

**Report on Early Career Network  
Of the Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health  
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**A Tribute to the late Prof. Walter Patrick Walter**

Prof. Walter Patrick was the founder of the Early Career Network of APACPH, formed to with the objective of promoting and supporting young health professionals in public health through international collaborations. His sudden demise has been a shock and a great personal loss for many of our members. A Memorial service attended by several ECN members was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2014 at the St. Joseph's Church, Colombo in memory of Prof. Walter Patrick. ECN will also launch a booklet commemorating his life story and his invaluable contribution to the field of public health.

**Capacity Building Workshop on Grant Writing, 46<sup>th</sup> APACPH Conference, Malaysia**

This workshop, catering to early career public health professionals who are new to grant writing will be organized and conducted by the Early Career Network (ECN). Conducted by Prof. Paula Palmer and Dr. Kremlin Wickremasinghe, the main objective of the workshop is to guide young public health researchers to develop grant applications to pursue funding for research. It would be a highly interactive workshop with hands-on sessions where the participants would get the opportunity to work with an expert grant writer. It would cover a multitude of topics including possible grant opportunities, grant formats, review criteria and scoring, establishing collaborations and identifying funding Partners.

**ECN meeting**

An ECN meeting will be held during the 46<sup>th</sup> APACPH conference, with the aim of planning future activities. It would serve as a forum to discuss major issues faced by ECN in obtaining regular funding, running the website and increasing active member participation.