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## President's Message

Dear APACPH colleagues,

I am pleased to report the successful progress of APACPH activities 2010-2011.

The APACPH Secretariat moved to Hawaii from Melbourne last year. We are very grateful to our Australian colleagues from Curtin University (Professors Liveris & Colin Binns team), Queensland University of Technology and Monash University (Professor Oldenburg and his team) for their tremendous contribution to APACPH over the past 13 years. We are also very appreciative to Professors Walter Patrick and Jay Maddock and their team for their work in establishing the secretariat at the University of Hawaii.



APACPH President: Prof  
Hokama, MD, PHD

The annual meetings of the Executive Board, the General Assembly and the 42nd Annual Conference were held in Bali, Indonesia last November. The Conference was hosted by the University of Indonesia, and co-organized by local universities. On behalf of APACPH, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Professor Bamgbang and his wonderful team for hosting such a successful meeting.

At the GA meeting we passed several resolutions on constitutional matters and other issues. The current constitution is revised to accommodate according to the secretariat transition and the introduction of individual membership after a 3 month rectification period. Please refer to the GA meeting minutes for details. According to the new constitution, the Management Committee and the Executive Board Meeting will be reorganized to run APACPH activities. I would like to express appreciation to Professors Amin Jalaludin and Masamine Jimba for their work as chairs of the Constitutional Committee in undertaking this work.

Professors Walter Patrick, Jay Maddock, Phitaya Charupoonphol and Myoungsei Sohn were elected as the Secretary General, Honorary Secretary, First and Second Vice President, respectively. KITT University, MAHSA University, Bina Husada College and Jaffna University were welcomed as new member institutions.

Progress of the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health has been outstanding and we congratulated Prof Wah Yun Low for the great achievements with the Journal. This included achieving an impact factor for the Journal and a record number of articles submitted and published.

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## *President's Message, continued*



The ICUH progress report informed us that the certification programme was started in 2010 and they are looking forward to the start of the MPH program. These programs will be very helpful for graduate students and young health workers in the Asia-Pacific region.

Budget allocations for APACPH activities including the annual conference, publishing of the APJPH, supporting regional offices, the International Cyber University for Health, the ECN program, the mini-grants program, collaborating centers and other activities will be made according to approvals given at the EMB and the GA meetings. APACPH resources are mainly from membership fees. Accountability and transparency to member institutions is of critical importance. We need to devise a plan to develop our activities based on voluntary work by using limited resources in this fiscal year. Furthermore, it is necessary to find another new source of funding as well as to use efficient technology-mediated means for conducting our meetings. These issues will be discussed in Financial Committee chaired by Prof HY Chiou.



The second University President's Meeting on Strengthening Professional Education was presided over by Presidents Gumilar Somantri (University of Indonesia) and Wen-Ta Chiou ( Taipei Medical University). Please refer to the President Declaration. The Ambassador Program Committee (Professors Chiou, Southby, Binns, Patrick, and Hokama) will develop the Ambassador Program with Prof Wen-Ta Chiu who is ambassador of a programme to develop a multi-country pool of Asia Pacific Leaders to promote health, peace and harmony.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> APACPH conference will be hosted by Yonsei University in Seoul in October 2011. Prof Han-Joong Kim, President of Yonsei University, invited all of us to attend the Seoul meeting during the closing ceremony of the Bali meeting. At this time, we can reconsider our vision, goals and objectives.

We all hope that the year of the Rabbit will bring further progress in bringing health to all of the citizens in our region.

I wish you all the best for 2011.



Executive Board Meeting, Bali 2010.



**Tomiko Hokama, MD,  
PhD**

APACPH President

## CHINESE NEW YEAR News Flash

Today I am pleased to inform you that President Wen-Ta Chiu from Taipei Medical University, who was our APACPH President last year, has been appointed Minister of Health Taiwan.

