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Message from the President



Dear APA members,

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to the third issue of the APA newsletter

that is being presented at the time of the 2nd APA conference.

Over the last several months, we have been very busy making final arrangements for the 2nd APA conference, which will be held at the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand during 26-29 August 2012.

This will be a significant APA event as around 650 participants from across Asia and beyond are expected to attend. Several high-ranking officials at national and international levels will participate in the conference.

We are honoured that Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the UNFPA, Professor Rajata Rajatanavin, President of Mahidol University and Professor Peter McDonald, President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population will attend the opening ceremony.

This conference provides a great platform for discussing population issues across the Asian region. Several workshops will be held prior to the conference. In addition to around 100 regular sessions, there will be two plenary sessions where distinguished scholars will present their findings on cutting edge population issues of the Asian region.

We are thankful to various donor agencies that have generously supported the APA conference. The names and contributions of the funding agencies are presented in this newsletter. In total, around US\$300,000 has been donated to the APA, enabling us to partially support around 350 members to attend the conference. Priority is given to young demographers who will be the leading population experts in the Asian region in the years to come.

The APA scientific groups have been planning their activities in recent months and in addition to the workshop by the Scientific Group

on Data Quality and Accessibility, a conference is organized by the Scientific Group on Marriage in Asia at the National University of Singapore in November 2012.

The arrangements for the next APA election are also underway. A Nomination Committee (NC) was formed in June to identify scholars who can serve in different positions of the Council of the APA to ensure the sustainability of the association. We are pleased that after two months of intensive communications among the NC members, the final list of candidates who will contest the election is presented in this newsletter. Further details of the election has been posted on the APA website soon.

Our membership has increased to around 1,265 members as of 1 August 2012, and it is expected that this number will rise at the time of the conference. However, we are still finding the best possible ways to encourage members to pay their dues on time, which will indicate their continued interest and active participation in the APA scientific activities.

Finally, our collaboration with other regional and international professional associations continues in order to strengthen the discipline of demography and to promote regional research collaborations among researchers and policy makers at the regional and international levels.

I am delighted that the Association has been institutionalised and continues to grow. Of course there are some challenges ahead, but I am confident that the Association has a bright future with your continued support and active participation in its scientific activities. Let me take this opportunity to express my sincere

appreciation to all who have worked hard over the last several years for the Association. Words are insufficient to thank my fellow Council members for their dedication and hard work over the last two years. Special thanks go to Professor Sureeporn Punpuing, the able Executive Secretary of the APA and Director of the Institute for Population and Social Research of Mahidol University for her great service to the Association and for the organization of the conference.

*Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi
President, Asian Population Association*

Note from the Editors

In this third issue of the APA Newsletter, we bring you highlights focusing on activities leading to the Second APA Conference and General Assembly to be held in Bangkok on 26-29 August 2012, and the upcoming election of the members and officers of the Third APA Council. Efforts to collaborate with, and gain the support of, various professional organizations are likewise presented. APA members are encouraged to contribute to the Newsletter. This participation is much appreciated. And, to all those who have helped in the preparation and completion of this issue, we express our sincere gratitude.

Socorro Gultiano and Bhakta Gubhaju

Second APA Conference, 26-29 August 2012, Bangkok

The Call for Abstracts for the 2nd APA Conference garnered a total of nearly 1,500 submissions from Asian scholars worldwide. Twenty-two theme leaders and the program committee reviewed the submissions and accepted 800 abstracts for presentation (450 for oral presentation and 350 for poster presentation). The conference will hold around 100 regular sessions covering 19 topics.

While the Swissotel Le Concorde Bangkok was originally chosen as the conference venue, the organizers decided to change the venue to the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel due to the unexpectedly large number of abstract submissions resulting in a much larger number of presentations at the conference.

The conference will have its Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner on Sunday, 26 August 2012 and close with a Farewell Lunch on Wednesday, 29 August 2012. Expected to be in attendance at the opening ceremony are the President of the IUSSP, the President of Mahidol University, and the Executive Director of UNFPA.

