

Asian Population Association Council Meeting

20 February, 2017

At Lehu Hotel, Baoshan Campus, Shanghai University,
Shanghai, China

Minutes of the Meeting

The formal meeting of the 2nd APA Council meeting was held at 09.00 a.m. on Feb 20th, 2017 at Lehu Hotel, Baoshan Campus, Shanghai University.

Present:

Doo-Sub Kim, President
Terence Hull, Immediate Past President
Baochang Gu, Vice President
Bhassorn Limanonda, Treasurer
Santhya KG, Council Member
Sureeporn Punpuing, Council Member
Wendy Hartanto, Council Member
Yasuhiko Saito, Council Member
Rossarin Gray, Executive Secretary
Secretariat Team member in attendance:
Saowapak Suksinchai, Sarayut Sakultantimetha

1. Doo-Sub Kim welcomed members. The agenda was confirmed.
2. Doo-Sub Kim introduced Wendy Hartanto who could not attend the first meeting of the Council, Rossarin Gray, the new Executive Secretary, and Sarayut Sakultantimetha, a new APA Co-ordinator, to the members.
3. Doo-Sub Kim thanked Leiwan Jiang for hosting APA council meeting and appreciated all arrangements that Leiwan Jiang and team have made.
4. Doo-Sub Kim took the members through the agenda of the meeting; he informed the Council members that the main purpose of Council meeting was to discuss the 4th APA conference to be held in 2018, and that the Council meeting would be followed by a meeting with the National Organising Committee of the next conference and a site visit.
5. Rossarin Gray presented a brief report of the activities conducted by the Council during 2016 and January-February 2017. She reported that the first meeting of the 4th AP Council was held in Bangkok in January 2016.. Rossarin Grey took charge as the new Executive Secretary on 20th February 2016. Sarayut Sakultantimetha was appointed as a new part time APA co-ordinator on 19th September 2016. A meeting between the APA, represented by Doo-Sub Kim, Baochang Gu, Paul Yip, Wendy Hartanto and Rossarin Gray, and the staff of Asian Demographic Research Institute of Shanghai University took place in Shanghai in October. President Kim visited IPSR in December to discuss the preparation for the second Council meeting and financial situation of the APA. The registration of the APA council members was completed in February 2017.
6. K G Santhya reported on the activities of the Scientific Groups. She informed the Council members that three SGs were approved in July 2016. They included: (1) SG on On-belt one-road strategy: Implications on population dynamics and socio-ecological impact, chaired by Prof. Leiwen Jiang; (2) SG on Demographic, Economic and Social Implications of Changing Age Structure in Asian Countries, chaired by Professor Leela Visaria and co-chaired by Professor

Baochang Gu; and (3) SG on Population Aging and the Family in Asian Context, chaired by Prof. Teerawichitchainan. She further informed that the SG on Demographic, Economic and Social Implications of Changing Age Structure in Asian Countries has announced the call for papers in July 2016 and received 53 abstracts, that the SG members are in the process of reviewing the abstracts and are expected to have completed the review process by end of February 2017, and that the SG are in the process of raising funds for organising a workshop. The SG on On-belt one-road strategy has announced a call for papers in December 2016, with the aim of organising the workshop in October 2017. The SG on Population Ageing and the Family has not yet announced any activities. Doo-Sub Kim mentioned that while the SG Chair has the freedom to recruit a new member, s/he should inform the APA SG Coordinator before formally recruiting any new member. Terry asked how the topic of OBOR involved other countries in Asia and Santhya agreed to send the proposal to Terry.

7. Bhassorn Limanonda gave a financial update of the APA. She reported that the amount remained in the account as of January 2016 was \$34,639.71. The income earned during 2016 amounted to \$8,225.75, derived from membership fee from 76 members, interest earned and donation in the form of non-reimbursement of air fare of some of the APA Council members who attended the first Council meeting and donation from Doo-Sub Kim of approximately \$1600.00. Bhassorn noted that earnings from membership fee continues to be very small. The expenses during 2016 comprised the cost of hiring the APA coordinator and cost related to administration and finance, and amounted to \$13,231.96 and the remaining balance at the end of 2016 was \$29,633.54. Bhassorn advised that further cost savings is required. Bhassorn also mentioned that the new brochure was kindly donated by Doo-Sub Kim.
8. Doo-Sub Kim informed that Council members that IPSR has managed to reduce operating cost of the APA Secretariat by 33% and thanked the IPSR for it.
9. Saowapak Suksinchai confirmed that the APA member registration has been approved in February, and that the Secretariat is waiting for the approved documents to be sent to Nakornpathom local office and approved by the local office which would take about 1 month. Doo-Sub Kim expressed his thanks to Saowapak.
10. Terry Hull enquired about the status of bank accounts and was informed that number of bank accounts has been reduced from four to two. Doo-Sub Kim advised that the name of authorised person will be changed on the account once the registration process is finished.
11. Sarayut reported on the membership status. He noted that as of December 2016, there are some 1,081 members; of these, 88% are professionals and the remaining are student members. Some 48% are males, 31% are females and the sex is not known for the remaining members. Of the 1,081 members, 55 members have paid membership fee for 2017, including those who made advance payment. One member decided to leave the APA membership. Terry sought a clarification on the spreadsheet that Sarayut shared summarising the distribution of APA members by nationality and Doo-Sub Kim clarified that it reflected both place of residence and citizenship.
12. Sarayut informed the Council about the changes in the website, including addition of a new section called population live which provides information on conferences, call for papers, and other news items and findings regarding activities and visitors to the website. He noted that on average, the site is visited by 4,000 people daily. While he used to update the population live section every second day, he has not been able to do so since January 22nd and he commented that number of visitors has come down to 3,000. Doo-Sub Kim noted that the website needs to be updated and reminded Saito to take a look as he was given the responsibility for it previously. Sarayut promised to update the website proactively.

13. Bhassorn Limanonda mentioned about issue with payment through Paypal as it is not available in some countries and recommended about setting up Western Union account. Terry commented that a lot of members are interested in paying the membership fee and they simply forget, and therefore, reminders should be send out 3-4 times every year. Sarayut informed that one reminder was sent out in January and the next one will be send out in May.
14. Doo-Sub Kim reported on collaborations with other Population Associations. The chair of IOC of the Population Association of America has approved our proposal to organise a session on cross-border marriages at PAA conference in Chicago, with funding support to the presenters from Hongkong, Taiwan, China and Korea. He noted that he will try to seek similar kind collaboration with other associations; he had met with the President of the European Population Association and discussed about organising a APA session in their meeting and vice-versa. He observed that the APA has a good relationship with IUSSP thanks to Sureeporn, but has some problem with the Latin American Association as he has not received any response from them.
15. The Council members have agreed to form IOC and SC. The APA Council will serve as the IOC, with the APA president as the chair. SC will be chaired by Sureeporn and will include Rossarin, Santhya and Leiwan Jiang. The chair of the SC would be responsible for the abstract review process, selection and scholarship.
16. The Council also agreed to continue with the OXFORD system for abstract submission and review process
17. The Council members also discussed about the registration fee for the 4th conference, although no final decision was made during the meeting
18. Finished the meeting by 11:30pm 20th Feb., 2017