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President's Message

Dear APACPH colleagues,

I am very pleased to report the following APACPH activities during the first half of 2010. The APACPH Management Committee met by teleconference on January 19th (organised by the Melbourne office) and the Taipei Medical University hosted a face-to-face meeting in Taipei on March 18th. The mid-term Executive Board meeting was held in Colombo on June 4th, 2010. I really appreciated Profs Wen-Ta Chiu and Hung-Yi Chiou and their team for hosting the Management Committee Meeting. The mid-term Executive Board meeting was hosted by the University of Colombo, Faculty of Medicine. Drs A. Samanta and Pramod Samantaray from Orissa, India were invited to address us at this Colombo meeting. The Global Health Symposium was held successfully on June 5th at Colombo Medical School. We all congratulated the Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health (reported by Editor, Prof Wah-Yun Low), International Cyber University for Health (reported by Prof. Young Moon Chae) and Early Career Network (reported by Dr Kremlin Wickramasinghe and Dr Paula Palmer) on the wonderful progress of their activities. Prof. Dr Suliong Chin reported on the two awards they received for their Rural Medical Education Collaboration Centre UMS activities. I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dean Harshalal Seneviratne and Dr Indika Karunathilake and their team for hosting such a successful meeting.



APACPH President: Prof
Hokama, MD, PHD

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42nd APACPH Annual Conference

The 42nd Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health's annual conference will be held in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia, November 24–27, 2010. This year's conference is hosted by Universitas Indonesia. The main theme is *Strengthening Public Health Institutions to Address Non-Communicable Diseases and Emerging Health Challenges*.

Conference programming will include a wide range of relevant public health topics beneficial to participants.

Registration is now open and spaces are limited. **Please find important conference dates and details on page 5.**



President's Message Continued...

"Each member is encouraged to send ten colleagues/students to the conference."

The APACPH Secretariat moved to Hawaii from Melbourne during the first half of this year. The transition committee (chaired by Prof. Walter Patrick) presided over the transition process. We are very grateful to our Australian colleagues from Curtin University (Professors Mark Liveris & Colin Binns' team), QUT and Monash University (Prof. Brian Oldenburg and his team; Miss Sonja Firth, Mr. Colin McInnes, Mr. Desmond Gul and Ms. Emma Freaun) for their tremendous contribution to APACPH over the past 13 years. We are also very appreciative to Professors Walter Patrick (SG) and Jay Maddock (Director), Bruce Wilcox and Yuanan Lu, and Ms Yuka Jokura (Executive Officer) for setting up the new Secretariat at the University of Hawai'i.

The APACPH Executive is proposing that the current constitution be revised to reflect the change in the secretariat and to make possible the introduction of individual memberships. To date, APACPH membership has been limited to institutions, typically Schools of Public Health, Universities or Research Institutes. Prof Jimba from the Membership Committee has prepared a proposal calling for the introduction of individual membership. The Constitution committee (chaired by Prof. Amin Jalaludin) is now reviewing the draft of the new constitution.

The Finance Committee (chaired by Dr. Hung-Yi Chiou) presided over financial issues. Although the 2009-2010 financial year is now underway, the budget that can be allocated for APACPH activities is very limited. We will need to devise a plan to develop our activities based on voluntary work and use only limited resources this year. In addition to reducing operating costs, it is necessary for APACPH to explore new sources of funding and fund raising opportunities.

The Global Health Ambassadors Programme was established to develop a multi-country pool of Asia Pacific Leaders to promote health, peace and harmony. Prof Wen-Ta Chiu will serve as ambassador of the programme at Taipei Medical University for the next three years. The Ambassador Programme Committee (Profs Wen-Ta Chiu, Richard Southby, Colin Binns, Walter Patrick, and Tomiko Hokama) will meet to develop the programme. It was also confirmed at the Executive Board meeting that Indigenous Health will be one of APACPH's priorities for the next two years. Other priorities include global health curricula and research opportunities to be extended to all members.

