

Report on the APACPH Accreditation Programme

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Accreditation has become a priority area for APACPH since 1990s. During the Taipei 41st General Assembly and the 25th Anniversary APACPH Celebrations in 2009, the need for Global Health Programs at APACPH Members Institutions was recognised. In October 2011, during the 43rd APACPH-Seoul, General assembly endorsed the recommendation to implement Accreditation and mandated the Accreditation Committee to (i) Assess issues concerning “Accreditation For Public Health Education” across the Asia Pacific Region Countries as well as to examine national level accreditation requirements

APACPH accreditation initiative was launched at the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University on 29 March 2012. This Accreditation Conference on Public Health Education in the Asia-Pacific Region was attended by fifty international and local experts from 10 APACPH member universities. The conference addressed issues related to the need for accreditation; competencies required in the MPH and the procedures and requirements for institutional accreditation. This momentum was continued by the Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia with the support of the University of Indonesia at the Accreditation meeting held in Jakarta (21-22 May 2012). At this meeting, the APACPH PHE Accreditation Model was designed and approved. The APACPH Accreditation guidelines were launched during the Accreditation conference held on June 2013 in Sichuan University, Chengdu, China. The declaration of the Wuhan 2013 conference endorsed the accreditation initiative. The process for accreditation and the budget was approved during the Management Board meeting held on Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March 2014. During this meeting, Universitas of Indonesia expressed the interest for undergoing accreditation.

During the APACPH accreditation workshop held in Seoul, Korea on 21st June accreditation criteria were finalized. Universitas of Indonesia will initiate the exercise. Universitas of Indonesia will send an application letter to the APACPH Secretariat and the exercise process will commence. University of Yongsei had showed interest to conduct the exercises for Korean PH program Accreditation together with APACPH accreditation.

The APACPH accreditation Secretariat is now established at Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

A Tribute to the late Prof. Walter K. Patrick

Prof. Walter Patrick was the pioneer of the APACPH accreditation initiative. The vacuum created by his sudden demise will be very difficult to fill. Reaching the goals of accreditation initiative will be a great tribute to this true leader.