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**PUBLIC HEALTH**

# **APACPH MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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Venue: BCKK, Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia

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# PREVIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTE 2023

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## ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Agustin Kusumayati Dr. So Yoon Kim	President, Regional Director Indonesia President Elect, International Cyber University for Health (ICUH) Regional Director Korea	Dr. Yuanan Lu Dr. Naruemon Auemaneekul Dr. Mary Young Soon Choi Dr. Syazmi Mohd	Regional Director Hawaii ECN Co Director ICUH Director Apacph Executive Officer
Dr. Betty Chiu	Vice President 1 Regional Director Taiwan	Dr. Wipob Suttana Dr. Basri Aramico	Mae Fah Luang University Muhammadiyah Aceh University
Dr. Victor Hoe Dr. Indika Karunathilake	Vice President 2 Secretary-General Early Career Network (ECN), Regional Director South Asia	Dr. Masaharu Kagawa Dr. Dra. Ida Yustina Dr. Mohd Yusof Ibrahim	Kagawa Nutrition University Universitas Sumatera Utara University Malaysia Sabah
Dr. Maznah Dahlui	Vice President Administrative Regional Director Malaysia	Dr. Janaka Pushpakumara Dr. Rebecca Ivers	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka University of New South Wales
Dr. Hung-Yi Chiou Dr. Wah Yun Low	Vice President Finance APJPH Editor-in-Chief President Emeritus	Dr. Mondastri Korib Sudaryo Dr. Tan Bin	Universitas Indonesia Xiangnan University
Dr. Elahe Nezami Dr. Sarawut Thenapondh Dr. Philip Baker	Regional Director USA Regional Director Thailand Regional Director Australia	Dr.H.Hamam Hadi Dr. Iwan Muhammad Ramdan	Alma Ata University Universitas Mulawarman



Dr. Farida Wahyu	Universitas Jember	Ms. Bairave	Universiti Malaya
Dr. Tahir Aris	Malaysia NIH	Shunmugam	
Dr. De Silva	University of Columbo	Dr. Nithra	Naresuan University
Dr. Muhammad Aziz Rahman	Federation University Australia	Kitreerawutiwong	
		Dr. Yu Chan Lin	Kaohsiung Medical University
Dr. Riza Septiani	Universitas Muhammadiyah Aceh	Dr. Sanjay Rampal	Universiti Malaya
Dr. Noor Ani Ahmad	Ministry of Health Malaysia	Dr. Orawan	Mahidol University
Dr. Noraini Abdullah	UNIKL-RCMP	Kaewboonchoo	
Dr. Chao-Chun Wu	Health Promotion Administration (Taiwan)	Dr. Hsu Li Yang	National University of Singapore
		Dr. Yasaswi Walpita	University of Columbo
Dr. Pichitpong Soontornpipit	Mahidol University	<b>Virtual Attendance</b>	
Ms. Hyeon Jeong Park	Yonsei University	Dr April Camila	Universiti Malaya
Ms. Hyo Jung Sea	Yonsei University	Dr Jun	University of Philippines
Dr. Romnalin Keanjoom	Naresuan University	Dr Araya	Thailand
Dr. Fadilah Aini	Universitas Sumatera Utara	<b>Minutes Taker</b>	
Dr. Indri Hapsari Susilowati	Universitas Indonesia	Dr. Syazmi Mohd	APACPH Executive Office
Dr. Mimmie Watts	Federation University Australia	Dr. Syakinan binti Mohamaed	UNIMAS
Dr. Shuangni Duan	Xiangnan University	Dr Asfinah binti Mohd Sharkawi	UNIMAS
Dr. Shi-Huai Xiao	Kaohsiung Medical University	Dr Jason Loo Tze Yong	UNIMAS
Dr. Ratih Wirapuspita	Universitas Mulawarman		
Dr. Lih-Ming Yiin	Tzu Chi University		
Dr. Norhazman Shah bin Hashim	Hospital Umum Sarawak		
Dr. Santi Martini	Universitas Airlangga		
Dr. Wei Cheng Lo	Taipei Medical University		
Mr. Panupong Patarachao	Mae Fah Luang University		

Topic	Issue/Matter	Action Needed
<b>Welcome members</b>	Dr Agustin Kusumayati extended her warm welcome to all Deans and delegates	Information
<b>Confirmation of 2023 General Assembly Minutes</b>	The members went through the last meeting minutes. The 2022 General Assembly Minutes (21 <sup>st</sup> September 2022) were accepted.	Proposed: Dr Agustin Kusumayati Seconded: Dr. Basri Aramico (Muhammadiyah Aceh University)
<b>President Report</b>	<p>Dr. Agustin Kusumayati presented her report, which detailed four ongoing/completed activities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Global Network for Academic Public Health (GNAPH)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APACPH is a founding member.</li> <li>• GNAPH aims to advance global public health through collaborative learning among academic public health institutions.</li> <li>• The 1<sup>st</sup> General assembly had appointed the 1<sup>st</sup> management team.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) President: Laura Magana (ASPPH)</li> <li>(2) President elect: Robert Otok (ASPHER)</li> <li>(3) Treasurer: Suren Thirakumaran (SEAPHEIN)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. World Congress on Public Health 2023 in Rome, Italy</b></li> <li><b>3. Collaboration with Indonesian Accreditation Agency for Higher Education in Health (IAAHEH)</b></li> </ol>	

	<p>IAAHEH has submitted a draft Memorandum of Understanding between APACPH and IAAHEH for review. The attached draft is to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.</p> <p><b>4. APACPH Student Exchange Program</b> To conduct APACPH exchange student program. More details of the program can be reviewed in the president report at Appendix 1 GA/2023</p> <p>The President report is on Appendix 1 GA/2023</p>	
<b>President elect report</b>	<p>Dr. So Yoon Kim provided her report, announcing the official launch of the APACPH Korea Office. She emphasized the office's collaboration with the APACPH Secretariat for the upcoming 55th Conference in Busan.</p> <p>The President-Elect's report can be found in Appendix 2 GA/2023.</p>	
<b>Secretary General Report</b>	<p>Dr. Indika Karunathilake delivered his report, highlighting the significance of the working together in the areas of Education, Research, and Collaborations to improve the state of the region. There are 3 main areas to be improve on. First is the continuous opportunity development. A mentoring program will be established for junior professionals utilizing the full potentials of APAPCH. It was emphasized that work has begun on formulating the framework and Terms of Reference (ToR) for the APACPH mentoring program. Secondly is the APAPCH Accreditation initiative to be continuously updated. It was first launch in 2014.</p>	To forward the implementation guideline of the program

	The Secretary-General report is on Appendix 3 GA/2022	
<b>Vice-President Administrative</b>	<p>Dr Maznah Dahlui presented her report.</p> <p>Highlights from her reports are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The appointment of Professor Dr. Bruce Maycock as the 'Special Envoy for Planetary Health, Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium of Public Health,' with the Terms of Reference (TOR) still pending.</li> <li>2. New individual and institutional memberships: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Dr. Matthew Kelly – senior researcher fellow and convenor of the Master of Public Health Program, Australian National University</li> <li>II. Federation University Australia</li> <li>III. Xiangnan University (China)</li> <li>IV. Naresuan University (Thailand)</li> <li>V. Reappointment of Prof. R.Surenthirakumaran as the 2023 election officer.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The host for the 55th APACPH Conference (October 2024) will be the Korea Association of School of Public Health &amp; APACPH Korea</li> <li>4. Currently the secretariate office had received an application of interest by Mae Fah Luang University to host the next APACPH 56th Conference in Thailand. Deadline to submit application of interest is until ECM 1/2024.</li> <li>5. New member inductions during the General Assembly 2023: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Federation University Australia</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Agreed by GA members.</p> <p>Individual and Institutional membership applications was approved by GA members</p> <p>The members agreed on the decision collectively.</p> <p>For information</p>

	<p>II. Xiangnan University, China  III. Naresuan University, Thailand  IV. Institute of Population Health Sciences, National Health Research Institutes, Taiwan</p> <p>6. APACPH Leadership Awards  <u>Medal Of Merit Award Recipient:</u>  I. Professor Dato Dr. Jamilah binti Hashim  II. Professor Dr. Victor Hoe Chee Wai  III. Professor Dr. Hung-Yi Chiou</p> <p><u>Excellence in Leadership Medallion Award Recipient:</u>  Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Professor Dr. Sim Kui Hian</p> <p><u>APACPH Public Health Recognition Award Recipient:</u>  Violette Tan @ Helping Hands Penan</p> <p><u>The Professor Kazue K.McLaren Leadership Achievement Award Recipient:</u>  Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Noor Hisham bin Abdullah</p> <p><u>APACPH YITA Awards</u>  The recipient for YITA awards 2023 are as follows:  I. Fathimah Sulistyowati Sigit - Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia.  II. Mihidinee Amasha Hapuarachchi - University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.  III. Aruni Oshadi Polwaththa Gallage - University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.</p>	<p>For information</p>
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	<p>IV. Muhammad Iqhrammullah - University of Muhammadiyah Aceh, Indonesia.</p> <p>7. The next ECM meeting will be in Seoul on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and workshop on the ByLaws on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</p> <p>The VP Admin report is on Appendix 4 GA/2023.</p>	The secretariat will provide the invitation letter once the venue is confirmed.
<b>Vice President Finance Report</b>	<p>Dr HY Chiou presented his report.</p> <p>The Vice President Finance Report is on Appendix 5 GA/2023</p> <p>Currently 46 members had paid for their membership fees. Current balance ~ USD 434,000.00</p>	
<b>Vice President 1 Report</b>	<p>Dr Betty Chiu presented her report.</p> <p>The Vice President 1 report is on Appendix 6 GA/2023.</p>	
<b>Vice President 2 Report</b>	<p>Dr Victor Hoe presented his report.</p> <p>The main objective is to promote online learning.</p> <p>The Vice President 2 report is on Appendix 7 GA/2023</p>	
<b>Reports from regional directors</b>	<p><u>Thailand</u> Regional Director Thailand Report is on Appendix 8 GA/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently, Thailand has 8 active members with potentially 2 mores from Thailand and 2 more Vietnam.</li> </ul> <p><u>Australia</u> Regional Director Australia was done verbally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 active members currently</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The major challenge in securing Australian universities is due to the overlap with CAPHIA (Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australasia).</li> </ul> <p><u>Hawaii</u> Regional Director Hawaii report is on Appendix 9 GA/2023</p> <p><u>USA</u> Regional Director USA was done verbally.</p> <p><u>Malaysia</u> Regional Director Malaysia Report is on Appendix 10 GA/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malaysia office currently has 7 active members with 3 new potential members.</li> <li>Dr Maznah proposed to have Monash Malaysia to be under Australia regional director office.</li> </ul> <p><u>South Korea</u> Regional Director Korea Report is on Appendix 11 GA/2023</p> <p><u>Taiwan</u> Regional Director Taiwan Report is on Appendix 12 GA/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully secured payment from all institutional members for their membership fees (10/10).</li> </ul> <p><u>South Asia</u> Regional Director South Asia report is on Appendix 13 GA/2023</p>	
<b>Induction of new members</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federation University Australia</li> <li>Xiangnan University, China</li> </ol>	

	<p>3. Naresuan University, Thailand</p> <p>4. Institute of Population Health Sciences, National Health Research Institutes, Taiwan</p>	
<b>APJPH Editorial Report</b>	<p>Dr Low Wah Yun presented her report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Low Wah Yun urged all members to actively promote the journal and continue citing papers from the journal.</li> <li>• Revenue primarily comes from university subscriptions. However, due to the impact of COVID-19, subscriptions have plateaued.</li> <li>• There are currently no plans to transition to a fully digital format.</li> </ul> <p>APJPH Editorial report is on Appendix 14 GA/2023</p>	For Information
<b>APACPH Collaboration Centres</b>	<p>APACPH webmaster report is on Appendix 15 GA/2023</p> <p>Early Career Network report in on Appendix 16 GA/2023</p> <p>Health Law and Bioethics Collaborating Centre report is on Appendix 17 GA/2023</p> <p>International Cyber University for Health (ICUH) report is on Appendix 18 GA/2023</p>	
<b>55<sup>th</sup> APACPH Conference welcoming speech</b>	<p>Dr So Yoon Kim proposed organising the 55<sup>th</sup> APACPH Conference in October 2024</p> <p>Location: BEXCO, Busan, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024.</p> <p>Organised: Korea Association of Schools of Public Health (KSAP), APACPH Korea.</p>	

<p><b>APACPH Election</b></p>	<p>Assoc Prof Dr Orawan Kaewboonchoo (acting election officer 2023) announce the candidates for the 3 APACPH positions.</p> <p><u>President Elect</u> Professor Dr Hung Yi Chiou – Taipei Medical University</p> <p><u>Vice President 1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professor Dr Betty Ya-Wen Chiu – Kaohsiung Medical University</li> <li>2. Hon Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Yusof Ibrahim – University Malaysia Sabah</li> </ol> <p><u>Vice President 2</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professor Dr Victor Chee Wai Abdullah – University of Malaya</li> <li>2. Professor Dr Elahe Nezami – University of Miami</li> <li>3. Professor Dr Philip Baker – Queensland University of Technology</li> </ol> <p>Emails had been dispatched to all eligible deans, totalling 46 institutional members, on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 containing information about two distinct methods for casting their votes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delegates can exercise their voting rights by following the given link. The deadline for online voting is from 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.</li> <li>2. In-Person Voting physically during the General Assembly (GA) meeting.</li> </ol> <p>Currently, 21 members have cast their votes using the provided link, with 25 more eligibles members who retain the right to vote during the General Assembly (GA).</p>	<p>GA Members approved of the voting method for 2023 APACPH Election.</p>
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Dr Agustin Kusumayati ask for confirmation to all GA members if voting via online communication and physically can be approved.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

1. President – Elect  
Professor Hung-Yi Chiou
2. Vice President 1  
Professor Dr Betty Ya-Wen Chiu
3. Vice President 2  
Professor Dr Elahe Nezami

**Meeting ended at 12:00 PM with Group Photo**



# APPENDICES

## Appendix 1 GA/2023



**PRESIDENT**

**PROFESSOR DR AGUSTIN KUSUMAYATI**

Dear Colleagues and Friends

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 54th Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) Conference in the beautiful city of Kuching, Sarawak. As the President of APACPH and a representative of Universitas Indonesia, I am thrilled to be part of this significant event.

Public health has never been more critical, and this conference offers a unique opportunity for us to come together and address the pressing health challenges of our time. Our theme, "Transcending the New Normal: Strengthening Public Health through Education, Research, and Collaboration", is both timely and relevant.

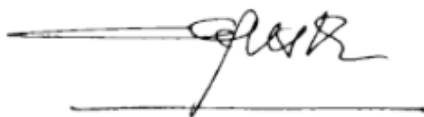
After passing the Covid-19 pandemic, we are now back to face various public health problems, from infectious communicable diseases to chronic non-communicable diseases. The situation that we should deal with, is even much more challenging. Public health status will affect our efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals, and vice versa. As public health professionals our efforts and contribution to solving and controlling the problems are basically in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, and early diagnosis and screening. Our tradition leads us to go far to the root causes of the diseases, including among others planetary and environmental factors and factors beyond health. Public health initiatives should then cover various aspects of human life and involve various developmental sectors. Education and

research become strategic initiatives in preparing competent human resources in Public Health and its related fields.