The APACPH Annual meeting for 2010 will be held in Bali, Indonesia from November 24-27 (www.apacph2010.or.id). Prof Walter Patrick and I visited Nud San University to see our local colleagues, Prof. Dr. I Made Bakta (Rector, Udayana University) & Prof. Dr. Ketut Suastika (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Udayana University) on June 7th with Prof Bambang Wispriyono team. The venue will be a wonderful place to discuss "Strengthening Public Health Institutions to Address Non Communicable Diseases and Emerging Health Challenges" and to review our vision, goals and objectives. Each member is encouraged to send ten colleagues/students to the conference.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting in Bali.

Tomiko Hokama, MD, PhD

APACPH President



Aloha from the Honolulu Secretariat

Aloha APACPH Members,

I am pleased to announce the official opening of the APACPH Secretariat office in Honolulu, Hawai'i. I would like to thank Professor Oldenburg and his staff for all of the work they have done in supporting the Secretariat over the past several years. There are many challenges and opportunities facing APACPH in the coming years for our organisation to address and we are looking forward in assisting in these matters.

I would like to introduce the new staff that will be assisting with the Secretariat.

The new secretariat staff includes:

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<i>Lyndsay Haywood,</i>	<i>Graduate Assistant</i>	lyndsay@apacph.org

All staff are supported in-kind by the University of Hawai'i. We have been working closely with President Hokama, Secretary-General Patrick and other board members in the transition phase. We look forward to working closely with the board as we develop a strong Secretariat in Honolulu.

We are excited to host the new Secretariat office and to be part of an outstanding organisation. It is our goal to continue to achieve the highest possible level of health for all peoples and nations of the Asia-Pacific region.

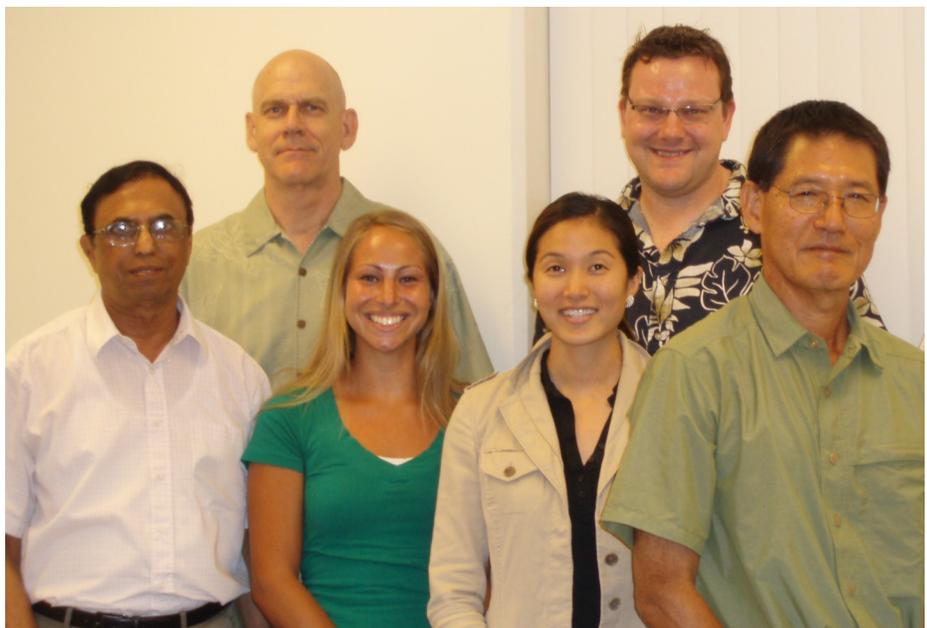
We look forward to the APACPH conference in Bali November 2010 to hopefully meet many of you.