Dr. Wen-Ta Chiu, who has doctoral degrees in Medicine and Public Health, is a world renowned Neuro-Surgeon, who developed a three University based hospital complex linked closely with the community. He is most recognized in the field of Injury Prevention and Disaster Management and is credited with the reduction of motorcycle deaths through the correct use of helmets in Taiwan and other parts of the world.

The first APACPH Collaborating Center of Excellence in Disaster Management & Injury Prevention was established at Taipei Medical University. The center provides training to both experts, young professionals and students. Dr. Chiu has sponsored Injury Prevention workshops and symposia at our APACPH conferences for the last several years. He is truly an outstanding champion for healthcare in the region and an exceptional expert who brings the gentleness of humility to his job.

We wish him well and success!

Aloha,

Walter Patrick MD, PhD  
Secretary General, APACPH





# APACPH Public Health Heroes Medal

By: Chrisshanne Sebastiampillai (Chair, ECN South East Asia Chapter)  
& Dr. Fatma Lestari (Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia)



The Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health and the University of Indonesia created The Public Health Heroes Medal in 2010 to recognize the sustained and outstanding contribution of academics to the health improvement of communities through teaching research and service. These individuals through their charisma and perseverance over more than two decades in their field of expertise have provided leadership to shape national policy, enhanced research, stimulated teaching and extended services to the urban and rural disadvantaged and the well-being of the People of Indonesia and the Asia-Pacific.

Six individuals were conferred the PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES MEDAL OF HONOR. They are: Dr. Does Sampoerno, Dr. Ascobat Gani, Dr. Adik Wibowo, Dr. Dr. Hasbullah Thabrany, Dr. Alex Papilaya, and Dr. Bambang Wispriyono. University of Hawaii was also honored, including those who were faculty or alumni.



*3rd APACPH Member University President's Meeting– Bali, 2010*

This prestigious meeting of Rectors from the leading universities in Indonesia and Presidents from Asia-Pacific Universities was convened by President of University of Indonesia Professor der Soz Gumilar Somantri. The consultative meeting was attended by 20 Academic leaders, Presidents, Rectors, Vice Presidents as well as several Deans and senior faculty from more than 40 universities from 25 countries. Drs. Walter Patric, Bambang Wispriyono and Adiek Wibowo served as facilitators for the consultation.

The discussions focused on the increasing burden of disease due to non communicable diseases (NCD) and the contributory factors in the Social Determinants in Health (SDH). The challenge the participants concurred upon was the urgent need to enhance the social responsibility of universities so as to respond to current and emerging needs in health among local communities, nationally and globally. They observed that the traditional patterns of training in Medicine, Public Health, Nursing and others were inadequate to meet the new challenges. The Rectors, Presidents and Deans agreed that the need for multi-professional approaches and inter-disciplinary training and research were essential to address the complex issues in health improvement. There was consensus that partnerships with NGOs, relevant government ministries and international agencies on problem solving field oriented training be expanded. There was also strong support to improve inter-disciplinary training at the undergraduate level on global health focused on life style behaviors (NCD) including social determinants impacting on health.

The Presidents Rectors and Academic Leaders pledged to implement these recommendations on the Bali Presidents Declaration on The social responsibility of universities with respect to NCD & SDH.

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## *President's Meeting, continued*

### **2010 Draft Declaration**

We, The Presidents & Leaders of Universities in Indonesia and The Asia- Pacific Region,

- Recognizing the complex relationship of the cause and effects of diseases declare that we need to;
- Look at comprehensive ways of addressing Non Communicable Diseases and Communicable Diseases affecting societies in various stages of development especially with respect to emerging health challenges in a globalizing world.
- Work together in the reform and change of Public Health Paradigms at every level of education – undergraduate, graduate and research.
- Engage to share the experiences of government, industries, universities, social society, professional organizations, etc so it can be incorporated into professional training, service and research as the best practice in existing and emerging public health problems.
- Strengthen the partnership, networking and collaboration in education, student and academic staff exchange, researches and information dissemination.