Around 650 APA members from 45 countries will be attending the conference. To encourage and facilitate participation, partial funding support is given to around 350 members. There are four workshops and seminars scheduled to take place prior to and after the conference:

1. International Seminar on Increasing Use of Reproductive Health Services through Community-based and Health Care Financing Programs: Impact and Sustainability (23-25 August 2012)
2. Workshop on Data Quality and Accessibility (25-26 August 2012)
3. Workshop on Making the Connection: Family Planning and Climate Change (26 August 2012)
4. Consultative Meeting on "The New Draft of the Population Policy for Thailand" (26 August 2012)
5. Thematic Seminar on "The Challenges of Population Transition in ASEAN" (29 August 2012)

There will also be two plenary sessions during the conference:

Plenary I: How low can Asian fertility go?

Monday, 27 August 2012, 17:00-18:00 pm.

Chair: John Cleland

Presenters:

Gavin Jones: Future of Fertility in West and South Asia

Zhongwei Zhao: China's far Below Replacement Fertility and its Implications

Minja Choe: Lowest Low Fertility in Asia

Suwanee Khamman: The Impact of Low Fertility in Thailand

Plenary II: Asians on the move

Tuesday, 28 August 2012, 17:00-18:00 pm.

Chair: Aphichat Chamrathirong

Presenters:

Graeme Hugo: Migration and Development in Asia

Brenda Yeoh: Migration and Family in Asia

Nasra Shah: Migration in West Asia and the Middle East

The APA will hold its **Annual General Meeting** on Monday, 27 August 2012, 18:15-19:15 pm with reports to be presented by the APA Executive Council:

President: Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi

Vice President: Terence H. Hull

Treasurer: Vipam Prachuabmoh

Secretary General: Socorro Gultiano

Executive Secretary: Sureeporn Punpuing

APA Collaboration with Other Regional Professional Associations

One of the main objectives of the APA is to foster collaboration with other regional professional associations. During the PAA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, earlier this year,



Meeting of Presidents of the African, Latin American and Asian Population Associations, San Francisco, May 2012

Professors Terence Hull and Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi attended a meeting organized by the PAA International Outreach Committee (IOC) where Dr Jean-François Kobiane, president of the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) and Dr. Fernando Lozano Ascencio president of the Latin American Population Association (Asociación Latinoamericana de Población - ALAP) were present. The PAA IOC agreed to support the APA to organize a workshop on data quality and accessibility to be convened by Professor Hull just before the 2nd APA conference in Bangkok.

Professor Abbasi-Shavazi had separate meetings with the Presidents of the ALAP and UAPS and discussed common activities and collaborations. The next ALAP conference shall be held during 23-26 October 2012 in Montevideo, Uruguay, in which a session will be organized on the data issues in the three regions. Professor Hull has been invited to attend this conference and make a presentation on behalf of the APA.

Professor Abbasi-Shavazi extended invitations to the two presidents to attend the Second APA Conference in Bangkok to which they agreed to participate on their own funds. Discussions were also held with various distinguished scholars at the PAA, including Paul Demeny, Arland Thornton, Peter Donaldson and several others who likewise agreed to attend the Second APA Conference.

Joint PAA-APA Workshop on Population Data in Asia

As part of the week of professional development associated with the Second Conference of the APA to be held in Bangkok in August, the Population Association of America (PAA) is providing assistance to hold a two-day Workshop on Population Data Quality and Availability in Asia. This collaborative venture will provide researchers with the opportunity to exchange views on the experiences of the 2010 round of population censuses. Speakers will lead off with brief



*Prof. Terence Hull,
Vice-President, APA*

papers highlighting some of the major experiences, problems and results from the national or regional perspectives. Guiding themes will include the relevance of these experiences to the planning of future surveys, censuses, and registration systems, the lessons learned for policy and financing of data collection, and the implications for monitoring and evaluating the Millennium Development Goals' Indicators. The Workshop will be held in the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel on the Saturday and Sunday prior to the Conference Opening. It is open to all APA members, but due to the limitations of space it will be necessary for participants to register online prior to the workshop. For further information contact the organizer, Professor Terry Hull (terry.hull@anu.edu.au).

The APA Nomination Committee and List of Candidates for the Upcoming Election

The APA is pleased to announce the upcoming election of the third APA council members to serve for a period of three years (2013-2015). Six distinguished scholars were approached to serve as members of the APA Nomination Committee (NC). Professors Baochang Gu, Gavin Jones, Mehtab Karim, and Leela Visaria agreed to join the committee. Leela Visaria was elected as Chair of the Committee. After two months of intensive communications, the committee identified distinguished scholars from the region who will contest the election.