This 54th APACPH Conference is organized in line with the mission of APACPH to consistently play its role in developing Public Health Science and Technology through promoting collaboration in education and research. In this event public health scientists and professionals from various universities and institutions will meet and share their knowledge, invention, and experiences. We really expect that this meeting of minds will result in new ideas that will inspire new innovations in public health education as well as in public health practice. This event is also meant to provide our students and young generation of public health professionals with exposure to international scientific atmosphere.

In this good occasion I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) and the diligent organising committee for their dedication in bringing this conference to fruition. Over the next few days, we will hear from experts, share experiences, and forge connections that will drive positive change in Public Health across the Asia-Pacific Region.

I encourage you all to actively engage, exchange ideas, and explore opportunities for collaboration. Let us work together to transcend the challenges before us and build a healthier, more resilient future for our people. Thank you for your participation, and I eagerly anticipate the fruitful discussions and outcomes of this conference. May God bless us.



Warm regards,

Prof. Agustin Kusumayati, MD, MSc., PhD.  
President, Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health  
Secretary to the University, Universitas Indonesia.



## Appendix 2 GA/2023

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

### **PROFESSOR DR. SO YOON KIM**



Dear APACPH Colleagues

It was very important time for all of us to wait and prepare this 54th conference. I hope we can make paradigm shift from the COVID-19 to preparing future society by our public health.

Starting from this year, I prepared APACPH 2024 in Busan, Korea. Our team has been operating meetings related to APACPH 2024.

In this year, I had network meeting with several countries:

1. 2023.02.14-2023.02.18 National University of Kaohsiung / College of Medicine
2. 2023.03.01-2023.03.05 National University of Mongolia / College of Medicine
3. 2023.04.03 Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
4. 2023.06.05 – 2023.06.08 Hanoi Medical University / Hanoi Medical University Hospital.

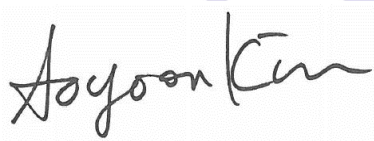
And I attended the World Congress on Public Health (WCPH) with the president and colleague. The 17th World Congress on Public Health was held in Rome, Italy at May.

In addition, Korea, Malaysia, and Indonesia had joint research meeting. This June in Seoul, Korea, we hosted a joint research meeting. There will be another meeting right after this conference in Malaysia.

See you soon !

Best wished,

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "So Yoon Kim". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a white rectangular background.

So Yoon Kim

President Elect, APACPH



## Appendix 3 GA/2023

**SECRETARY GENERAL**

**PROFESSOR INDIKA KARUNATHILAKE**



As the Secretary-General of APACPH, I have been actively engaged in a multitude of capacity-building initiatives within the spheres of public health and medical education, spanning across national, regional, and international platforms.

Continuous Professional Development (CPD) in public health is a domain where APACPH has the potential to be a global leader. Based on the APACPH public health competency framework, we have identified a robust framework of Continuous Professional Development (CPD), capacity building and mentoring of public health professionals. Subsequently, the formulation of the framework and the ToR (Terms of Reference) for the APACPH mentoring programme has been commenced. This proposed e-mentoring system would be a great opportunity for the mentees to be guided by highly experienced resource persons from the APACPH member institutions.

APACPH Accreditation initiative is a priority activity of APACPH. In December 2022, I attended the Asia Quality Forum for Medical and Health Profession Education, Bali, Indonesia, and was able to establish very strong collaboration with regional accreditation agencies. I am happy to inform the re-activation of APACPH accreditation programme following the COVID affected period of 2020-21. The APACPH Accreditation initiative continues to progress with the overarching objective of ensuring that member institutions and programs consistently meet the established

standards and exemplify quality benchmarks within the field of public health education across the Asia Pacific Region.

I had the privilege of representing the APACPH at the 17th World Congress on Public Health, which was held from the 2nd to the 6th of May in Rome, Italy. During this conference, I was able to highlight APACPH competency framework and establish strong collaborations and partnerships with global organizations and leaders in public health. Furthermore, I had the opportunity in participating in several conferences held in Singapore Indonesia, India, and Malaysia during 2022-23, where I had the opportunity to establish collaborations with global experts in in medical education and public health. I take great pleasure in informing that I was awarded the MILES (Mentorship, innovations and Leadership in Educational Innovations), a lifetime achievement award during the Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference (APMEC) held in Singapore in May 2023. I also had the honor of participating in the University of Malaya Health Academia Month Forum, convened on the 3rd of October 2023. During this event, I addressed the gathering on 'Addressing the Social Determinants of Health in Undergraduate Medical Education across the World'. These collaborative endeavors play a pivotal role in realizing APACPH's objectives by empowering and advancing regional growth.

Maintaining an up-to-date membership database is crucial for ensuring efficient and consistent communication with our members, as well as for organizing and executing various activities. Therefore, I took this responsibility as the Secretary-General and complete an up-to-date database with a short time span. I strongly believe the need for regular communication and inclusivity as essential factors for the growth of APACPH.

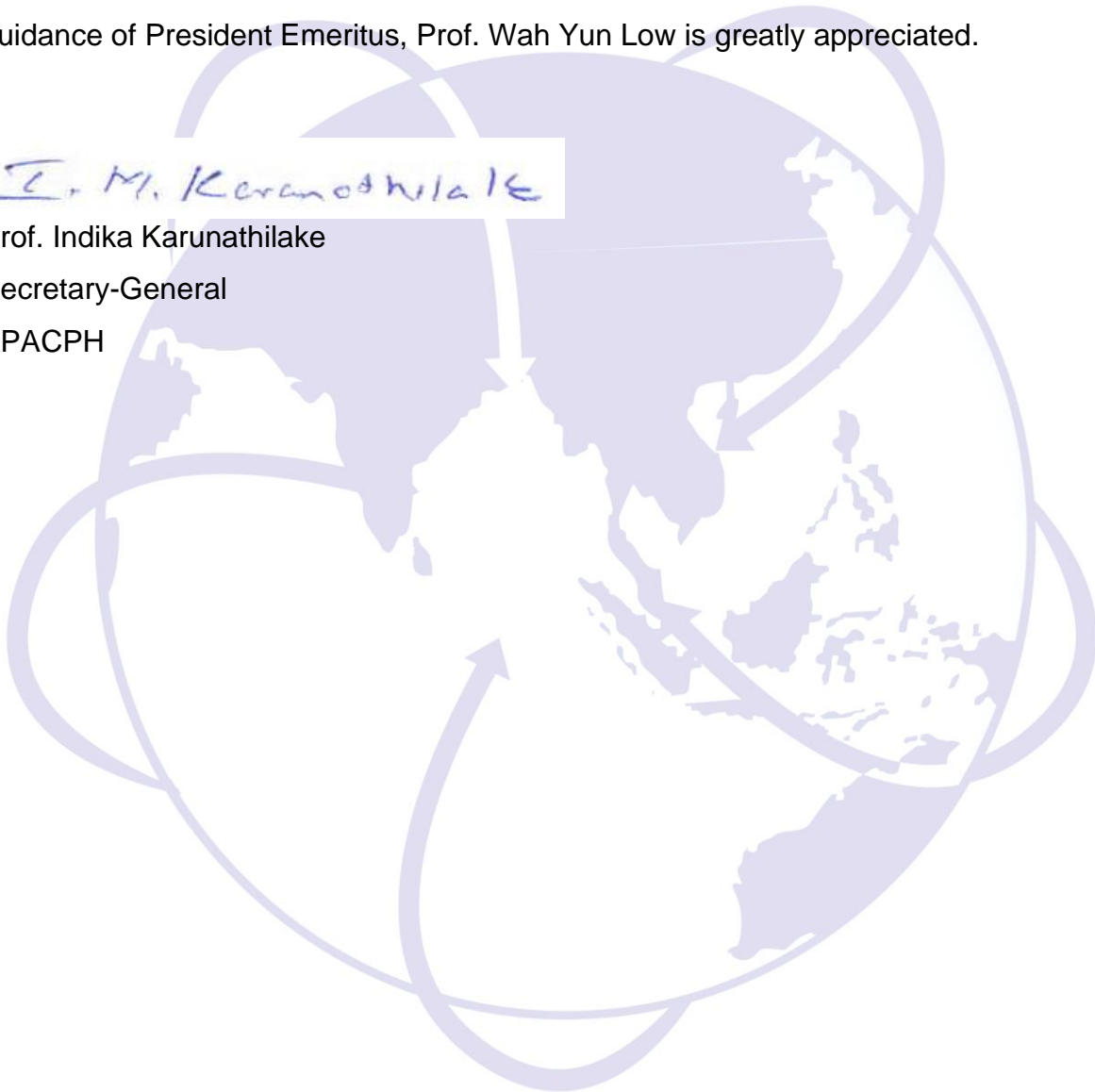
In my capacity as the Secretary-General of APACPH, I have was able to establish a very cordial relationship with the 54th APACPH organizing committee and work in very close collaboration to ensure and successful conference in-line with APACPH traditions.

I would like to thank and put in records the commitment and dedication of the staff of Secretary General's Office, Department of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, especially Ms. Mayuri Amarasiri, Ms. Pamodee Panchali and Ms. Bismi Randiligama. I would also like to acknowledge the support given by APACPH Secretariat and APACPH Treasurer's office. The support and guidance of President Emeritus, Prof. Wah Yun Low is greatly appreciated.



*Prof. Indika Karunathilake*

Prof. Indika Karunathilake  
Secretary-General  
APACPH



## Appendix 4 GA/2023

### VICE-PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATIVE

**PROFESSOR DR. MAZNAH DAHLUI**



#### **Notice of Invoice to all APACPH Institution Members**

Membership invoices were issued to all 79 institution members in early March, with a reminder sent in May-June 2023.

#### **Attended the Press Conference for the 54<sup>th</sup> APACPH Conference 2023**

The Secretariat Office attended the press conference, which was held on May 3, 2023, and was chaired by The Honourable Dato Sri Professor Dr. Sim Kui Hian, Minister for Public Health, Housing, and Local Government Sarawak, as part of the promotional event for the 54th APACPH Conference 2023 in Sarawak, Malaysia.



#### **Top Management Meeting 2/2023**

The outcomes of the Top Management Meeting 2/2023, held on June 26th, 2023, are summarized as follows:

1. Appointment of Professor Dr. Bruce Maycock as the 'Special Envoy for Planetary Health, Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium of Public Health.'
2. Approval of new members:
  - (A) Federation University Australia (pending Executive Committee consent)
    - Recommended by Professor Dr. Philip Baker, Regional Director of Australia.
  - (B) Individual membership by Dr. Matthew Kelly
    - Senior Research Fellow and Convenor of the Master of Public Health Program, Department of Global Health, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University.
3. Appointment of APACPH Election 2023.
  - The Top Management reappointed Dr. Suresh Kumar as the election officer for 2023.
4. Presentation by UNIMAS in regard to APACPH 54<sup>th</sup> Conference
  - The venue for the conference was confirmed to be the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, from October 30 to November 1, 2023.
  - The scientific committee members from APACPH include:
    - Professor Dr. Victor CW Hoe
    - Professor Dr. Betty Ya-Wen CHIU
    - Associate Professor Dr. Naruemon Auemaneekul
  - It was decided to grant the APACPH Merit Award to Prof. HY Chiou and Prof. Victor CW Hoe.

#### **Notice of Meetings for Executive Council Meeting 2/2023:**

The notice of meetings was sent out by May 2023. A reminder email was sent in August 2023.

#### **Election Process 2023**

- i. The call for nominations was issued to all Institution Members by April 14, 2023, and remained open until June 30, 2023. The Secretariat Office reviewed the nominations for eligibility and forwarded the list to the election officer.
- ii. The election officer verified the nomination list on September 5, 2023.

- iii. The list of candidates for the APACPH election, along with the online voting link, was distributed to all eligible members on October 6, 2023. (Online voting period: October 8 – 22, 2023).

### **New Member applications**

1. Xiangnan University, China (proposed by Prof Dr Yuanan Lu)
2. Naresuan University, Thailand (proposed Prof Dr Betty and vetted by RD Thailand)

### **Host for 55<sup>th</sup> APACPH Conference**

Korea Public Health Association was accepted to host the 55<sup>th</sup> APACPH Conference in Seoul, 2024 whereby Yongsei University will chair (Prof Dr Soyoon Kim while Prof Dr Maznah Dahlui had been appointed as the co-chair). APACPH secretariat will work together with Uni. Yongsei conference secretariat.

### **Host for 56<sup>th</sup> APACPH Conference**

The secretariat office had received an application of interest by Mae Fah Luang University to host the next APACPH 56<sup>th</sup> Conference in Thailand.

### **New members for induction during the General Assembly 2023**

1. Federation University Australia
2. Xiangnan University, China
3. Naresuan University, Thailand
4. Institute of Population Health Sciences, National Health Research Institutes, Taiwan

### **APACPH Leadership Awards**

Medal Of Merit Award Recipient:

1. Professor Dato Dr. Jamilah binti Hashim
2. Professor Dr. Victor Hoe Chee Wai
3. Professor Dr. Hung-Yi Chiou

Excellence in Leadership Medallion Award Recipient:

Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Professor Dr. Sim Kui Hian



APACPH Public Health Recognition Award Recipient:

Violette Tan @ Helping Hands Penan

The Professor Kazue K. McLaren Leadership Achievement Award Recipient:

Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Noor Hisham bin Abdullah

**APACPH YITA Awards**

The recipient for YITA awards 2023 are as follows:

1. Fathimah Sulistyowati Sigit  
Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia.
2. Mihidinee Amasha Hapuarachchi  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.
3. Aruni Oshadi Polwaththa Gallage  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.
4. Muhammad Iqhrammullah  
University of Muhammadiyah Aceh, Indonesia.

Warm regards,



Maznah Dahlui  
Vice President Administrative , APACPH

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### **VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE** **PROFESSOR DR. HUNG-YI CHIOU**

Dear APACPH Colleagues

The total amount of 2023 membership payments received as October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, is **\$68,279.66** USD from **44** APACPH member institutions. It's great news that the number of active members has gradually returned to the pre-COVID period. Meanwhile, the current balance in Taipei account is \$434,344.89 USD. Please refer to the balance sheet for more details (Appendix 1).

Starting from this year 2023, we resume our routine annual membership payment in order to catch up on our income deficit between 2021-2022. Since this year is also the year of APACPH executive election, many of our members paid their dues on time in order to be eligible for voting. Our current balance has been gradually recovered from the COVID-19 impact (cumulative balance was \$363,430.38USD for year 2020; \$386,734.64USD for year 2021; \$395,536.66USD for 2022 and \$434,344.89USD for 2023). As always, APACPH continues to grow with an emphasis on both member retention and member acquisition.

As one of the world's leading public health corporations, APACPH continues to strive for excellence in public health research. We have been offering funds to excellent scholars to conduct public health-related research. For instance, this year we have provided \$10,000 USD to our multi-center grant recipient with the intention to support excellent researchers and their work. It's essential for APACPH to have stable

membership income in order to continue providing resources and funds to retain our excellent researchers and partners. Meanwhile, our 54th APACPH 2022 Conference in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia will be an exciting opportunity for all of us to meet in person and exchange ideas and thoughts in achieving health equity in post COVID-19 era.

The 2023 Budget Projection is enclosed for your review (Appendix 1). I look forward to seeing everyone at the ECM in Malaysia!