To pursue and encourage an interdisciplinary approach of researches and works in Public Health because of today's problems are complex and multi-faceted.

The Presidents of Universities and members of the APACPH hereby commit to achieving these initiatives by providing and creating an enabling environment in their respective institutions with the goal of promoting the health and well-being of all citizens of the world.

We pledge to support the improvement of competency in Public Health issues across various key disciplines including Medicine, Nursing and to address other inter-related fields. We therefore emphasize public health training to be enhanced.



# International Cyber University for Health

## Online Public Health Certificate Program at ICUH

ICUH (International Cyber University of Health) is pleased to announce "2011 Online Public Health Certificate Program". This program aims at helping health professionals who want to expand their knowledge and advance career in public health among APACPH member institutes.

- Participants: Students or alumni of APACPH member institutes with B.S. degree.
- Curriculum: Three courses per semester– two courses from core courses and one elective courses from the specialized fields (Students can complete the certificate program in one year by taking 3 courses per semester).
- Program fee: \$100 (\$50 per semester)
- Please refer to ICUH Homepage <http://icuh.yonsei.ac.kr> for more specific information and to apply to the program. [Application form should be submitted to ICUH by March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 via email \(icuh@yuhs.ac\).](mailto:icuh@yuhs.ac)
- Spring semester will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup> and end in July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Course list:

	2011 Spring Semester	2011 Fall Semester
Core Courses	Research Methods, Biostatistics	Epidemiology, Health Program Evaluation
Electives (One course per semester)	Health Economics, Injury Prevention, Health Promotion	Rural Health in Island, Social Determinants of Health, Health Infomatics

If you have any question, please contact us via email ([icuh@yuhs.ac](mailto:icuh@yuhs.ac))



# 43rd APACPH Conference

## Call For Abstracts

The organizing committee of the 43<sup>rd</sup> APACPH Conference invites you to submit abstracts for the academic program.

### Schedule For Abstract Submission

Abstracts Submissions Deadline	May 1, 2011
Photo Submissions Deadline	June 1, 2011
Abstract Acceptance Notification	July 1, 2011
Deadline for Early Bird Registration	August 31, 2011

Please

submit your abstract online at the 43<sup>rd</sup> APACPH conference home page: <http://apacph2011.org/>

Acceptance of your abstract and notification will be informed by July 1, 2011. The presenting author must register at the time of abstract submission.

### Format for writing the abstract

- The abstract should be written in English.
- The title of paper should be brief and clear in bold capital letters, size 14, center positioned, and single space.
- The Author's name should begin with full first name, middle initial and last name (the name of the presenting author should be underlined), size 10, and justified to the left.
- Text for abstract: Font 12 point, Times New Roman font, single space, and justified. It must not exceed 300 words (2,236 characters including spaces)
- The text of the abstract should include the purpose of the study, subject sample, statement of methods, summary of results and brief conclusion. Authors should not use headings (i.e., Introduction, Methods, and Results) within the abstract.
- Up to four key words should be identified and placed below the abstract.
- Please choose the session for which you would like to submit your abstract from the table below. You need to indicate preference for either oral or poster presentation.

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**Call For Abstracts, continued**

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2	Public Health and Ethics
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4	Disaster Management
5	International Maternal and Child Health
6	Industrial Health
7	Environmental Health
8	Global Oral Health
9	U-health/ Tele-Medicine/ Tele-health/ E-Learning
10	Social Determinants of Health
11	National Health Insurance
12	Disease Control
13	Public Health Nursing
14	Injury Prevention
15	Epidemiologic Transition
16	Primary Healthcare and Public Health
17	Safety Community
18	Miscellaneous

### **Congratulations to KIIT University!**

We would like to congratulate KIIT University on the success of being awarded the privilege of hosting the 99th Indian Science Congress, with academic partnership of National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER). This is a national and global event that will be held in Bhubaneswar, India in January, 2012. KIIT University became a member of APACPH during our conference in Bali, and we are honored that they are a part of APACPH.



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