

Regional Director Report

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No	Item	Quantity/Status
1	Names of Institutions	QUT, UNSW, Monash, Curtin, Victoria & Deakin
2	New Potential Members (<i>Please specify</i>)	University of Sunshine Coast
3	Paid Members (up to current year)	Four universities QUT, UNSW*, Monash*, Curtin* (* have advised payment is in process) Informed by Victoria & Deakin that they have let their membership rest for 2018.
4	<p>Report on activities on APACPH Collaborations</p> <p>Australian APACPH members provide continued strong support for the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health (APJPH) through editorial contribution (e.g. Prof Binns volunteers two days a week), peer review, providing workshops for writing papers (2 workshops) and the contribution of manuscripts. Some manuscripts describe research undertaken in partnership with APACPH fellow members. Prof Binns deserves special acknowledgement as he volunteers over 2 days a week for editing work. The regional office encourages those publishing in the APJPH to develop communication strategies to boost exposure and Altmetrics.</p> <p>Australian Universities generally appear active developing and maintaining regional APACPH partnerships. For example, led by Prof Michael Dunne, QUT's work with Hanoi University of Public Health (HUPH) is primarily focused on collaborative projects related to PhD project supervision. In 2018 QUT had three staff from HUPH undertaking doctoral research. This year QUT will have six joint publications with HUPH colleagues. Generally, Australian APACPH member Universities cooperating with other APACPH universities in PhD supervision and thesis examination.</p> <p>There are also reports of cross-visiting appointments with member universities. For example, University of Malaya has appointed Prof Michael Dunne (QUT) as a visiting professor for 2018-2019 in the research management office of the Medical School. QUT has also partnered with Kagawa Nutritional University in hosting students and professors for week-long immersion in sports dietetics and community nutrition). In 2017 Australian regional office launched a Learning and Teaching webinar. QUT hosts the regional office website. https://www.qut.edu.au/health/about/schools/school-of-public-health-and-social-work/asia-pacific-academic-consortium-for-public-health</p>	
5	Future Plan for the Region:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member recruitment 	The Australian Regional Director and the General Secretary are preparing a list

		of universities to invite for membership.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Activities 	<p>Retention of membership is a priority. The RD follows-up on membership payment as the invoices often seem to go astray.</p> <p>Letters for engagement will be written to DVC International of member universities to support retention.</p> <p>The RD will continue to support learning and teaching initiatives such as the L&T Innovation webinar series launched last year.</p> <p>Further engagement with CAPHIA to look for alignment and partnership.</p> <p>We will discuss and plan new co-operative activities at the annual meeting.</p> <p>Increased documentation of partnerships arising through APACPH membership.</p>