Best wishes,



Hung-Yi Chiou  
Finance Vice President, APACPH



## APACPH Financial Report and Estimates for 2023

Expense (USD)	2022		2023	
	Estimated Expense Modified at ECM	Transferred Funds (USD)	Estimated expense (USD)	Transferred/ Approved at ECM (USD)
<b>1. Journal</b>				
SAGE (5-6 times/yr)	9,000.00	9,289.86	9,000.00	9,238.75
APJPH	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
<b>2. Annual Meetings</b>				
ECM/MBM/GA	15,000.00	4,500.00	15,000.00	5,100.00
Conference	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
<b>3. Administrative</b>				
KL Secretariat	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Treasurer Office	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>4. Other Projects</b>				
Project based approved by ECM (include	30,000.00	6,000.00	30,000.00	10,600.00
<b>5. Bank fees</b>	500.00	273.26	500.00	446.60
<b>Total Expenditures (USD)</b>	<b>97,500.00</b>	<b>63,063.12</b>	<b>97,500.00</b>	<b>73,385.35</b>

**APACPH Balance Sheet– Period  
of 2013-2023 Treasurer Office  
(Taipei)  
2023.10.03**

**Appendix I. Yearly Funds Available for period of period of 2013-2023**

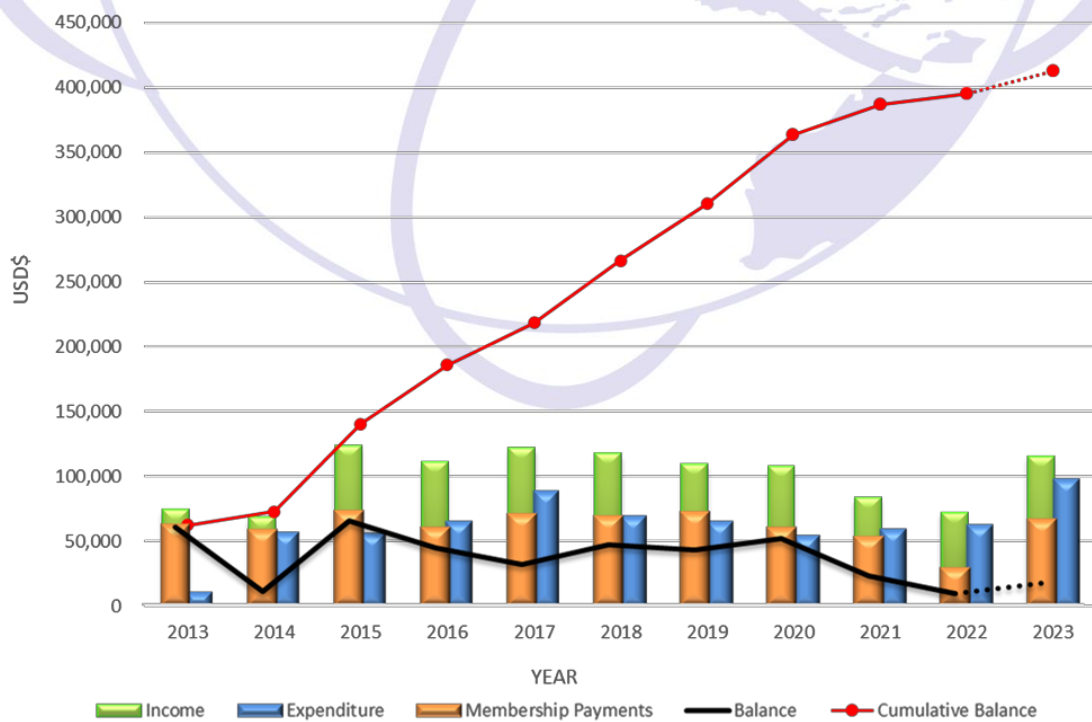
Year	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Cumulative Balance
2021	82,883.30	59,579.04	23,304.26	386,734.64*
2022	71,865.14	63,063.12	8,802.02	395,536.66
2023	112,193.58 (115,000.00) <sup>1</sup>	73,385.35 (98,400.00) <sup>2</sup>	38,808.23	434,344.89
<b>Total</b>				<b>434,344.89</b>

\*Cumulative Balance of 2020 (363,430.38) + Balance of 2021 (23,304.26)

<sup>1</sup> Anticipated 2023 total annual income. included.

<sup>2</sup> Total expenditure of budget adopted in 2023.

**Appendix II. Financial Status from 2013 to 2023**



2023 is anticipated total annual income and expenditure

### Appendix III. APACPH Income since 2022

#### Year of 2022

1. Membership Payments	28,792.34
2. Transfer from SAGE	43,072.80
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b><u>71,865.14</u></b>

#### Year of 2023

1. Membership Payments	68,279.66
2. Transfer from SAGE	43,913.92
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b><u>112,193.58</u></b>

### Appendix IV. APACPH Expenditure since 2022

#### Year of 2022

1. SAGE, FEB, MAR, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV	9,289.86
2. APJPH	30,000.00
3. The 53th APACPH Conference in PHILIPPINES	5,000.00
4. KL Secretariat budget	5,000.00
5. ECM meeting in Philippines	4,500.00
6. Project based (ECM approded)	
-Taiwan Regional Activities	1,000.00
-YITA Awards	5,000.00
7. Treasurer Office	3,000.00
8. Bank Fee	273.26
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b><u>63,063.12</u></b>

#### Year of 2023 (Calculated until OCT. 3rd.)

1.SAGE, MAR, AUG, SEP	9,238.75
2.APJPH	30,000.00
3.The 54th APACPH Conference Multi-centre Grant	10,000.00
4.KL Secretariat budget	5,000.00
5.ECM meeting in Kuala Lumpur	5,100.00
6.Project based (ECM approded)	
-Seed money for 54th APACPH conference	5,000.00
-Bangkok Regional Activities	1,000.00
-World Congress of Public Health Activities	2,600.00

-Financial assistance for Kuala Lumpur Regional Office	1,000.00
-Photography Competition	1,000.00
7.Treasurer Office	3,000.00
8.Bank Fee	446.60
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b><u>73.385.35</u></b>



## Appendix 6 GA/2023

### VICE PRESIDENT 1

PROFESSOR DR. BETTY CHIU



#### Attending Events as the Vice-President 1 of APACPH

1. Continuously participating in the “Asian Network for Vulnerable Populations and Health Security” monthly meeting (7 times to date)
  - Co-publish the letter to the editor, “Health of migrants and other vulnerable populations across Asian countries: Build Forward Better beyond the COVID-19 pandemic” in the Journal of Tropical Medicine and Health
  - Invited representatives from Japan, Vietnam, the Republic of Korea, and Thailand to join the 54th APACPH Annual Conference
2. Hosted and delivered closing remarks at the Asia Pacific Health Promotion and Non-Communicable Disease Prevention Three-Day Workshop in Taipei, July 20, 2023.
3. Given an opening address and recruited new member institutions at the 2023 Taiwan Public Health Joint Annual Conference on September 16  
Taken roles in APACPH-related committees, such as the International Scientific Committee, Research Committee, Conference Review Committee, and YITA Award Review Committee, etc.
  - Suggested event agenda planning.
  - Served as an abstract reviewer.

Betty Ya-Wen CHIU  
Vice-President 1  
APACPH



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### VICE PRESIDENT 2

#### PROFESSOR DR. VICTOR CW HOE

As the Vice-President 2 of APACPH the task to develop the online platform for teaching and learning for APACPH. APACPH has developed the online platform which located at Learning@APACPH.

(<https://learning.apacph.org/>).

The Learning@APACPH is an effort by APACPH to fill the gaps in knowledge and experience faced by public health practitioners at various levels.

There are three main areas of focus at Learning@APACPH:

1. To prepare students who have limited experience in public health for the Master of Public Health (MPH) programmes at our member institutions,
2. To provide top-up courses for public health practitioners who have just completed their MPH programme, and
3. To provide courses with a regional perspective.



APACPH encourages its member institutions to contribute learning materials to the online learning platform in term of courses for Continuous Professional Development. The **Learning@APACPH** platform should forms to complement the teaching and learning activities offered by APACPH members institutions.

I was invited by the College of Public Health, University of the Philippines Manila to share my paper on “Protection of Workers from Occupational Hazards in Schools and

Universities” during the 5<sup>th</sup> Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH) forum held from 24-25 November 2022 through the Zoom platform. The College of Public Health, UP Manila had a very successful forum, and the presentation was very well received by the participants.

The Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Sumatera Utara, Indonesia, an institutional member of APACPH paid a courtesy visit to the Universiti Malaya and the APACPH Secretariat office on the 30 November 2022. The team from USU was led by Prof Dr Dra. Ida Yustina, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health and accompanied by Ir Phd Etty Sudaryati, third vice-Dean, Faculty of Public Health, USU, Dra Phd Nurmaini Khalik and Dr. Phd Fazidah Augslina.



A delegation from the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University visited Universiti Malaya, the APACPH Secretariat, and the APJPH Office on the 16 March 2023. The delegation was led by the Dean, Assoc Prof Dr Sarawut Thepanondh, and accompanied by the Deputy Dean for International Relations, Assoc Prof Dr Orawan



Kaewboonchoo and Deputy Dean for Education Administration, Asst Prof Dr Chaiyanun Tangtong.

I had the opportunity to represent the APACPH at the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health – A World in Turmoil: Opportunities to Focus on the Public’s Health held from 2-6 May 2023 in Rome, Italy. I shared the paper on “Capacity building and

professionalization of the public health workforce: The Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health Experience” which highlights the work done by APACPH, which includes APACPH Yonsei University – International Cyber University of Health, APACPH Early Career



Network, the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health, Learning@APACH and the APACPH annual conferences. The paper was presented during the Global Network for Academic Public Health sponsor sessions. It was well reviewed and there were questions on some of those APACPH initiatives. The APACPH delegates which included President Prof Dr Agustin Kusumayati, President-Elect Prof Dr So Yoon Kim, Secretary-General Prof Dr Indika Karunathilake and Regional Director of The Americas Regional Office Assoc Prof Dr Elahe Nezami were there for the launch of the

Global Network for Academic Public Health.



President Prof Dr Agustin Kusumayati has proposed me as the representative from APACPH for the international assessor training for medical education programs organised by the Indonesian Accreditation Agency for Higher Education in Health (IAAHEH) in collaboration with the General

Medical Council Service International (GMC-SI) United Kingdom. The training program was conducted from 7 August to 10 August 2023 at Hotel Ra Suites Simatupang West Cilandak, Cilandak, South Jakarta City, Jakarta. The training was attended by both international and Indonesian academics from Public Health, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing and Midwife specialty.

Professor Dr. Victor CW Hoe

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**Mahidol University**  
Faculty of Public Health

# Regional Director Report

**Thailand**  
Report by:  
**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh**

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**Regional office: International Relations Office,  
Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Thailand**

No	Item	Quantity/Status
1	Name of APACPH Member Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burapha University</li> <li>Chulalongkorn University</li> <li>Khon Kaen University</li> <li>Maharakham University</li> <li>Mahidol University</li> <li>Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University</li> <li>Mae Fah Luang University</li> </ul>
2	New Potential Members (Please specify)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thammasat University</li> <li>Suranaree University of Technology</li> <li>Naresuan University</li> </ul>
3	Active Members (Paid Member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directly report to APACPH Secretary</li> </ul>

**Regional office: International Relations Office,  
Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Thailand**

No	Quantity/Status
4	<p><b>Report on APACPH Collaborations Activities, Thailand Regional Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Director of Bangkok Office, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh, participated The APACPH Executive Council Meeting 1/ 2023 entitled on "Public Health Issues and Research Collaborations among APACPH Members and Future Goals in Asia -Pacific Region" at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 17 - 18 March 2023</li> <li>The Director of Bangkok Office, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh started recommend Naresuan University as a new member of APACPH. The site visit was conducted on 18 August 2023.</li> <li>International Student Mobility (non-degree) Program for Postgrad Students from Faculty of public Health, Mahidol University at Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia (UI), Indonesia on 4 - 18 September 2023</li> <li>Internship Program for Postgrad Students from Taipei Medical University (TMU), Taiwan, at Faculty of public Health, Mahidol University on 2 July to 19 August 2023</li> <li>Specific Collaboration opportunities/ Master Program and Joint Research collaboration with University and Postgraduate School Airlangga University, Indonesia at Faculty of public Health, Mahidol University on 5 April 2023</li> </ul>

**Regional office: International Relations Office,  
Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Thailand**

No	Quantity/Status
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific Collaboration opportunities/ Master Program and Joint Research collaboration with University and Postgraduate School Airlangga University, Indonesia at Faculty of public Health, Mahidol University on 5 April 2023</li> <li>• Discussion for Research and Academic Collaboration with Universities in Taiwan (China Medical University, National Taiwan University and Taipei Medical University) on 25 August 2023</li> <li>• Institutional Exchange for Peking University, School of Public Health, China on 28 August 2023</li> <li>• Introduction of research and discussion for potential collaboration projects with Peking University, School of Public Health, China, at Faculty of public Health, Mahidol University, on 27 September 2023</li> <li>• MoU Signing Ceremony with KIIT, India, at Faculty of public Health, Mahidol University, on 27 September 2023</li> <li>• MoU Signing Ceremony with Hasanuddin University, at Faculty of Public Health, Indonesia, on 28 September 2023</li> </ul>

**Regional office: International Relations Office,  
Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Thailand**

No	Quantity/Status
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MoU extension with Bina Husada, College of Health Sciences, Indonesia, on 7 February 2023</li> <li>• Invitation as Adjunct Professor for Assoc. Prof. Dr. Feng-Jen Tsai from Taipei Medical University, Taiwan, work as Adjunct Professor for Mahidol University, Faculty of Public Health, commencing 1 February 2022 until 31 January 2023.</li> <li>• Invitation as Adjunct Professor for Prof. Dr. Masamine Jimba, Professor &amp; Chair, Department of Community and Global Health, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo, Japan, work as Adjunct Professor for Mahidol University, Faculty of Public Health, commencing 1 April 2023 until 28 February 2028.</li> <li>• Short Course Training International Program on Health Planning in ASEAN Countries for Students from University of Hasanuddin, Indonesia, on 17 July 2023</li> <li>• International Conference for Public Health, Environment, and Education for Sustainable Development Goals and Lifelong Learning on 28 - 29 September 2023, at Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University (PHMU), Bangkok, Thailand, Hosted by PHMU,</li> <li>• and Co - host by APACPH</li> </ul>

**Regional office: International Relations Office,  
Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Thailand**

No	Item	Quantity/Status
5	Future Plan for the Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co- host Organize International Conference with Brunei Darussalam, Brunei</li> <li>• Hosting and Organizing Joint-Seminar among the member with the Collaboration with other APACPH member and Universities</li> </ul>

**ANNEX**



The Director of Bangkok Office, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh, participated The APACPH Executive Council Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



The Director of Bangkok Office,  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh  
started recommend Naresuan University as a new member of APACPH.  
The site visit was conducted on 18 August 2023.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY (NON-DEGREE) PROGRAM FOR POSTGRAD  
STUDENTS FROM FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY  
AT FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA (UI),  
INDONESIA ON 4 - 18 SEPTEMBER 2023



MoU Signing Ceremony with KIIT, India, at Faculty of public Health, Mahidol University, on 27 September 2023



MoU Signing Ceremony with Hasanuddin University, at Faculty of Public Health, Indonesia, on 28 September 2023





## Appendix 9 GA/2023

Report by: Prof Dr Yuanan Lu

Regional Office: Hawaii

September 18, 2023

### 1. New Leadership

- **Director of Office of Public Health Studies (OPHS):** There have been quite a few changes for this position in the recent years: Dr. Kathryn Braun took the position after Dr. Jasom Moddack stepped down in 2014. Dr. Tetine Sentall became a selected director in Fall of 2019, and Dr. Alan Katz became the director in June of 2021. Dr. Eric Hurwitz has been the selected Director of OPHS since January 1, 2022. Dr. Hurwitz also serves as the Chair for both the MPH and PhD programs in Epidemiology. Dr. Hurwitz has the training and experience in occupational health focusing on injury prevention and control, and he knows the APACPH well and is interested in maintaining the current engagement and collaboration with APACPH.
- **Dean of Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health** Dr. Tetine Sentall acted as an interim Dean of the school when former dean Noreen Mokuau retired in the middle of 2020, and stepped down in August of 2023. Dr. Alex Ortega has been hired as the dean of our school since September 1, 2023 after an intensive search national wide. Dr. Ortega is a nationally recognized public health and health care policy scholar with a background in Epidemiology and Biostatistics. His research interest focuses on health equity and improving current understanding of the complex health risks and outcomes for immigrants and youth and families of Latino population. Dr. Ortega is also committed to work with APACPH and support the ongoing international collaboration and exchange programs.

