malaya, Tey Nai Peng, Yew Siew Yong, and Tan Pei Pei visited the APA Secretariat Office at Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, joining by the UNFPA representative discussing about the 3rd APA Conference, 11-12 June 2015



The Third Meeting of APA 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Members, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, Manhattan VII, 14<sup>th</sup> floor, Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia





The General Assembly of the Asian Population Association was held at Manhattan II room, the Berjaya Times Square, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 for reporting on the activities and financial status of the Association since the last Assembly, with 97 members joining the meeting.



Gavin Jones and Aphichat Charatrithrong, the representatives of the Nominations Committee were reporting on the slate of candidates for the Forth Council Election in General Assembly



Find out more pictures of the conference at [https://www.facebook.com/AsianPopulationAssociation/photos\\_stream](https://www.facebook.com/AsianPopulationAssociation/photos_stream)

# UPCOMING ELECTION OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> APA COUNCIL FOR 2016 - 2018

The process of elections to the Fourth Council was initiated in June 2015. Following consultation with the Council members, the President constituted the nominations committee of the following members: Shireen Jejeebhoy (Chair), Gavin Jones, Toening Adioetomo, and Apichat Chamrathirong.

	Nomination 1	Nomination 2
President	Doo-Sub Kim <i>Korea</i>	Aris Ananta <i>Indonesia</i>
Vice President	Gu Baochang <i>China</i>	Grace Cruz <i>Philippines</i>
Secretary General	TV Sekher <i>India</i>	Paul Yip <i>Hong Kong</i>
Treasurer	Bhassorn Limanonda <i>Thailand</i>	
Council members	GM Arif <i>Pakistan</i>	
	Hossein Mahmoudian <i>Iran</i>	
	KG Santhya <i>India</i>	
	Mahesh Puri <i>Nepal</i>	
	Maria Midea Kabamalan <i>Philippines</i>	
	Marwan Khwaja <i>Lebanon</i>	
	Sureeporn Punpuing <i>Thailand</i>	
	Wendy Hartano <i>Indonesia</i>	
	Yasuhiko Saito <i>Japan</i>	
	Young Tae Cho <i>Korea</i>	

Online election will start  
1 October - 15 November 2015

Only financial members are eligible to vote,

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**Call for Application**

**Call for Papers and Posters**

**Workshop "Demographic Analysis & Population Projection"**  
**Venue :** University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines  
**Course fee :** 600 USD  
**Last day of application:** 30 November 2015  
**Coordinator contact :** Christian Joy P. Cruz,  
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**For more information:**  
<http://www.uppi.upd.edu.ph/extension/workshop/2016/dapps>

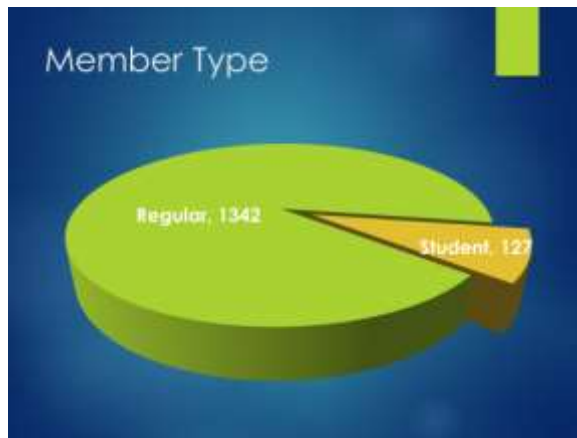
**8th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights**  
 Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **30 September 2015**.

For more information:  
<http://www.mm8apcrshr.org/call-papers-and-posters>

## MEMBERSHIP

Contribution by APA members is enhancing our activities. Members who are late with payment are kindly reminded to pay their dues for 2015. 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](mailto:secretariat@asianpa.org)

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