Sincerely,



Jay Maddock, PhD

Honolulu Secretariat staff from the left: Profs Walter Patrick, Bruce Wilcox, Ms. Lyndsay Haywood, Ms. Yuka Jokura, Prof Jay Maddock, Mr. Ron Paik



The Secretary General's Updates



Prof Walter Patrick, MD,
PhD

I am pleased to report that the APACPH Secretariat relocation has been completed and I wish to thank the Secretariat staff at Melbourne and Honolulu for a relatively smooth transition.

Constitutional Updates

The following changes are being proposed to accommodate membership interest:

- multi –country registration with potential for fund raising,
- decentralisation with strengthening of APACPH offices, and
- expanding membership categories.

Other constitutional changes are also being proposed. Dr. Amin Jaldeen, the APACPH President Elect, chairs the Constitutional Committee and members are requested to send their suggestions to him. The current APACPH Constitution is available on our website www.apacph.org for review.

Executive Board Meeting Updates (Colombo, Sri Lanka)

The Executive Board Meeting arrangements and the conduct of the Colombo Global Health Conference were well attended and quite productive. The Global Health Conference was attended by the Vice Chancellor of Colombo University (Professor Hirimburegama), Secretary of Health MOH Sri Lanka (Dr.Ruberu) and faculty from five universities in Sri Lanka including those affected by the civil war in the North and East. Dean Harsha Seneviratne (Faculty Medicine University), faculty and students designed and conducted the Global Health Conference. On behalf of APACPH, I wish to thank Dean Seneviratne and our colleagues in Colombo for an excellent conference and several follow-up activities to strengthen the training and services in war impacted zones. The effectiveness and weaknesses of several ongoing collaborative efforts of services in Internally Displaced Person Camps with MOH,WHO and NGOs were reported.

A number of universities in the US Mainland, Australia, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, India and Sri Lanka have indicated interest in APACPH activities.



Group photo at the executive board meeting in Sri Lanka June 4th and 5th. Photo courtesy of Dr. Fatma Lestari.

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SG Updates Continued...**Other Exciting Developments**

Prof. Dr. der Soz. Gumilar Rusliwa Somantri (President of Universitas Indonesia), and Dean Bambang Wispriyono, PhD (Universitas Indonesia Faculty of Public Health), and Dr. Wen Ta Chiu (President of Taipei Medical University) are providing the leadership for the continuing APACPH President's Forum on Global Health Education at the Bali Conference.

The 42nd APACPH Global Health Conference has attracted a number of internationally renowned keynote speakers. Several Symposia cut across specific issues such as *Non Communicable Diseases*, *Social Determinants of Health* and broader concerns such as *Conflict Violence* and *Peace for Health in the Asia Pacific Region*.

Acknowledgements

I wish to thank several faculty and students for their assistance to the SG office and especially to the Early Career Network members including Chrisshanne Sebastiampillai and Dr. Kremlin Wickremesinghe and Dr. Ashwinie de Alwis.

The Faculty of Public Health team from Universitas Indonesia: Bambang Wispriyono, PhD, Fatma Lestari, PhD and Ede Surya Darmawan, SKM, MDM, have developed an excellent APACPH Bali Conference programme and are to be congratulated. Please check the conference website: www.apacph2010.ac.id, and submit your meeting abstracts by the extended deadline, August 15, 2010.



A group photo of the University Presidents' meeting which took place in Taipei on 4th December 2009 in conjunction with APACPH's 41st Conference hosted by Taipei Medical University and APACPH's 25th Anniversary.

Major activities of the SG (past six months):

1. The relocation of the APACPH Secretariat from Melbourne to the University Hawaii Honolulu.
2. Follow-up on The University President's Declaration on Global Health Education for the future. (Please see the Declaration on the APACPH Website).
3. Coordinating activities related to the 42nd APACPH conference in Bali November 23-27, 2010.
4. Planning for the Executive Board Meeting in Colombo and Global Health Conference-June 4 & 5th.
5. Assisting in the APACPH Membership drive.