### 2. CEPH accreditation

The Office of Public Health Studies has just received a seven-year accreditation (September 6, 2023 through December 3, 2030) from the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) – an independent accreditation body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. This accreditation is not just the results of excellent team effort in preparation of variety of reports, but also the indication of excellent performance of our educational programs.

### 3. Master of Public Health Distance Education (MPH-DE)

The Office of Public Health Studies (OPHS) has recently launched an educational program offering the MPH degree (Distance Education option) specializing in **health policy and management** (HPM). This new education program (<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/publichealth/degrees/graduate/master-of-public-health-distance-education>) is designed to provide individuals from the U.S. and the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific islands with a broad background for professional practice in the field of public health at state, national and international levels. Individuals from diverse professions and backgrounds will benefit from an MPH degree from UH Mānoa to take their careers to the next level. The MPH-DE can be completed in 21 months and classes are offered asynchronously. MPH-DE

students must meet the same MPH degree requirements as students enrolled in the campus-based degree pathway. Questions regarding the MPH-DE program should be directed to [phonline@hawaii.edu](mailto:phonline@hawaii.edu).

#### 4. “3 + 2” Program in PH

This is a jointly accelerated educational program between the OPHS of University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) and SPH in China, which gives undergraduate students in public health and related fields the opportunity for early start in pursuing a master degree at UHM. The qualified students will study at their home university for 3 years to complete all required courses and then 2 year at UH for both undergraduate research and graduate study. The program will help participant students to get their BS from their home university in China and their master degree from UHM when they complete all the essential courses and practicum work in five years. This program is going to be active again after the COVID-19 pandemic interruption.

#### 5. International collaboration and Exchange (ICE)

The OPHS has maintained its collaboration and international exchanges with several universities in several nations despite of the pandemic:

- More than 30% of OPHS faculty members actively participated in ICE activities in last year and our ICE reached out to eight universities in the Americas (Canada and Brazil) and Asia (China and Malaysia) regions. Our ICE covered several areas of public health education including:
  - Lecturing/course teaching: for *Environmental Health* and *Statistical Theory* classes.
  - Research collaboration Maternal Health, Obesity, Adolescent Health, and environmental Health
  - More than ten Joint publications in peer-reviewed international journal in pH related fields.
  - International conferences, and co-authored conference presentations.
- OPHS played a leading role in organizing/managing Active Aging Consortium in Asia Pacific (ACAP) with over 1000 members from more than 30 Asia-Pacific countries.
- Dr. Krishnan Rajam visited OPHS at university of Hawaii in August and expressed his interest in working with the OPHS for enhance global health education In future. Dr. Rajam was a professor of University Malaya and well-recognized public health scholar in Injury and Violence prevention. Dr. Rajam was a former WHO Technical Officer in Manila regional office and also a APACPH coordinator for injury prevention in the late 1990.
- Hawaii Regional Office has also been working with several collaboration schools of public health in China for two goals: 1) to establish new 3+2 educational program and 2) to encourage and assist them to become a new member of APACPH. Xiangnan Medical College is currently applying for the new membership.

#### 6. APHA’s 2023 Annual Meeting and Expo

This year’s Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association will be in Atlanta, Georgia between November 12-15. **The meeting** is the premier public health event of the year

offering innovative and exciting opportunities to **help** public health professionals reach their personal and professional goals. **Engage** with public health experts, **collaborate** with other advocates, and **grow** professionally. Quite a few faculty members and students of the OPHS are going to attend the meeting as in the past years.



## Appendix 10 GA/2023

### **Malaysia**

Report by: Prof Dr Maznah Dahlui

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Regional office: Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine,  
University of Malaya, Malaysia

No	Item	Quantity/Status
1	Names of APACPH member Institutions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. University of Malaya</li><li>2. International Medical University (IMU)</li><li>3. National Institutes of Health (NIH), Malaysia</li><li>4. Royal College of Medicine Perak (University Kuala Lumpur)</li><li>5. Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM)</li><li>6. University of Malaysia Sarawak</li><li>7. National University of Malaysia</li><li>8. MAHSA, Kuala Lumpur</li></ol>
2	New Potential Members (Please specify)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)</li><li>2. Universiti Islam Antarabangsa (UIA)</li><li>3. Universiti Putra Malaysia</li></ol>
3	Active members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. University of Malaya</li><li>2. International Medical University (IMU)</li><li>3. National Institutes of Health (NIH), Malaysia</li><li>4. Royal College of Medicine Perak (University Kuala Lumpur)</li><li>5. Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM)</li><li>6. University of Malaysia Sarawak</li></ol>

### Report on activities on APACPH Collaborations

1. Represented APACPH KL at the meeting and workshop organised by **Dengue Prevention Advocacy Malaysia (DPAM)** on 30th April 2023 with the theme of “Dengue and Vaccination”
2. The University of Airlangga conducted an outbound program to the Universiti Malaya Medical Centre in Malaysia, which took place on May 16, 2023.



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3. APACPH-KL partnered with Centre of Evidence Based Medicine, Universiti Malaya to host a scientific symposium with the theme “Elevating the Application of Research in Public Health Practice”. This event took place on October 3, 2023, in conjunction with UM Academia Month and Research Carnival 2023.

4. The research progress on "Assessing hospital efficiency with the implementation of case-mix for hospital tariff at different types of hospitals in Indonesia, Malaysia, and South Korea" is still ongoing. Additionally, an APACPH Team Excursion is scheduled to take place in Kuala Lumpur and Melaka from November 2nd to 5th, 2023.



Figure 1 APACPH KL Research Meeting at University of Airlangga, Surabaya



Figure 2 APACPH KL Research visits to Yongsei Hospitals and HIRA, Seoul



Figure 3 Welcoming party by Yongsei Hospitals and HIRA to APACPH KI delegates, Seoul

5. Represent APACPH KL during the talk on “Ruang Bicara.” The discussion focused on public health promotion initiatives that have recently been approved in the Malaysian Parliament.

**RUANG BICARA**

16 JUN 2023 | JUMAAT  
• 9.00 - 10.00 MALAM •

**KERTAS PUTIH KESIHATAN DILULUSKAN**

**PROFESOR DR. MAZNAH DAHLUI**  
Ketua, Jabatan Penyelidikan, Pembangunan dan Inovasi,  
Pakar Perubatan Kesihatan Awam,  
Pusat Perubatan Universiti Malaya

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## Appendix 11 GA/2023

### South Korea

Regional Director Report by So Yoon Kim, Yonsei University

Regional Office : Republic of Korea

No	Item	Quantity/Status
1	Existing Institutions	1. Chonbuk National University 2. Inje University 3. Korea University 4. Samyook University 5. Seoul National University 6. The Catholic University of Korea 7. Yonsei University 8. University of Seoul 9. Korean Association of schools of Public Health
2	New Potential Members	
3	Paid Members (up to current year)	1. Korea University 2. Seoul National University 3. Yonsei University
4	Report on activities on APACPH Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023.01.13 1st Working meeting related to APACPH 2024 hosting process</li> <li>• 2023.03.06 2nd Working meeting related to APACPH 2024 hosting process</li> <li>• 2023.08.17-2023.08.19 Preliminary visit to Busan BEXCO</li> <li>• 2023.08.28 3rd Working meeting related to APACPH 2024 hosting process</li> <li>• 2023.09.26 4th Working meeting related to APACPH 2024 hosting process</li> </ul>	
5	Future Plan for the Region:	- Preparing for a successful APACPH 2024 - Communications as a Regional Director - Active exchange with other countries - APACPH-KOREA will be open under the KASPH at the mid November this year.



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### Taiwan

Regional Director Report by Betty Ya-Wen Chiu

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Regional Office: Taiwan, Kaohsiung Medical University

Reporting Period: March 2023-September 2023

No	Item	Quantity/Status
1	Existing Institutions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. China Medical University</li> <li>2. Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan</li> <li>3. Kaohsiung Medical University</li> <li>4. National Cheng Kung University</li> <li>5. National Health Research Institutes (need 2023 GA approval)</li> <li>6. National Taiwan University</li> <li>7. National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University</li> <li>8. Taipei Medical University</li> <li>9. Tzu Chi University</li> <li>10. Department of Public Health, Taoyuan</li> </ol>
2	New Potential Members <i>(Please specify)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chung Shan Medical University</li> <li>2. Fu Jen Catholic University</li> <li>3. National Defense Medical Center, Taiwan</li> <li>4. National Taiwan Normal University</li> </ol>
3	Paid Members (up to current year)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. China Medical University (2017-2023)</li> <li>2. Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare (2017-2023)</li> <li>3. Kaohsiung Medical University (2015-2023)</li> <li>4. National Cheng Kung University (2021-2023)</li> <li>5. National Taiwan University (2015-2023)</li> <li>6. National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (2019-2023)</li> <li>7. Taipei Medical University (2015-2023)</li> <li>8. Tzu Chi University (2020-2023)</li> </ol>
4	<p><u>Report on activities on APACPH Collaborations</u></p> <p>The Taiwan Regional Office and APACPH Collaborating Centres for Health Promotion (APACPH CCHP) attended the main events of APACPH and also hosted and co-hosted some vital activities.</p> <p><u>Participation:</u></p>	

Dr. Betty Ya-Wen Chiu and Dr. Hung-Yi Chiou participated in the first Executive Council Meeting and the Public Health Education Reform Two-Day Workshop from March 16 to 19, 2023. As the Director of the Taiwan Region, Dr. Betty Chiu submitted the Taiwan Regional Report and proposed essential activities



Figure 4 The First APACPH Executive Council Meeting on March 16, 2023



Figure 5 Public Health Education Reform Workshop (Day 1): Micro credentialing on March 17, 2023



Figure 6 Public Health Education Reform Workshop (Day 2): Formulation of public health competence & Revisit accreditation of public health programs on March 18, 2023

### **Hosted and Co-Hosted vital activities**

1. Hosted President-Elect of APACPH Dr. So Yoon Kim's speech on February 17:

To enhance students' sensitivity to international health issues, Prof. Betty Ya-Wen Chiu invited Dr. So Yoon Kim from Yonsei University, Republic of Korea, who's also the President-Elect of APACPH, to deliver a special speech on "Global health governance and GHSA (Global Health Security Agenda)".

Based on her long-term research on global health, her speech provided students with different global views on global health governance, which greatly broadened students' international security vision. All participants gave a high appraisal and positive feedback on the speech.



Figure 7 President-Elect of APACPH Dr. So Yoon Kim's speech on February 17, 2023

2. Hosted the University of the Philippines Dr. Calvin S. de los Reyes's visit to the Taiwan Regional Office on April 17:

Prof. Betty Ya-Wen Chiu had a deep discussion with Dr. Calvin S. de los Reyes from the University of the Philippines, who's also a former Senior Lecturer at the University of the Ryukyus in Japan, on promoting future collaborations between APACPH CCHP, the University of the Philippines, and the University of the Ryukyus.



Figure 8 University of the Philippines Dr. Calvin S. de los Reyes's visit on April 17, 2023

3. Hosted Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages Dr. M. Vincent Rollet's speech on April 19:

To enhance students' sensitivity to international health issues, Prof. Betty Ya-Wen Chiu invited Dr. M. Vincent Rollet from the Graduate Institute of European Studies of Wenzao Ursuline University to deliver a special speech on "Addressing Health Security Threats at the Regional Level: The Case of the European Union (EU)". Based on his long-term research in health security and international politics, his speech provided students with different global views on global health governance and the recent development of the European Union (EU).



Figure 9 Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages Dr. M. Vincent Rollet's speech on April 19, 2023

4. Hosted Asia Pacific Health Promotion and Non-Communicable Disease Prevention Three-Day Workshop from July 19 to 21:  
Day 1:

We held a round table discussion to discuss the co-teaching for health promotion in Taiwanese universities for the very first time in Taiwan. Referred to 13 lectures from 10 universities, we eventually integrated 7 health promotion theoretical models (Intrapersonal/Interpersonal Models, Communication Theories, Socioecology Models, Diffusion of Innovations Theory, Preecede-Proceed Model, and Community-based Theory) and incorporated 2 case studies as the main content of the course. Additionally, undergraduate students will be the main audience to take course



Figure 10 Round table discussion on July 19, 2023

Day 2:

We invited four official representatives and experts: CEO Choon Hong Tay from the Singapore Health Promotion Board (HPB), Dr. Yik Ying Teo from the National University of Singapore (NUS), Dr. Masamine Jimba from the University of Tokyo, and Dr. Chih-Cheng Hsu from Taiwan National Health Research Institutes (NHRI). They shared policy measures and case studies on health promotion and non-communicable disease prevention across nations. Emphasizing the importance of collaboration between educational institutions and government, case studies on non-communicable diseases, and precision healthcare in communities. Over 120 experts, scholars, and officials from 15 countries attended the workshop.



Figure 11 Asia Pacific Health Promotion and Non-Communicable Disease Prevention workshop on July 20, 2023



Figure 12 Workshop poster on July 20, 2023

Day 1:

We visited Yilan Luodong Bo-Ai Hospital and shared Taiwan's experience of implementing AI sports technology into communities, primary medical institutions, schools, and sports centers. Furthermore, we also visited the Vitality Academy, international scholars and HPB officials got a chance to experience the health and fitness enhancement programs for the elderly



Figure 13 Visit Lotung Poh-Ai Hospital on July 21, 2023

5. Hosted Joint meeting of Taiwanese Schools and Programs of Public Health on September 17:

We invited APACPH Taiwan Region members, potential members, and representatives from universities around Taiwan to discuss joint-course programs of public health. Dr. Betty Ya-Wen Chiu started the meeting by sharing recent achievements and developments of APACPH CCHP and propagating the upcoming events. The main discussions are around the title of the joint course, the certification of course credits, and the intellectual property rights of the courses. Dr. Hung-Yi Chiou concluded that the title and certification could be flexibly designed under each university's system, and the intellectual property rights would be taken carefully. A total of 18 representatives from 8 different universities attended this joint meeting.

