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## President's Message

### Site Visiting to KITT University

A site visit to Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KITT) was carried out by Dr Tomiko Hokama and Dr Walter Patrick responding to invitation by Dr Samanta, Founder of KITT University on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the day of Mahatma Gandhi's birth. They attended the memorial ceremony at Kalinga Institute of Social Science (KISS) and celebrated the day with Founder, Chancellor, vice Chancellor and many other faculties of KITT and KISS. Dr Walter Patrick gave a message from APACPH to the children of KISS educational programs.



APACPH President: Prof Hokama, MD, PHD

Dr Samanta was invited to the last Executive Board Meeting after Dr Indika's visit to KITT University. Dr Samanta presented about KITT University's mission and objectives and he showed interest in participating in APACPH at the June Colombo Executive Board Meeting.

The KITT meeting for discussion about participation in APACPH and main area of collaboration was carried out with Dr Samanta and KITT and KISS Executive Faculty members on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The meeting was chaired by Vice Chancellor, Dr AS Kolaskar. After the site visit, we confirmed that KITT meets APACPH introduction criteria. The introduction process will be preceded in due course.



After meeting photograph with participants from KITT



**Tomiko Hokama, MD, PhD**

APACPH President

## The Executive Board Meeting of APACPH and the International Conference on Global Health, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010 respectively in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo co - hosted the above activities with APACPH. The association of and interactions between these two academic institutions has been growing in strength during the past decade. The opportunity for the Faculty of Medicine to make the local arrangements for these meetings was accepted with much enthusiasm and anticipation. The academic, research and social activities were expected to be at a high level and those who participated were exposed to the best in this regard.



The proceedings commenced with the Executive Board meeting of APACPH held at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel in Colombo. Discussions involved the future activities of APACPH in general and its business and organizational issues. The focus was on the dissemination of academic activities related to Public Health, particularly those in the developing countries.



The International Conference on Global Health was a very informative and exciting one. After a brief opening ceremony, the symposia dealt with issues on provision of health care, oral health, health issues arising from migration and the Millennium Development goals. In a single day, the quantum and range of issues dealt with were remarkable. It was indeed a unique opportunity to benefit from the experiences of the experts gathered at this meeting. The wealth of information that was passed across the room would be the basis for future research.



The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo is thankful to APACPH for this opportunity to organize these activities and is proud to have successfully co -hosted the International Conference on Global Health with APACPH.

Professor Harsha Senevirathne,  
Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University  
of Colombo, Sri Lanka



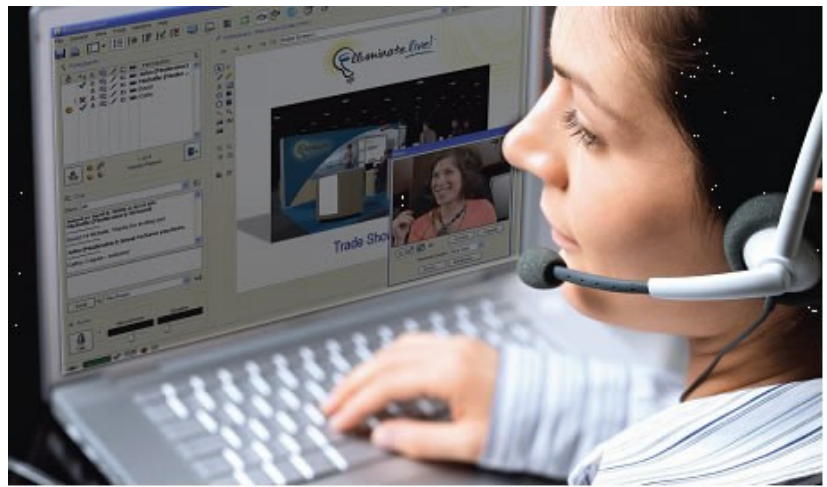
## Distance Learning Now Available For Members

APACPH's membership spans the vast Pacific basin. In these geographically diverse areas, providing learning to students and public health professionals is a challenge, especially among the myriad of islands that compose Indonesia and the Philippines.

By using the internet, distance learning can bridge these wide expanses. This capability is now available for APACPH members through the Honolulu secretariat and the University of Hawaii. Elluminate *Live!* allows multiple participants to view written presentations and ask questions over the internet. Other features include on line breakout sessions for smaller group discussions. This system has already been used to connect participants in Honolulu and the island nation of Chuuk over 5100 kilometers away.

The Honolulu secretariat is very interested in distance learning and is offering Elluminate *Live!* at no charge to APACPH members. As part of this effort, several sessions of the APACPH Bali conference will be broadcasted 'live' over the internet. Selected broadcasts will also be videotaped for later viewing.