Bali Conference

**The 42nd Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium
for Public Health Conference**

Strengthening Public Health Institutions to Address Non Communicable diseases and Emerging Health Challenges

Co-Organizers

**Bali, Indonesia
24-27 November 2010**

The 42nd Annual APACPH Conference registration is now open. Please note important dates and deadlines below. There are two ways to register:

1. Download the registration form on the conference website
2. Contact the conference organisers

Please see below for registration rates. The abstract submission due date has recently been extended an additional month to August 15, 2010. Submission information can be found on the conference website.

Important Dates:

Abstract submissions due date	August 15, 2010
Abstract acceptance notification	September 15, 2010
Deadline for early bird registration	October 30, 2010
Late and on site registration	November 1 - November 24, 2010



**Registration is
now open!**

Registration Rates:

	Early Bird (until October 30, 2010)	On Site
Member	USD 350	USD 450
Non Member	USD 400	USD 500
International Student	USD 250	USD 350
Domestic	IDR 3.000.000	IDR 3.500.000
Domestic Student	IDR 2.000.000	IDR 2.500.000

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Bali Conference



Click [here](#) for conference programme

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Planning Team's Site Visit to Conference Hotel Nusa Dua Bali June 8th 2010

(From left to right) – Ede Surya Darmawan, SKM, MDM; Prof Tomiko Hokama; Prof. Walter Patrick MD, PhD; Fatma Lestari, PhD; Bambang Wispriyono, PhD; drg. Wahyu Sulistiadi, MARS.

ECN's annual photography exhibition and competition will be held this year in Bali at the 42nd APACPH Conference. Submissions are now accepted. For further details please visit <http://www.apacph2010.org/pages/photo-exhibition.php>. We would like to request from APACPH members to give wider publicity for this event and to encourage their students to take part.

Following the ECN photo exhibition in Taipei, It was suggested to develop advocacy skills among ECN members to get active engagement of media for health promotion. ECN is now developing a DVD on APACPH health promotion activities and the photos submitted to the ECN photo exhibition will be used to develop further health promotion materials.

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Conference Website
www.apacph2010.org

Early Career Network News

Updates from the Early Career Network (ECN) were provided by Dr. Kremlin Wickramasinghe who will chair ECN at the end of this year.

ECN Involvement at Bali Conference

ECN will be organising a workshop in collaboration with the WHO on injury prevention at the 42nd APACPH conference. Details will soon be available on the conference website.

ECN is working with the Asia Pacific hub of HealthGain which is led by Prof Sharon Friel to develop a leadership course in Social Determinants of Health and health equity. Capacity building in the region to address Health equity was highlighted at the post conference workshop in Taipei in December 2009. The next step will be a symposium on Social Determinants of Health at the 42nd APACPH Conference in Bali. We wish to discuss the challenges and opportunities for early career researchers to work on health equity and provide them with necessary guidance and use this symposium to identify mechanisms of support. We would like to invite all ECN members to attend this important symposium in Bali.

Other ECN News

ECN wishes to explore the possibility of organising rotating summer schools with member institutions. If you are interested in organising this or getting involved please email me for further details. kremlin.wickramasinghe@dphpc.ox.ac.uk

ECN developed a proposal with Prof Brian Oldenburg (Monash University, Australia) to develop research skills among early and mid career professionals in the region. This is a collaborative programme with the World Health Organization to provide further training to translate evidence to policy in non communicable disease prevention and health promotion. Initially this will be piloted in India, Sri Lanka and Malaysia with the intention of expanding to other member institutions.

Member Notices

Annual Subscription Payments

Invoices for the 2010 APACPH member subscription have been sent out. Please process your payment as soon as possible. Payments of invoices are due on August 26, 2010. For those who have made payments, thank you. We will send out a receipt shortly.

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