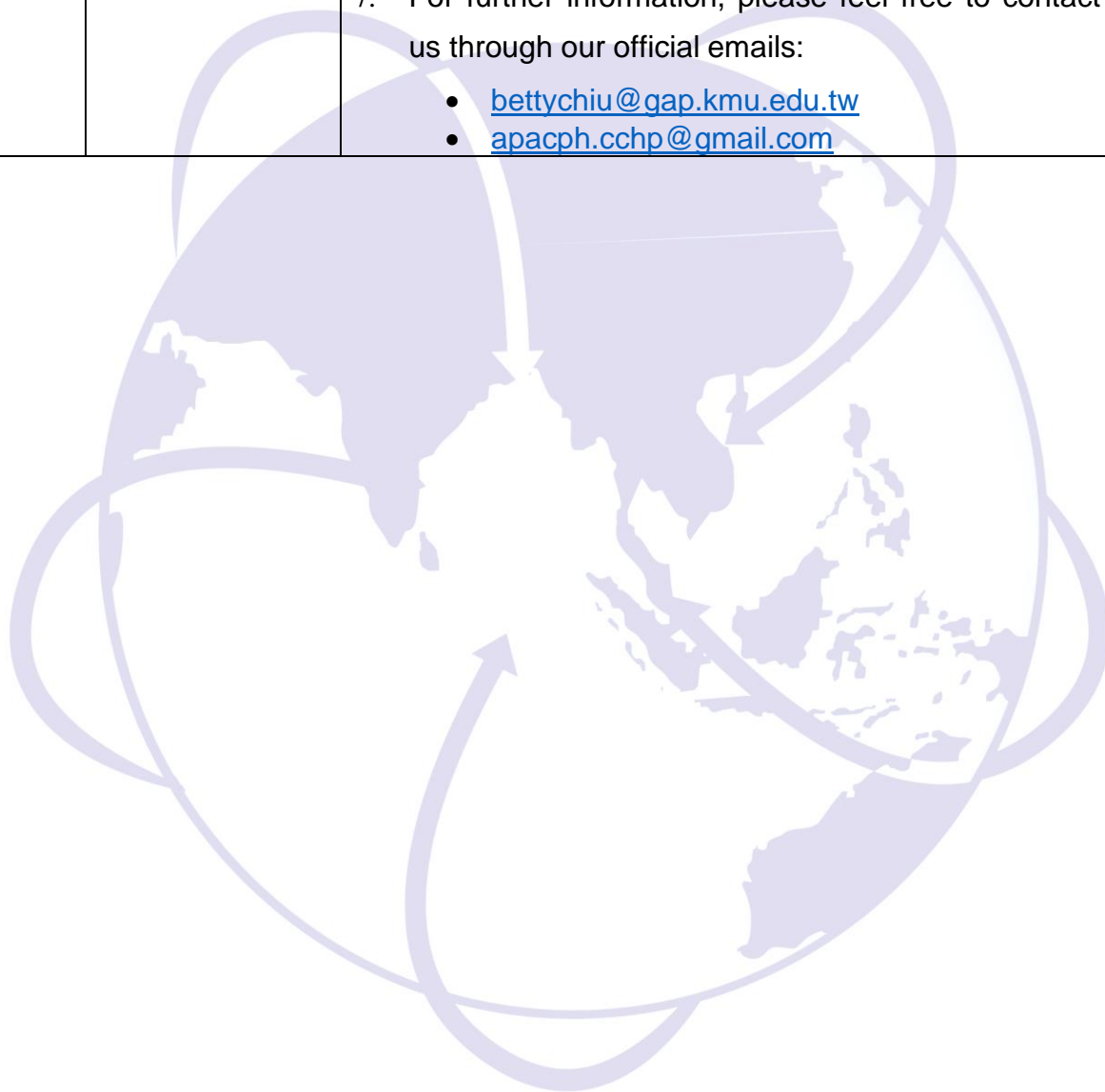


Figure 14 Joint meeting of Taiwanese Schools and Programs of Public Health on September 17, 2023



5	Future Plan for the Region:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to update and maintain the APACPH CCHP platform and website.</li> <li>2. Host the CCHP International Advisory Council Meeting in Kuching, Malaysia on October 30, 2023.</li> <li>3. Host parallel symposia at the 54<sup>th</sup> APACPH Conference in Kuching, Malaysia on October 31, 2023.</li> <li>4. Prof. Masamine Jimba from the University of Tokyo has been invited to share his experience on global health promotion at</li> <li>5. Kaohsiung Medical University on December 13 and 14, 2023.</li> </ol>
6	Member recruitment	Recruitment of new potential members (mentioned above)
7	Other Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CCHP program has been dedicated to collecting health promotion resources and developing educational materials in English on health promotion. If you're interested in professional health promotion lectures and activities, please feel free to visit our official website and Facebook pages below:</li> <li>2. APACPH CCHP website: <a href="https://www.cchp.org.tw/">https://www.cchp.org.tw/</a></li> <li>3. Facebook: <a href="https://reurl.cc/oZWl6Q">https://reurl.cc/oZWl6Q</a></li> <li>4. If there are any opportunities for international joint teaching, research, and exchange, please contact us! We would love to hear from you!</li> <li>5. Prof. Betty Ya-Wen Chiu is conducting cross-national research on health security. The research aims to compare healthcare workers in Vietnam, Indonesia, and Taiwan on the knowledge, attitudes, and practices on health security. We believe that this research fits well with APACPH's mission and</li> </ol>

		<p>geographic focus.</p> <p>6. Taiwan is a great place to visit, and we believe that we can learn from each other's experiences. If you're interested in sharing your country's policy measures or experiences on public health, we'd love to assist in arranging guest lectures or visits in Taiwan.</p> <p>7. For further information, please feel free to contact us through our official emails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="mailto:bettychiu@gap.kmu.edu.tw">bettychiu@gap.kmu.edu.tw</a></li><li>• <a href="mailto:apacph.cchp@gmail.com">apacph.cchp@gmail.com</a></li></ul>
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## Appendix 13 GA/2023

### **South Asia**

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The updating of the APACPH Regional database was successfully completed with the collaboration of the regional members. Currently there are seven member institutions from Sri Lanka and two member institutions from India. The membership drive to recruit new members is continuing.

As the Regional Director, I actively participated in various national media interviews and press conferences. The objective of these engagements was to raise public awareness regarding issues concerning public health such as global pandemic and environmental pollution. There were several activities to minimize the impact on Micro Plastics on environment, specially during the aftermath of Pearl X maritime disaster.

I would like to thank and put in records the commitment and dedication of the staff of ECN office, Department of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, specially Ms. Mayuri Amarasiri, Ms. Pamodee Panchali and Ms. Bismi Randiligama. I would also like to acknowledge the support given by APACPH Secretariat and APACPH Treasurer's office, specially during the period of financial crisis.

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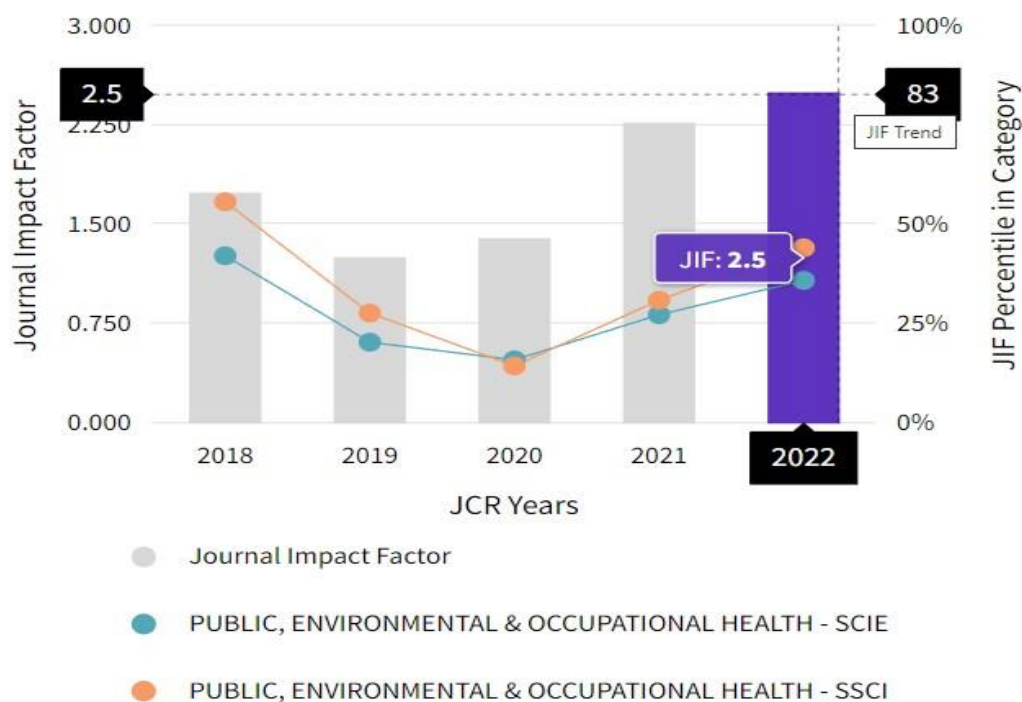
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## APJPH Performance

### 1.0 Impact factor

APJPH attained an impact factor of 2.5 for the year 2022, increasing from 2.270 in 2021. The 5-Year Impact Factor is 2.343, putting APJPH at 133 out of 207 (Q3) in Public, Environment & Occupational Health (SCIE) category and 101 out of the 180 (Q3) in the Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (SSCI) category.



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021	Percent Change
Impact Factor	1.743	1.255	1.399	2.2270	2.5	10%*
Ranking in Public, Environmental & Occupational Health	108/185	154/193	171/203	153/210	133/207	N/A
Ranking in Public, Environmental & Occupational Health	72/163	124/170	150/176	126/182	101/180	N/A
Cites to Recent Items	312	197	207	445	670	51%
Citable Items	179	157	148	196	268	37%
Total Citations	1,561	1,642	2,233	2,616	2,773	6%
Immediacy Index	0.294	0.313	0.593	0.612	0.500	-18%
5-Year Impact Factor	1.385	1.514	1.874	2.343	2.3	-2%

## 1.1 Rank by Journal Impact Factor






### EDITION

Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)

### CATEGORY

PUBLIC, ENVIRONMENTAL & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

**101/180**

JCR YEAR	JIF RANK	JIF QUARTILE	JIF PERCENTILE	
2022	101/180	Q3	44.2	
2021	126/182	Q3	31.04	
2020	151/176	Q4	14.49	
2019	124/171	Q3	27.78	
2018	73/164	Q2	55.79	






### EDITION

Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)

### CATEGORY

PUBLIC, ENVIRONMENTAL & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

**133/207**

JCR YEAR	JIF RANK	JIF QUARTILE	JIF PERCENTILE	
2022	133/207	Q3	36.0	
2021	153/210	Q3	27.38	
2020	171/203	Q4	16.01	
2019	154/193	Q4	20.47	
2018	108/186	Q3	42.20	

## 2.0 Manuscript Submission

### 2.1 Total Submissions and Acceptance Rate

Acceptance rate is based on manuscripts that have received final decisions of accept or reject (does not include revisions). Counts for acceptances, rejections, and acceptance ratios are based on the date the decision is made, not the date the manuscript was submitted.

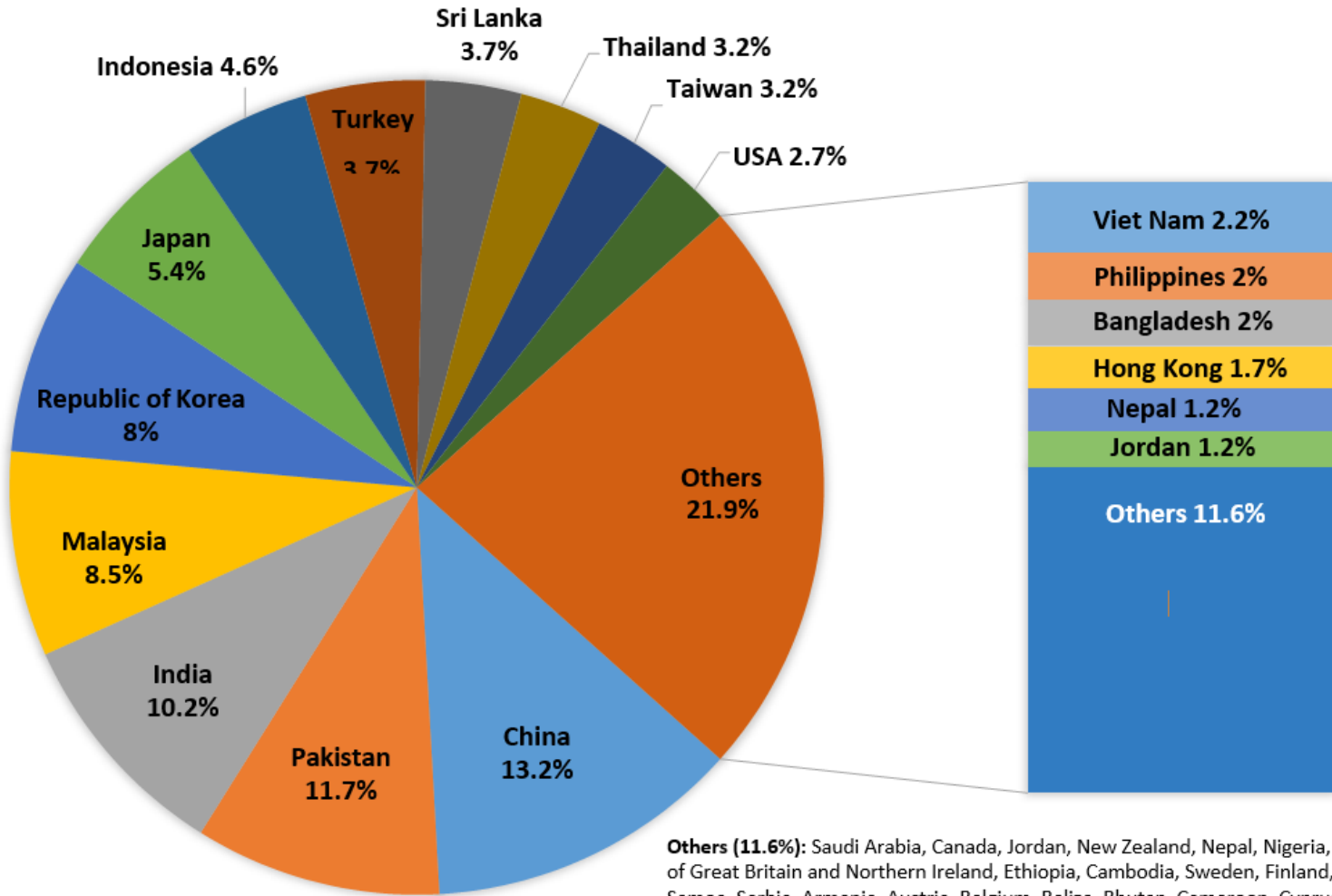
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023YTD
Total Submissions	824	1,429	1,411	935	502
Original Articles	683	1,220	1,153	800	410
Accepted	79	156	213	129	61
Rejected	706	797	1,061	605	239
<b>Accept Ratio</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>20%</b>

Below are the Original Submissions in 2023. APJPH has received a total of **410** submissions up to July 2023.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
2021	45	108	98	97	111	116	95
2022	72	71	73	82	85	67	59
2023	57	42	65	73	30	79	64

Month	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2021	131	123	90	85	54	1,153
2022	68	65	56	51	51	800
2023						410

2.2 Total Submissions by Country in 2023 YTD



**Others (11.6%):** Saudi Arabia, Canada, Jordan, New Zealand, Nepal, Nigeria, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Sweden, Finland, Ghana, Ireland, Samoa, Serbia, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Cameroon, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, France, Germany, Guam, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Macao, Maldives, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, United Arab Emirates