If you are interested in learning more about this service please contact [media@apacph.org](mailto:media@apacph.org)



A participant using Elluminate *Live!*



### **Capacity-Building for Global Health Initiative**

A significant research and training capacity-building initiative coordinated by the Secretariat with Regional Offices will be officially launched at the Bali Conference. The initiative's purpose is to incorporate into member's existing research and education programs areas such as globalization and health, climate change and health, health equity, eco-health and others.

The initiative will include training courses and workshops, beginning with a Global Health Summer Institute in June 2011 run by Hawaii's Global Health Program in collaboration with the East West Center (Honolulu) and UC Berkeley School of Public Health. A parallel series of research meetings is being planned for 2011-2012 focused on applying social ecological perspectives and problem-solving methods. Details will be provided and the opportunity for additional member feed back will be offered during Session 12 at the Conference.

## *APACPH's New Constitution*

The Consortium is a fully functional registered non profit organization in Hawaii; back to its founding locus 25years ago in Honolulu. In keeping with the mandate of the General Assembly and Executive Committee Decisions, APACPH has proposed a more participatory oriented organization and constitution that reflects options for multi country APACPH registration with a planned relocation of the Secretariat to interested member countries. There are organizational changes recommended for greater effectiveness in policy implementation through an expanded executive council and a smaller management board. This reorganization recognizes the need for greater cohesiveness in managing the interests of a widely dispersed membership halfway across the world. Along with this reorganization is a focused decentralization of activities with expanded duties for Officers, Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs and a more active partnership with Regional Offices to establish Regional Secretariats where it is appropriate. However APACPH's mission and objectives remains vitally the same: To address the needs of vulnerable populations through multi university collaboration in service, training and research in the Asia Pacific Region.

The following key changes in the constitution are proposed:

- (i) An Organizational structure that expands the policy making General Assembly from Institutional to include Individual Members with designated membership fees
- (ii) An expanded Executive Council made up of the Officers and representative of all major functional units in the organization: Regional Offices, Editorial Office, the International Cyber University for Health (ICUH), the Early Career Network (ECN) The Collaborating Centers as well as appropriate representation for individual members.
- (iii) The formal establishment of a Management Board made up the Officers.
- (iv) Values and processes that promote a sense of self sufficiency and voluntarism in program development are to be enhanced
- (v) Rules and processes to promote initiative and ownership in problem solving are to be emphasized
- (vi) Ethical standards and transparency and control in financial matters to be ensured through timely financial reports and audits.
- (vi) Measures to close down the organization in a relatively short fixed period and to ensure relocation of the secretariat in a member country without serious disruption of services clearly established.

Committee Members: Co Chair Dr. Walter Patrick, Dr. Jimba Masamine Dr.Wen Ta Chiu  
Dr.J.Maddock

Prof. Amin Jaludin President Elect APACPH  
Deputy Vice Chancellor University Malaya  
Chair Constitution Committee Report

## Presidents' Meeting at the Bali Conference

The 42<sup>nd</sup> 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

Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium  
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Faculty of Public Health  
Universitas Indonesia

The President of Indonesia is convening a University Presidents Meeting at the 42nd APACPH Conference 24-27 November. About 20 Presidents are expected to attend. The purpose is to highlight their vision and strategies to enhance professional education related to health. The Bali conference will focus on strengthening education to address emerging challenges in NCD /CD in the Asia Pacific Region.



From left to right: Dr. Dian Ayubi, SKM, MQIH; Prof. Dr. dr. Adik Wibowo, MPH; Dr. dra. Ririn Arminsih, M.Kes; Bambang Wispriyono, Ph.D (Dean FPH UI); Prof. Dr. der Soz. Gumilar Rusliwa Somantri (Universitas Indonesia President); Fatma Lestari, Ph.D; drg. Wahyu Sulistiadi, MARS; Ede Surya Darmawan, SKM, MDM

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conference  
programme



**Conference Website**  
[www.apacph2010.org](http://www.apacph2010.org)

# International Cyber University for Health

## A brief introduction to the International Cyber University for Health



Responding to a great deal of disparity in academic resources among APACPH member institutes, Yonsei University in Korea established the ICUH (International Cyber University for Health) on May 3, 2004, to provide a distance online learning program offered to those who seek information on the discipline of Public Health, education and networking opportunities, and research and public health programs. From this fall semester, ICUH will offer a one-year Online Public Health Certificate Program, so health professionals can be prepared to meet the needs of future public health professionals and to improve public health among developing countries. In collaboration with APACPH, the ICUH serves as the educational focal point for the provision of public health education in the Asia-Pacific region.