*Prof. Leela Visaria,
Chair, APA
Nomination Committee*

The online election of the APA will take place during September-October 2012. CVs of the nominees will be posted on the APA website. The new council will assume responsibility from 1 January 2013.

List of Nominees for the 2012 APA Election

Name	Country (Gender)	Nominated for Position
Siswanto Wilopo Terence Hull	Indonesia (M) Australia (M)	President
Zhenzhen Zheng Doo-sub Kim	China (F) Korea (M)	Vice President
Barkat-e-Khuda Purushottam M. Kulkarni	Bangladesh (M) India (M)	Secretary General
Vipan Prachuabmoh	Thailand (F)	Treasurer
Anand Tamang K.G. Santhya Marwan Khawaja Meimanat Hosseini Tey Nai Peng Irma Ardiana Rikiya Matsukura Ghulam Mohammad Arif Wen Shan Yang Mayling Oey-Gardiner	Nepal (M) India (F) Lebanon (M) Iran (F) Malaysia (M) Indonesia (F) Japan (M) Pakistan (M) Taiwan (M) Indonesia (F)	Council Members
Sureeporn Punpuing	Thailand (F)	Executive Secretary

Fundraising Activities

In 2011 and 2012, several meetings with key personnel of various funding agencies were held by the APA President, Vice President, Treasurer, Executive Secretary and other members of the Council in order to raise funds for the conference and other activities of the association. Proposals were subsequently submitted to these various funding agencies resulting in the collection of

around US\$260,000 for the Association. In addition, APA has funds of about US\$40,000 remaining from the first APA conference held in India.

Among the funding agencies that have given financial assistance to the APA, by alphabetical order, are:

- Bureau of Reproductive Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR), Australia
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Population Association of America (PAA)
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Thaihealth-Global Link Initiative Project (TGLIP)
- UNFPA, Regional and Country Offices

The funds provided by these agencies will enable the National Organizing Committee to cover some of the costs of the conference and assist the scholarship committee in providing partial support to around 350 members to participate in the conference. The UNFPA Country Offices that provided financial support for participants of the APA Conference are as follows: Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines and Thailand. In addition, the local governmental and nongovernmental organizations and donors in various countries have also extended financial support to their respective nationals for their participation in the conference. APA is grateful for the assistance these organizations have provided.

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Forthcoming Conferences

- The conference on **Marriage in Asia: Trends, Determinants And Implications** will be held at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore during 15-16 November 2012. This conference is jointly organised by the Changing Family in Asia Cluster, Asia Research Institute; the Family, Children and Youth Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore; and the Scientific Group on “Marriage Transition in Asia”, Asian Population Association.
- International Seminar on Past and Present: Revisiting the Demographic Transitions in the South through Individual Longitudinal Data** will be organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Historical Demography and International Institute for Populations Studies (IIPS) Mumbai, India from 17-19 January 2013. For additional information, please contact one of the following Panel members: Faujdar Ram (fram@iips.net), Michel Oris (Michel.Oris@unige.ch).
- The **XXVII International Population Conference** will be held in Busan, Korea 26-31 August 2013. The call for papers lists 21 general themes and 165 sessions. The International Organizing Committee invites members of the population community to submit abstracts to the appropriate session or theme. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 15 October 2012. For more information about the conference, please visit the IUSSP website: <http://iussp.org/busan2013/index.php>



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The 2nd APA Conference 2012 in Bangkok - Conference Themes

THE 2ND ASIAN POPULATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
26-29 AUGUST 2012
BANGKOK, THAILAND

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

The APA invites the submission of abstracts from scholars engaged in research related to any of these following themes:

- Fertility - levels, trends, determinants, policies
- Reproductive and sexual health
- Mortality, longevity and health
- Infant and child health
- International migration
- Internal migration and urbanization
- Demography of refugees and displaced people
- Population aging and intergenerational relations
- Labor force and employment
- Population and education
- Environment, climate change and population
- Poverty, population and development
- Household, marriage and family
- Life course analysis in Asian countries
- Gender issues – social norms and son preference
- Techniques of demographic analysis
- Data quality and accessibility
- Population policies and programs
- Others and posters

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