## 2.3 Top 20 Manuscript Submission and Acceptance by Country in 2023 YTD

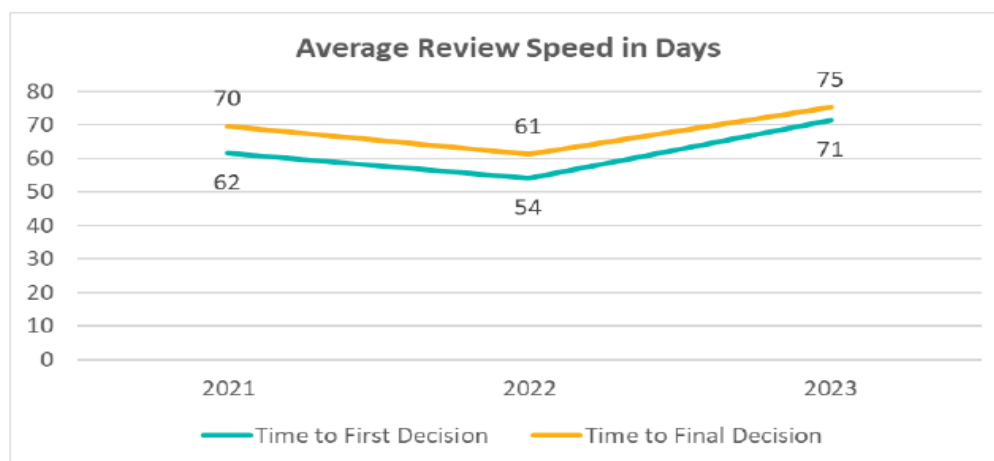
Manuscript Submissions: Jan 2023-Jul 2023			Manuscript Accepts: Jan 2023-Jul 2023		
Country/Region	# Received	Percentage of Total	Country/Region	Final Accepts	Percentage of Total
China	54	13.2%	Korea (the Republic of)	8	13.1%
Pakistan	48	11.7%	China	6	9.8%
India	42	10.2%	Malaysia	5	8.2%
Malaysia	35	8.5%	Japan	5	8.2%
Korea (the Republic of)	33	8.0%	Pakistan	5	8.2%
Japan	22	5.4%	Thailand	3	4.9%
Indonesia	19	4.6%	Australia	3	4.9%
Turkey	15	3.7%	United States	3	4.9%
Sri Lanka	15	3.7%	Viet Nam	3	4.9%
Thailand	13	3.2%	Indonesia	2	3.3%
Taiwan, Province of China	13	3.2%	India	2	3.3%
United States	11	2.7%	Taiwan, Province of China	2	3.3%
Viet Nam	9	2.2%	Bangladesh	2	3.3%
Philippines	8	2.0%	Sri Lanka	2	3.3%
Bangladesh	8	2.0%	Canada	2	3.3%
Hong Kong	7	1.7%	New Zealand	1	1.6%
Nepal	5	1.2%	Hong Kong	1	1.6%
Jordan	5	1.2%	Iran (the Islamic Republic of)	1	1.6%
Saudi Arabia	5	1.2%	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	1.6%
Canada	3	0.7%	Philippines	1	1.6%



### 3.0 Peer Review

#### 3.1 Average Time to First Decision

The average time to First Decision and Final Decision increased to 71 days (from 54 days) and 75 days (from 61 days) in 2022.



**Time to First Decision** is defined as all original submissions that received their first decision within each year, regardless of when the manuscripts were submitted. Revisions are not included. SAGE recommended duration: **30-35 days**.

**Time to Final Decision** is defined as all submissions including revisions that receive a final accept or reject decision within each year, regardless of when the manuscripts were submitted. SAGE recommended duration: **55-60 days**.

#### 3.2 Reviewers Recognition

SAGE offers a **60-day free trial** as a thank you to reviewers for their work and as an incentive to further engage with the journal. This benefits the journal by increasing usage among key readers and gives the journal exposure to reviewers of related journals.

SAGE has partnered with Web of Science researcher profiles (formerly **Publons**) to give reviewers credit for their work and recognize the vital role they play in delivering timely, quality-assured publications. APJPH is fully integrated with the platform, making it easy for reviewers to opt-in as part of the review process, then claim their reviews on their Web of Science researcher profile. The journal has seen the following uptake in the past 12 months.

Reviewers	Reviews	Uptake Rate
137	160	55.9%

**4.0 Production**

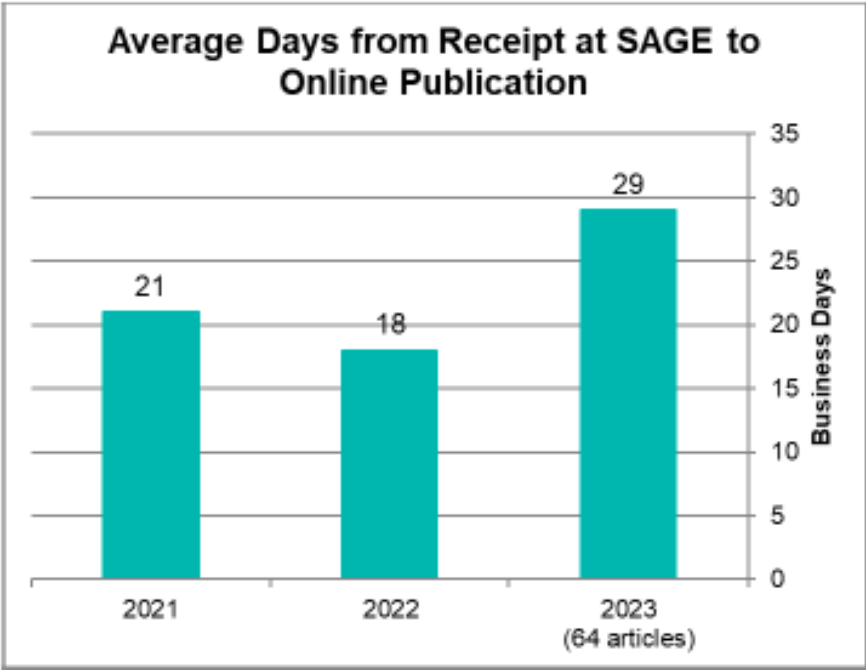
*1.1 Articles and Pages Published*

The following table summarizes the number of issues and pages published in 2023 YTD and the past three volume years.

Year	Volume	Issues	Articles Published	Pages Published	Page Budget
2023	35	4	64	395	1152
2022	34	6	140	887	1152
2021	33	6	172	1008	1152
2020	32	6	158	543	880

*1.2 Average Time to Online First Publication*

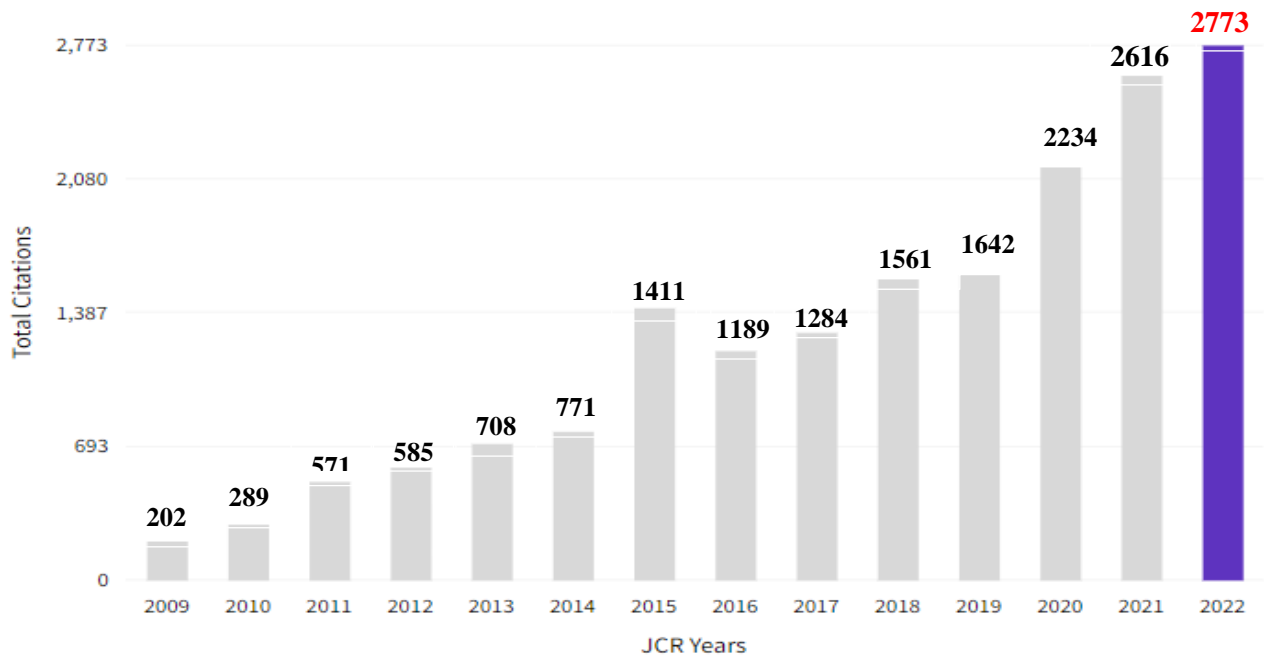
The below graph shows the average number of days a manuscript spends in SAGE Production, beginning when the manuscript is exported from SAGE Track and ending when the manuscript is published online. In 2023 YTD, the average days increased to 29 days from 18 days in 2022.



## 5.0 Citations

### 5.1 Total Citations

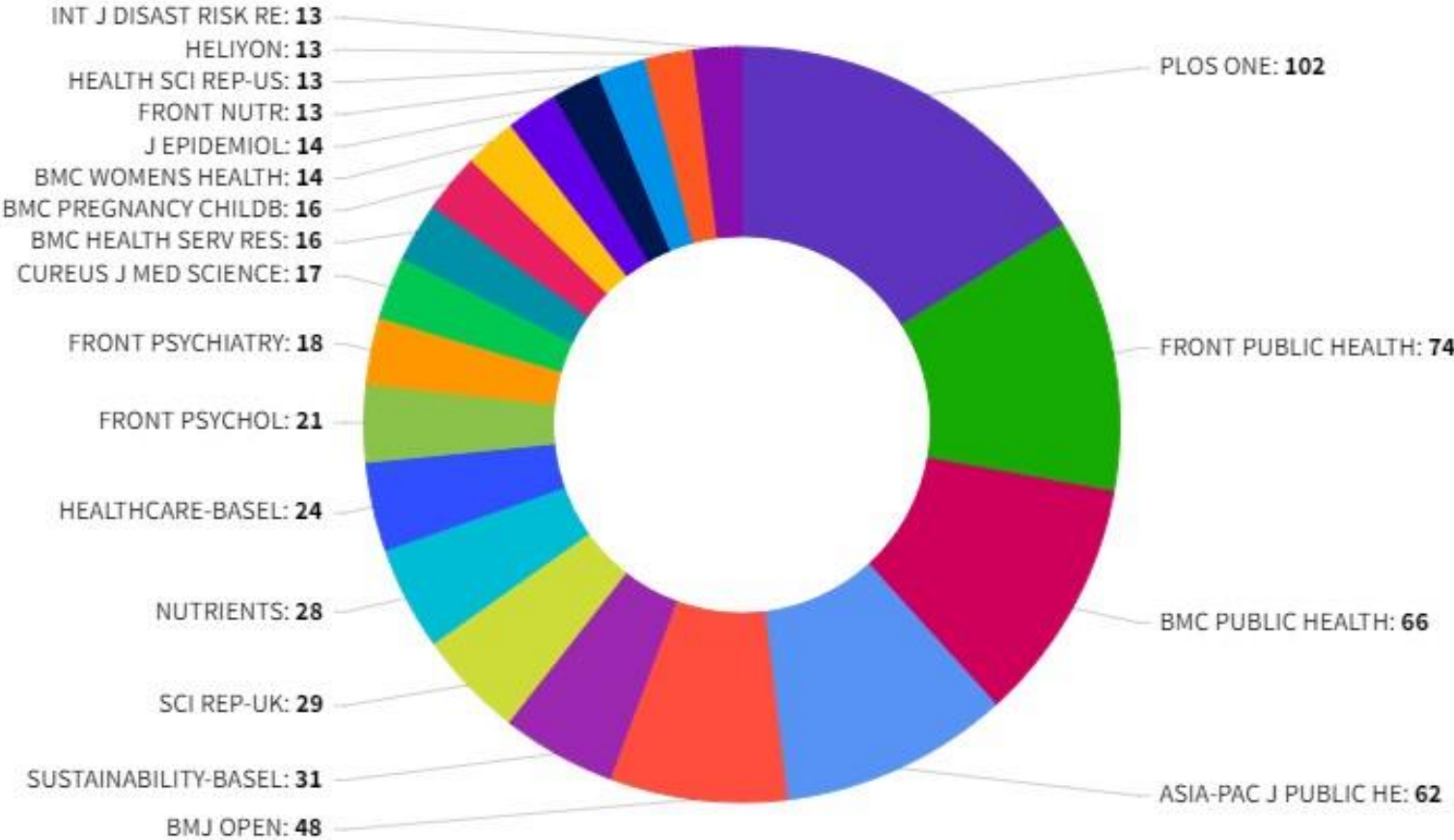
The total number of times APJPH has been cited by all journals included in the database in the JCR year.