President Dr. SOHN and Dr. Chae pausing in front of the ICUH sign.



Dr. Sohn, President of ICUH.

There have been many activities to support developing countries internationally. However, it would be more valuable and worthwhile to train precious human resources, so that they can serve as health professionals in their countries instead of [providing intermittent relief or help](#). Distance learning has the potential to deliver the precious resources of knowledge to the most impoverished countries so the public health workforce can access up-to-date training on skills, information and new science to improve public health. Through the one-year Online Public Health Certificate Program, health professionals can have the APACPH PH Certificate, which prepares them to meet the needs of future public health professionals and to improve public health among developing countries.

## Online Public Health Certificate Program

ICUH (International Cyber University of Health) is pleased to announce the one-year Online Public Health Certificate Program starting this fall semester. This program aims at helping health professionals who want to expand their knowledge and advance their careers in public health among APACPH member institutes.

- ♦ Participants: Students or alumni of APACPH member institutes with B.S. degree.
- ♦ Curriculum: Four courses per semester– two courses from basic field and two elective courses from the specialized fields (Students can complete the certificate program in one year by taking 4 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 should reach ICUH by September 17, 2010.

	2010 Fall semester	2011 Spring semester
Core courses	Epidemiology	Research Methods
	Health Program Evaluation	Biostatistics
Electives (Two courses per semester)	Rural Health in Island	Health Economics
	Social Determinants of Health	Disaster management
	Health Informatics	Occupational Health



Dr. Chae and Dr. Park pausing in front of the ICUH sign

Several schools located in the center of Yonsei University including College of Social Science, Graduate School of Public Administration, Graduate School of Communication & Arts, College of Business and Economics and School of Business. In the Fall, you can enjoy the schools covered with beautiful autumn leaves radiating their red, yellow and golden-green colors in addition to pleasant and nice weather.



## *Rural Medical Education Centre News*

The Rural Medical Education Centre (RMEC) of the School of Medicine, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is located in rural Sikuati, north of the beautiful island of Borneo Malaysia. In 2008, APACPH President Professor Tomiko Hokama and Secretary General Professor Walter Patrick were instrumental in the signing of the MOU with UMS as the lead institution with APACPH and member institutions (University of Ryukyus, University of Hawaii, University of Philippines & Tzu Chi University). Hence, this Centre of Excellence, the brainchild of the founding Dean Professor Dr Osman Ali, serves as a hub for collaborative rural and island health care research, education and service projects, both regionally and internationally.

It is envisaged that the RMEC will continue to serve as a platform in bringing together extensive experience and expertise to address the emerging needs and challenges universal in the Asia Pacific region. These include:

- rural and island health care accessibility
- disaster management in typhoons, earthquakes, tsunamis
- specific and diverse health risks of indigenous, migratory and aging populations
- advancing trends of communicable and non-communicable disease patterns
- social determinants of health
- peace and health



Rural Medical Education Centre Universiti Malaysia Sabah



The RMEC is also the home-base for our innovative, multi-award winning inter-professional University-Family Partnership in Community Wellness Program (PUPUK). In addition, our emphasis on rural medical education both locally and virtually (with ICUH) is evident of our utmost commitment and effort in bringing rural health education forward.

APACPH members are invited to extend and expand this APACPH network for rural and island health through collaborative initiatives in that together, we can contribute toward the effective delivery of health equality and security for all.

[Contact us at: [osmanali@ums.edu.my](mailto:osmanali@ums.edu.my) or [suliong@ums.edu.my](mailto:suliong@ums.edu.my)]

(Photo to the right) MOU with APACPH President Prof Tomiko Hokama, UMS Dean Prof Osman Ali, Sikuati Community Development Officer, UMS Dr. Suliong Chin, APACPH Secretary General Prof Walter Patrick



Post-APACPH Seminar 2008 in RMEC UMS



Visit to rural village

## Member Notices

### **RSVP Reminder for the 42nd Annual APACPH Conference General Assembly Meeting**

This year's APACPH General Assembly will take place on 24th November at the Hibiscus Room of the Bali International Conference Centre in Bali, Indonesia. An official invitation from the president were sent out. If your institution is an APACPH member but did not receive this invitation, please contact [secretariat@apacph.org](mailto:secretariat@apacph.org).

Along with the invitation, a call for nominations were sent out. Nominations and election inquiries can be sent to the Elections Officer, Prof Young Moon Chae.  
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