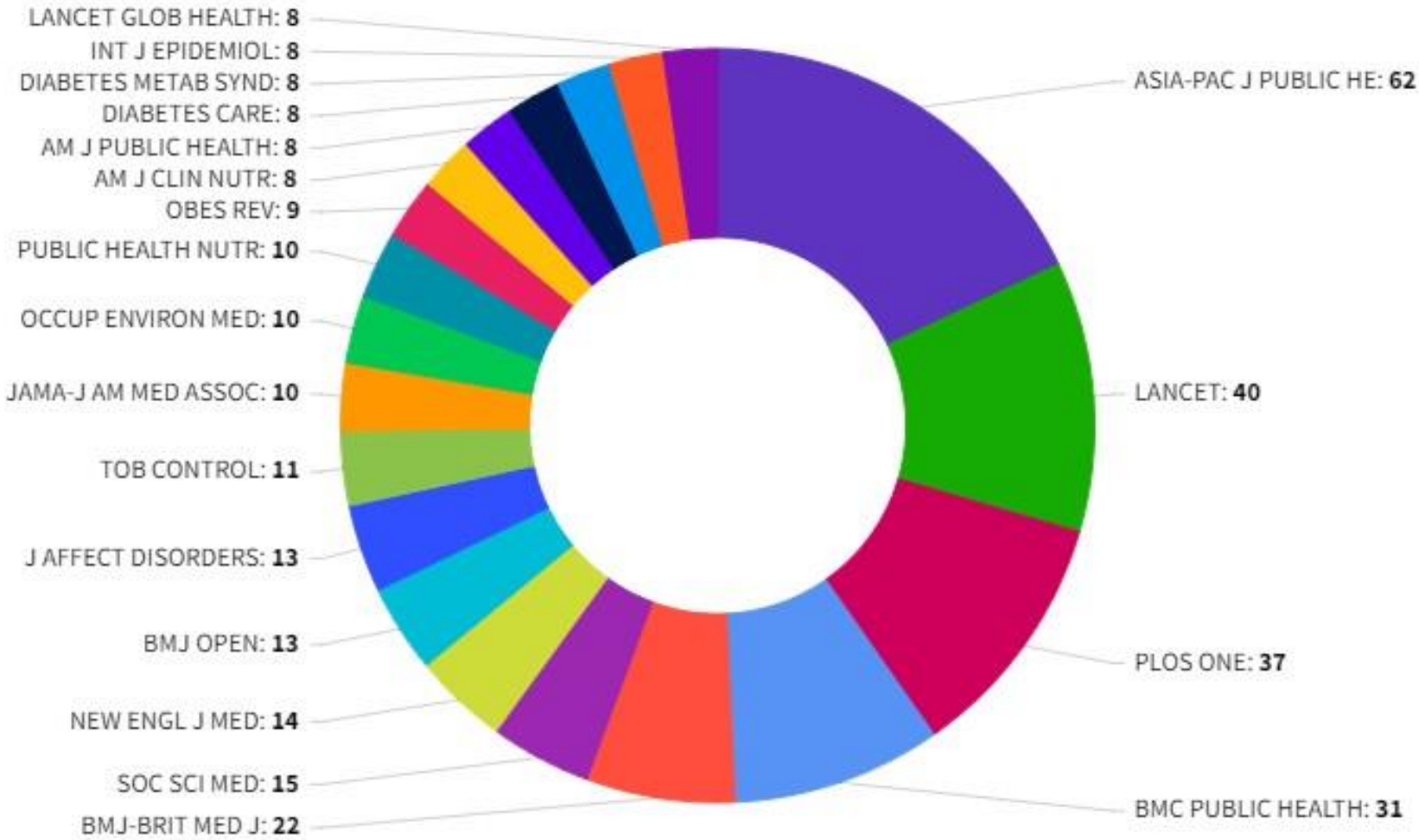
## 5.2 Top 10 Cited Articles in 2021 from Publication Years 2019-2020

Title	Authors	Year	Volume	Issue	Total Cites in 2022
Progress of COVID-19 Epidemic in Pakistan	Abid, Khadijah; Bari, Yashfika Abdul; Younas, Maryam; Tahir Javaid, Sehar; Imran, Abira	2020	32	4	30
Social Distancing and Outdoor Physical Activity During the COVID-19 Outbreak in South Korea: Implications for Physical Distancing Strategies	Park, Sunhee; Kim, Beomsoo; Lee, Jaeil	2020	32	4	14
Controlling the COVID-19 Pandemic in Vietnam: Lessons From a Limited Resource Country	Duong, Duc Minh; Le, Vui Thi; Ha, Bui Thi Thu	2020	32	4	14
Mental Health of Children Amid COVID-19 Pandemic in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Observation	Islam, Md. Rabiul; Qusar, M. M. A. Shalahuddin; Islam, Md. Saiful	2021	33	4	14
The Second Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic in Bangladesh: An Urgent Call to Save Lives	Daria, Sohel; Islam, Md Rabiul	2021	33	5	13
Psychological and Livelihood Impacts of COVID-19 on Bangladeshi Lower Income People	Paul, Alak; Nath, Tapan Kumar; Mahanta, Janardan; Sultana, Naznin Nahar; Kayes, A. S. M. Imrul; Noon, Sharifa Jahan; Javed, Md. Akib; Podder, Sumana; Paul, Sujat	2021	33	1	12
Cervical Cancer Screening Among Immigrant Women Residing in Australia: A Systematic Review	Alam, Zufishan; Hanjani, Leila Shafiee; Dean, Judith; Janda, Monika	2021	33	8	12
Health Behavior Toward COVID-19: The Role of Demographic Factors, Knowledge, and Attitude Among Chinese College Students During the Quarantine Period	Zhang, Miao; Li, Qinmei; Du, Xueying; Zuo, Dan; Ding, Yani; Tan, Xiaodong; Liu, Qing	2020	32	8	11
Prevalence of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Depression in General Population in India During COVID-19 Pandemic Home Quarantine	Singh, Suraj Prakash; Khokhar, Anita	2021	33	1	11
Understanding of Young People About COVID-19 During Early Outbreak in Indonesia	Halim, Devina Adella; Kurniawan, Andree; Agung, Fransisca Handy; Angelina, Stella; Jodhinata, Claudia; Winata, Sharleen; Frenstan; Wijovi, Felix; Agatha, Cindy Monika	2020	32	4	10

5.3 Top 20 Journals Citing APJPH



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## 6.0 Circulation and Readership

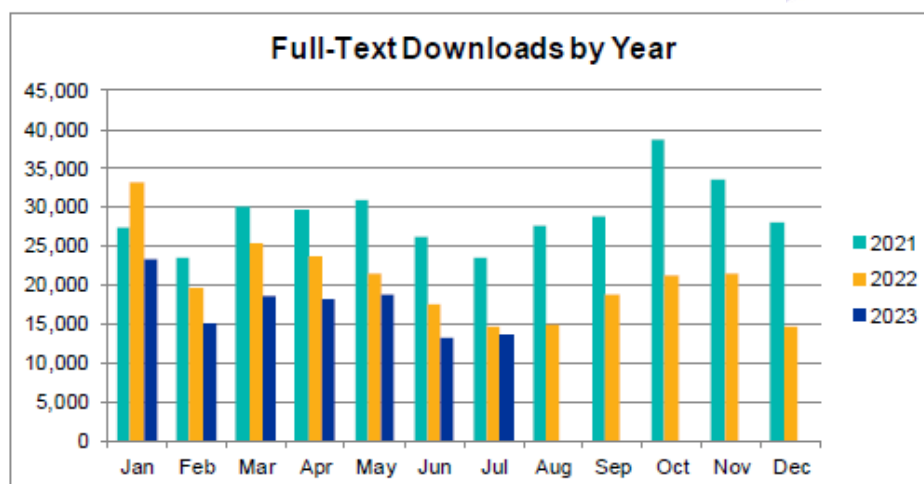
### 6.1 Circulation

	2021	2022	2023	Renewal Rate 2021-2022
<b>Individuals</b>	1	1	0	100%
<b>Members</b>	38	53	77	139%
<b>Institutions</b>	46	51	29	111%
<b>Site License</b>	6	6	4	100%
<b>Package, Read Only</b>	2,959	2,858	2,326	97%
<i>Institutions Migrated into Packages</i>	6	6	5	100%
<b>Package, with Open Access</b>	349	539	613	154%
<b>Lower Income Countries</b>	7,218	7,218	8,344	100%

### 6.2 Online Usage and Downloads

APJPH has 120,789 full-text downloads in 2023 (through the end of July). This is 22.3% decrease over 155,553 full-text downloads through the end of July 2022. Full-text downloads include both HTML and PDF article usage.

	2021	2022	2023
<b>January</b>	27,306	33,216	23,322
<b>February</b>	23,548	19,670	14,980
<b>March</b>	30,153	25,379	18,570
<b>April</b>	29,590	23,621	18,167
<b>May</b>	30,938	21,478	18,821
<b>June</b>	26,225	17,486	13,301
<b>July</b>	23,504	14,703	13,628
<b>August</b>	27,656	14,858	
<b>September</b>	28,940	18,708	
<b>October</b>	38,674	21,240	
<b>November</b>	33,647	21,507	
<b>December</b>	27,985	14,595	
<b>Total</b>	348,166	246,461	120,789



Note: SAGE identified a spike in usage in October 2021. Investigation between SAGE and Atypon, our website platform host, concluded this was caused by slow-moving bots that evade abuse monitoring. We activated new security settings in January 2022 to protect journals from such traffic in the future. Please be aware that the downloads reported that month may be falsely inflated.

### 6.3 Most Downloaded Articles

The following table shows the ten articles that were downloaded the most from January through June 2022 on the SAGE Journals platform.

Total Downloads	Article
3,008	Anja Susanne Dessauvagie, Gunter Groen, Thi Anh Thu Nguyen, Hoang-Minh Dang <b>Mental Health of University Students in Southeastern Asia: A Systematic Review</b> Volume 34 Issue 2-3; 10.1177/10105395211055545
2,450	Colin Binns, Wah Yun Low, MiKyung Lee <b>The Long-Term Public Health Benefits of Breastfeeding</b> Volume 28 Issue 1; 10.1177/1010539515624964
1,552	Pramod Raj Regmi, Edwin van Teijlingen, Vanessa Heaslip, Raksha Thapa <b>Caste Exclusion and Health Discrimination in South Asia: A Systematic Review</b> Volume 33 Issue 8; 10.1177/10105395211014648
1,470	Muhammad Yousuf Ali, Rubina Bhatti <b>COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic: Information Sources Channels for the Public Health Awareness</b> Volume 32 Issue 4; 10.1177/1010539520927261
1,331	Tapan Kumar Nath, Sujat Paul, Sumana Podder, A. S. M. Imrul Kayes, Sharifa Jahan Noon, Md. Akib Javed, Alak Paul, Janardan Mahanta, Naznin Nahar Sultana <b>Psychological and Livelihood Impacts of COVID-19 on Bangladeshi Lower Income People</b> Volume 33 Issue 1; 10.1177/1010539520977304
1,258	Misari Oe, Masaharu Maeda <b>Mental Health Consequences and Social Issues After the Fukushima Disaster</b> Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Accident: Health Consequences, Lesson Learnt and Future Directions; 10.1177/1010539516689695
1,226	Raudah M. Yunus, Noran N. Hairi <b>Ageism</b> Volume 32 Issue 1; 10.1177/1010539520903541
990	Sondi Sararaks, Jailani Anis-Syakira, Nur Zahirah Balqis-Ali, Weng Hong Fun <b>Private Health Insurance in Malaysia: Who Is Left Behind?</b> Volume 33 Issue 8; 10.1177/10105395211000913
941	Kaixuan Hu <b>Challenges Facing the Chinese Health Care System</b> Volume 33 Issue 1; 10.1177/1010539520968464
868	Ratu Matahari, Agung D. Laksono, Bina Kumiawan, Hanifa M. Denny <b>The Determinants of Four or More Antenatal Care Visits Among Working Women in Indonesia</b> Volume 34 Issue 1; 10.1177/10105395211051237

## 7.0 Almetric

Alternative metrics are becoming increasingly visible in scholarly publishing. Almetric tracks online mentions of journal articles across online platforms and uses an algorithm to score accordingly. The score is a helpful measure of online engagement and visibility, but it is not directly linked to citations or usage.

## Top Altmetric Attention Scores for Articles Receiving Mentions in Past 6 Months

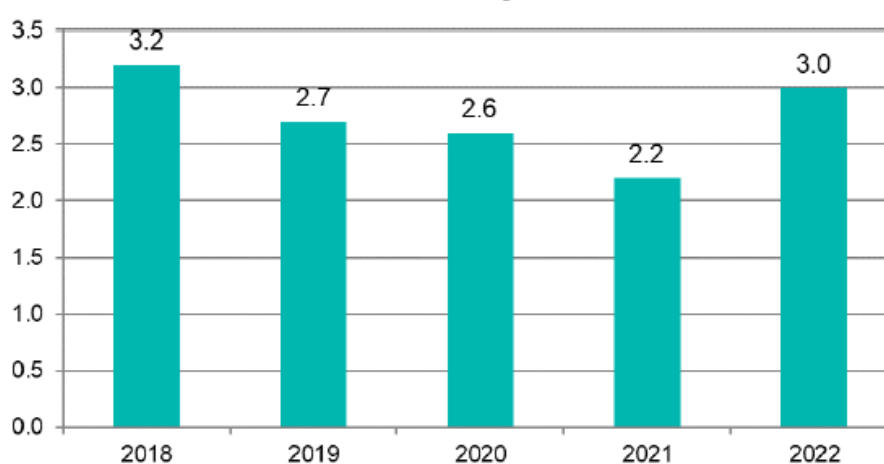
Total Altmetric Score	Article Title
5	Development of a Short Version of the Dementia Stigma Assessment Scale
4	Prevalence and Factors Associated With Low Birth Weight in the Solomon Islands: Evidence From the 2015 Solomon Islands Demographic and Health Survey data
7	Urban-Rural Compliance Variability to COVID-19 Restrictions of Indigenous Fijian (iTaukei) Funerals in Fiji
3	Associations of Lifestyle-Related Factors With Body Mass Index and Blood Pressure in the Middle-Aged and Older Population-Based Cohort in Japan: A Longitudinal Study
93	Longevity and Diet in Okinawa, Japan: The Past, Present and Future



### 8.0 Cite Score

Scopus provides the journal's CiteScore, which is calculated as the total citations made in the CiteScore year and the prior three years to content published in the CiteScore year and the prior three years, divided by the total number of items published by the journal in the CiteScore year and prior three years.

CiteScore by Year



## 9.0 Social Media

The Editorial Office handles two social media accounts: Facebook and Twitter. APJPH continues to publish Editor's Blog and disseminate news on journal activities (e.g. upcoming workshops, webinars, APACPH Conference details, etc) on these platforms.

The image displays two social media profiles for the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health (APJPH). On the right is the Facebook page, which features a dark red cover photo with the journal's title in white serif font. The profile picture is a circular logo with the journal's name. The page has 524 followers and 2 following. A 'How healthy is your Page?' overlay is visible, showing a 'Page health: good' status and suggesting actions like linking a WhatsApp account and inviting friends. A featured post shows two men on a stage, one presenting a certificate to the other. On the left is a Twitter profile for @APJPH\_ with 70 tweets. The bio identifies it as the official journal of the Asia-Pacific Academic C and lists the website [journals.sagepub.com/home/apj](http://journals.sagepub.com/home/apj). A tweet from January 10 shows a group of people at a dinner table, with the text: 'Thank you for the lovely dinner, National Public Health Journal of Indonesia (KEMAS), after fruitful 2 days training workshop discussing on running a journal, tackling its issues, and brainstorming strategies to improve manuscript submission and journal citation index.'

## **10.0 APJPH Editors**

The Editorial Board welcomed a new Language Editor (details below) on 2nd January 2023 to replace the previous Language Editor, Emeritus Professor Dr. Azirah Hashim from the Universiti Malaya, Malaysia.

### Dr. Daniel Chow Ung T'chiang

Department of English Language, Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

APJPH would like to thank Associate Editor Professor Dr. Jennifer who has ended her term on 31st August 2023. We appreciate her active participation in the journal matters, and her expertise and dedication.

### Prof. Dr. Jennifer Geraldine Doss

Department of Community Oral Health and Clinical Prevention Faculty of Dentistry, Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

APJPH also will be welcoming a new Associate Editor by November 2023 upon completion of online training with the Editorial Office.

### Prof. Dr. Hao Xiang

School of Public Health, Wuhan University, China

## 11.0 APJPH Goals with SAGE

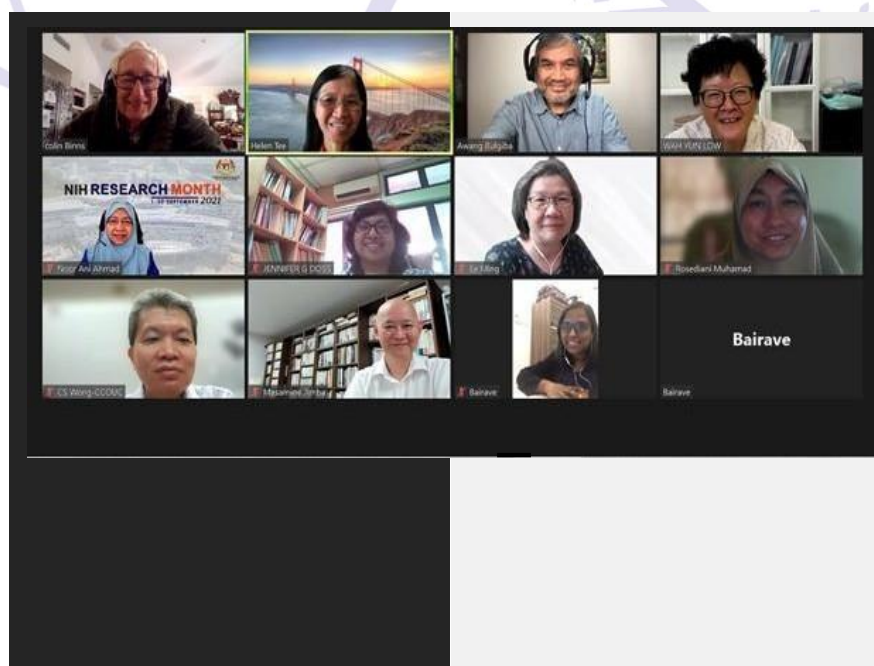
SAGE has been continuously supporting APJPH in making significant improvements by helping us to set-up realistic and achievable goals while guiding and monitoring us through the process.

As such, these goals were proposed by SAGE Publishing Editor in helping APJPH to improve peer review and and meet production deadlines. We have started to implement some of the goals (details below):

Recommendations by SAGE	Action by APJPH
Complete checklist, select and invite reviewers, make decisions, etc on time	Editors/ Reviewers are advised to complete their tasks within the given duration to achieve the recommended manuscript processing duration
Ensure Editors are desk rejecting articles that do not fit the Aims & Scope of the journal	Editors are advised to be rigid with their screening and reject manuscripts of poor quality. Editors may still Reject a manuscript that was screened by another Editor.
To decrease peer review times	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Editorial Assistants reach out to reviewers with personal reminders to encourage timely reviews</li> <li>2. Reduce deadlines for reviewers</li> <li>3. Ensure SAGE Track settings are optimal (eg automated reminders)</li> </ol>
To build an inventory of articles - SAGE recommends having 3 months' worth of content available OnlineFirst	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Export articles to production as soon as possible post-acceptance</li> <li>2. APJPH currently has 44 articles available OnlineFirst</li> </ol>

Maintain ethical peer review practices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Receive a minimum of 2 external, non-suggested reviewers per manuscript on average</li> <li>2. No manuscripts should be accepted without review</li> </ol>
Promote Open Access publication options available in the journal to	In practice
Ensure SAGE Track settings are optimal (e.g. automated features, adjust time	In practice
Reach out to reviewers with personal reminders to encourage timely reviews	In practice
Identify and promote highly cited topics and citable article types to drive citations. Adjust volume of published articles to minimize potential negative effects on the	In practice
Finding Reviewers using resources SAGE has provided access to (Publons, Reviewer Locator) to decrease the burden	In practice
Set terms and expectations for editorial board members to build engagement with the journal (e.g. 2-year term requiring a minimum of 3 completed reviews and 1	For discussion and further action

## 12.0 APJPH Activities in 2022





## AE Appreciation Dinner

15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Thank you to **Prof. Dr. Khoo Ee Ming, Prof Dr. Wong Yut Ling, and Language Editor Emeritus Prof. Dr. Azirah Hashim** for their dedication and hard work

Vice President 2 of APACPH: Prof Dr. Victor Hoe



## APACPH EC Meeting 2/2022

20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

APJPH Editorial Office Report was presented in the EC Meeting held at the Manila Marriott Hotel, Philippines

APJPH was congratulated for achieving its highest ever Impact Factor in 2021 and is looking forward to receive more manuscripts of good quality





## APACPH General Assembly

21st September 2022

APJPH Editorial Office Report was also presented in the GA held at the Manila Marriott Hotel, Philippines

**53rd Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health Conference**  
Pre-Conference Workshop

**Getting Your Paper Published**

The workshop is held as a response to most individual and institution's needs to enhance research and acquire specific knowledge and skills to write and publish scientific manuscripts. This workshop targets public health students, researchers and academic staff who conduct research and need to develop successful scientific writing skills. The workshop hopes to boost participants' self-confidence to initiate and sustain their scientific writing efforts.

**Speaker**  
**Dr. Colin Binns**  
Emeritus Professor  
School of Public Health  
Curtin University, Australia  
Editor, Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health

**Speaker**  
**Dr. Wah Yun Low**  
Professor  
Faculty of Medicine,  
University of Malaya, Malaysia  
Editor-in-Chief, Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health

**"Why Your Paper Wasn't Published?"**

**"Publishing Qualitative Research Papers"**

## Pre-conference Workshop

21st September 2022

'Getting Your Paper Published' by EIC Prof Dr. Low Wah Yun & Editor Emeritus Prof Dr. Colin Binns

Attended by 35 participants on site and via Zoom



# APACPH 2022 Opening Ceremony

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022



The Editor-in-Chief, Prof Dr. Low Wah Yun received the prestigious **Public Health Recognition Award** in the 53rd APACPH Conference 2022



## Visits from Overseas

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
November 2022

Kesmas: **National Public Health Journal of Indonesia**, Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Indonesia

2-day training workshop **Improving Journal Performance and Handling of Manuscripts from the Asia Pacific Region**

# Training Workshop

DAY 1- 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

15 KESMAS Editorial Board members and a few other journals in the Universitas Indonesia visited APJPH

Included topics:

- Handling manuscript submission
- Handling authors, reviewers, and editors
- Strategies on increasing citations
- Improving journal impact factor, and ranking
- Increasing journal visibility



# Training Workshop

DAY 2- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Deputy Chief Librarian, Mdm Koh Ai Peng delivered a talk on **Getting Journal Indexed and Improving Citations**

**Peer Reviewing** by AE  
Prof. Dr. Claire Choo

**Managing a Journal** by EO  
Bairave and Helen





## Appreciation Dinner

15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Appreciation Dinner by Team KESMAS  
after a fruitful 2-day training at Universiti Malaya

## Training for New Associate Editor

21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

All new Editors will be given adequate training to run the ScholarOne Manuscript Central

APJPH also provides online videos/ tutorials by SAGE for Editors, Reviewers, and Authors



## Appendix 15 GA/2023

### APACPH Webmaster

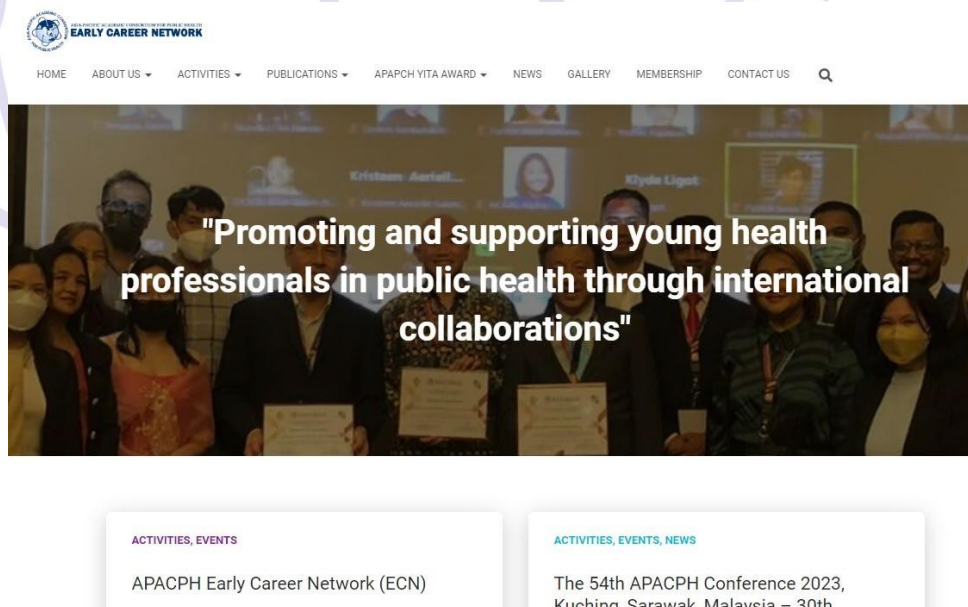
One of the main strengths of APACPH is having its own website (<https://www.apacph.org/wp/>). The information on the website has been constantly updated with the activities of APACPH and its member institutions. This included the development in the Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health (APJPH) and the APACPH Conferences. The website also contains the information of the members institutions, constitutions of APACPH, APJPH, International Cyber University for Health (ICUH), the APACPH Early Career Network (ECN), Collaborating Centres for Health Promotion (CCPH), and the names of the recipients of the APACPH awards – the Leadership Achievement Award, Public Health Recognition Awards, Excellence in Leadership Medallion and the APACPH Medal of Merit awards.



APACPH website



Besides the APACPH website, we also have the APACPH Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/apacpublichealth/>) with more than 2 thousand followers. In addition to the APACPH main website, we have also created the APACPH ECN (<https://ecn.apacph.org/>) and the Learning@APACPH (<https://learning.apacph.org/>) websites.



APACPH ECN website

It is important for APACPH to maintain a vibrant and updated website. Moving forward, APACPH should also consider managing and maintaining the websites for APACPH conferences. This will ensure that the information of APACPH conferences is maintained even after the completion of the conference. It also reduced cost and technical issue of developing and maintaining an independent APACPH Conference website.



*Victor CW Hoe*

Professor Dr Victor CW Hoe

Webmaster, APACPH



## **Appendix 16 GA/2023**

### **Early Career Network (ECN)**

The year 2022-23 was a period of significant change and renewed energy for APACPH –ECN. There were several new developments and improvements. We are delighted to inform that Prof. Dr. Naruemon Auemaneekul has been officially appointed as the ECN Coordinator during the Executive Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2023. Prof. Betty Chiu and Prof. Victor Hoe joined Prof. Wah Yun Low and Prof. Elahi Nezemi, as ECN panel of advisors and I warmly welcome all of them.

The webpage of the "Early Career Network of APACPH (ECN-APCPH) has undergone a comprehensive revision and updating. This activity was coordinated by the APACPH Secretary General's office and ECN, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. ECN office has successfully coordinated the selection process for APACPH ECN Young Investigator Travel Award (YITA) in conjunction with the 54th APACPH Conference 2023. The annual ECN workshop will be held on 30th October 2023 as a Pre-conference workshop of the 54th APACPH conference. The workshop topic is "How to Make Data Presentation More Effective and Attractive". During this workshop, early-career public health professionals will be given personalised guidance on how to present their data more effectively and attractively. The ECN photo completion too will be held during the 54th APACPH conference.

I would like to thank and put in records the commitment and dedication of the staff of ECN office, Department of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, specially Ms. Mayuri Amarasiri, Ms. Pamodee Panchali and Ms. Bismi Randiligama. I would also like to acknowledge the support given by APACPH Secretariat and APACPH Treasurer's office.

Report Prepared by



Prof. Indika Karunathilake

ECN Advisor



## APACPH Accreditation Report

APACPH Accreditation initiative is a priority activity of APACPH. As the chair of the APACPH Accreditation Committee, I am happy to inform the re-activation of APACPH accreditation programme following the COVID affected period of 2020-21.

The progress of the APACPH Accreditation programme during 2022- 23 is as follow.

	<b>Name of the University</b>	<b>Progress</b>
01.	The Graduate School of Public Health, Yonsei University	In-progress
02.	Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia	In-progress
03.	Master of Public Health Programme of the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Malaya	In-progress
04.	Faculty of Public Health at Mahidol University	In-progress
05.	Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University Malaysia Sabah	Sent for review

I would like to thank and put in records the commitment and dedication of the staff of Secretary General's Office at Department of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, specially Ms. Mayuri Amarasiri, who coordinated the activities of the accreditation committee.

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Chair, APACPH Accreditation Initiative

## Appendix 17 GA/2023

### Health Law and Bioethics Collaborating Centre

#### WHO CC for Health Law and Bioethics redesignation

• 2014 to 2018 : designation / 2018 to 2022 : 1st redesignation

2022 to 2026 : 2nd redesignation

#### • Terms of Reference:

1. Support WHO to strengthen the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Bioethics.
2. Support WHO's engagement with parliamentarians to foster collaboration towards sustainable action for health and strengthening regional health security.
3. Support WHO in building country capacities to strengthen legal and ethical frameworks for health.

#### Attending to World Association for Medical Law (WAML)

1. 2022.12.05.-2022.12.07. 26th World Association for Medical Law in Gold Coast, Australia
2. 2023.08.02.-2023.08.04. 27TH World Association for Medical Law in Vilnius, Lithuania

#### Network meeting or workshop medical law researchers

1. 2023.02.14-2023.02.18 National University of Kaohsiung /College of Medicine
2. 2023.03.01-2023.03.05 National University of Mongolia /College of Medicine
3. 2023.03.10. Georgetown University in Washington DC
4. 2023.03.28. The University of Sydney / Colledge of Law
5. 2023.04.03 Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
6. 2023.06.05 – 2023.06.08 Hanoi Medical University
7. Hanoi Medical University Hospital
8. 2023.09.05.-2023.09.16. Kitakyshu-koga Hospital Center
9. 2023.02-2023.08 Various other activities (meetings with various universities and experts in Europe and Africa)

#### Support for Korean legislative activities

1. 2023.11.30. Korean Parliamentarian Forum on Global Health (KPF GH) about “How to prepare nursing staff for chronic disease beds?” scheduled to be held.

**Support the Medical Law Research Group with Korean Association of Medical Law (KAML)**

1. Group1: Well Dying Research Group
2. Group2: Medical precedent research group
3. Group3: Neuroscience Law Research Group
4. Group4: Senior Life Research Group
5. From 2023.09, Support with the monthly meeting



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Yonsei University

## Appendix 18 GA/2023

### International Cyber University for Health (ICUH)

#### About ICUH

- ICUH has been operated by Yonsei University under APACPH since 2004.
- We have been discussing the future direction of ICUH for several years and are preparing for changes in the operating method and system.
- Recently, due to COVID-19, the importance of cyber education has become more prominent.
- Accordingly, based on the successful operation of several online curriculum, we plan to revitalize ICUH operation from 2024 in accordance with the future direction of ICUH.

#### Sample of online curriculum

Example 1. Mongolia University ICUH (Developed by Young Moon Chae)

Example 2. Mental Health counselor education program (Developed by Young Soon Choi)

- The 'Logo Artwork' curriculum for health care and welfare majors in Eswatini, South Africa.
- Class period: October 2022 – June 2023 (6 months, 24 weeks, 200 hours)
- Practice Period: April 2023 – June 2023 (3 months, 12 weeks, 12 or more sessions)
- Face-to-face training (professors with learners): 8 hours
- Visited learner's subjects, feedback, and evaluation: 24 hours in 3 days
- We operate a one-year training course for university graduates related to health and medical welfare and provide a level 2 art therapy counselor certification from the Korean Art Therapy Counseling Association.

### **What is Logo Artwork?**

- Logo artwork is a theory of discovering meaning by following emotions developed by professor Mary Choi by combining Viktor Frankl's' logo therapy theory, Carl Rogers' human-centered counseling theory, and art therapy theory..

### **Future Plans for APACPH ICUH**

- Discussion for APACPH ICUH operation
- possibility of taking course, recognizing credits for students, contents, etc.
- At 1.30pm – 2.30pm, 31.10 Tues, Day One (After concurrent scientific oral presentation 1)
- Those who are interested in ICUH are encouraged to attend the meeting.



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