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Report from Regional President: Professor Keith Hill

Hi everyone. I hope that the first half of 2017 has been a productive time for you.

The main recent activity undertaken by members of the Regional Executive Council, and the local Organising Committee for the 2019 Asia Oceania Regional Congress has been a planning meeting held in Taipei in October 2017 (see below). This was a strongly collaborative approach working towards bringing together an excellent program for our next regional congress (photo shows the Executive Council who also met at the planning meeting in Taipei).

We are now all gearing up for the upcoming IAGG world conference, being held in San Francisco July 23-27, 2017. See the conference website—<https://www.iagg2017.org/>

The conference will be an excellent opportunity to network and share experiences with others from across the world. Please review the program and we hope you can join us at this conference. **Of note, there is a regional symposia (discussing some key issues across our region) being held on Tuesday, Jul 25 2017, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM.**

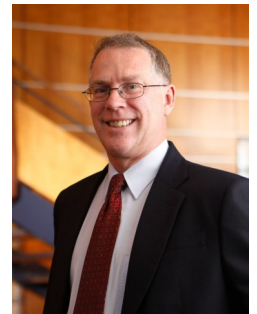
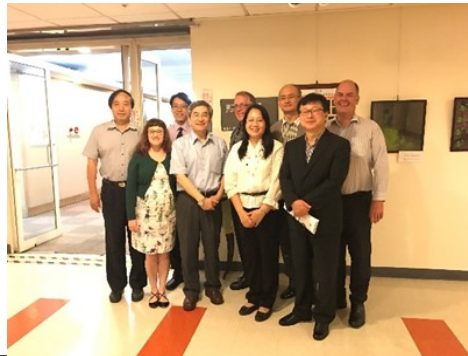
There will also be a **booth promoting the region and the upcoming 2019 regional conference, so please also come and visit us at the booth.**

At the IAGG San Francisco Conference, the Regional Council will meet to discuss regional business. This will also be my last meeting as Chair of the Regional Council, with Professor Prasert Assantachai assuming the role of Chair of the Asia Oceania Regional Council (and A/Prof Siriphan Sasat taking over the Regional Secretary role from Professor Julie Byles).

I hope to see you at IAGG!

Professor Keith Hill,

President, IAGG Asia Oceania Regional Council



2019 Regional Congress planning—Taipei, Taiwan

The first joint meeting for the 2019 Asia Oceania Regional Conference local and regional organizing committee was held on October 22-23, 2016. The meeting brought together the local organizing committee, led by Professor Cheng-Chieh Lin and Dr Chia-Ming (Jeremy) Li, together with the Regional Executive Council, and the four regional Scientific chairs. The 1.5 day meeting included a tour of the conference centre (Taipei International Convention Centre), and detailed discussions on all aspects of the conference planning, with a particular focus on ensuring the congress provides an excellent mix of invited speakers and invited symposia from across the region.

Although at very early stages, it is worth putting the date (October 24-27, 2019) in your diary, and to keep a regular eye on the conference website for updates as the planning progresses—<http://www.iagg2019.org>



Meeting up at IAGG San Francisco



For those attending IAGG San Francisco, there will be several region related activities for you to see and participate in:

1. Three IAGG President's Awards will be awarded to Asia Oceania Region representatives for outstanding service: Professor Sutthichai Jittapunkul (Thailand), Professor Sang Chul Park (Republic of Korea), and Professor Yasuyoshi Ouchi (Japan). Awards will be made at the Opening ceremony, Sunday July 23, 5.00-6.30pm).
2. Asia Oceania Regional Symposium (Tuesday July 25, 4.00-5.30pm): Four speakers will discuss aspects of regional activity, research and challenges, with discussant Professor Prasert Assantachai (IAGG Asia Oceania President elect).
3. Exhibition booth: promoting the 2019 Asia Oceania Regional Congress in Taipei, Taiwan, and other regional activities. Come to hear about the 2019 regional congress, and about things to do pre and post congress in Taiwan.

New Regional Scientific Chairs: Biological Sciences, and Social Research & Planning

Due to retirements, two Regional Scientific Sub-Committee Chair positions became available last year. These positions have been filled by:

Biological Sciences Sub-Committee— Professor Eun Seong Hwang, Department of Life Science, University of Seoul, Seoul, Republic of Korea; and

Social Research and Planning Sub-Committee.—Professor Julie Byles, Co-Director of the Hunter Medical Research Institute Public Health research program, University of Newcastle, Newcastle, NSW, Australia

We congratulate Professor Hwang and Professor Byles on being successfully appointed to these positions.



Other Conferences in the Region 2017

NOVEMBER 2017

- **Australian Association of Gerontology Conference**, Perth Western Australia, AUSTRALIA. November 8-10. Theme: Ageing: The golden opportunity. <http://aagconference.asn.au/>

Indian Ageing Congress, November 2017

The Indian Ageing Congress, a joint meeting of two IAGG members: the Association of Gerontology India (18th Biennial Conference) and the Indian Academy of Geriatrics (14th Annual conference) was held from 9th to 11th November 2016, at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The Congress was jointly organized by the Departments of Geriatric Medicine, Anatomy and Biophysics of the institution. The theme of the Conference was “Ageing in the Changing World—Bridging Science, Policy and practice”. As a part of the conference there were five Pre Conference Workshops on 8th November. These included Gait and Falls Risk, Geriatric Oncology, Comfort Care, Ageing Biomarkers and Echocardiography workshops. There were three workshops for student and practicing nurses during the Congress. A total of Indian and International 400 delegates participated in the Congress. A Geriatric Nursing perspective was focused upon, over 30 faculty from Nursing Schools, 42 M Sc Nursing Students, and over 65 practicing nurses participated. In all there were 11 orations by prominent Indian and International faculty. There were 115 lectures on an array of topics encompassing health sciences, social and behavioral sciences, bio gerontology, interdisciplinary topics and nursing. An academic feast for the post graduates included lectures, poster presentations (42), platform presentations (39) and a Geriatric Quiz competition. The conference also launched a community drive for Senior Citizens on Immunization, rehabilitation and anemia free old age initiative.



Left: Inauguration Ceremony by Padma Bhushan Dr PN Tandon.

Below left: Gait and Fall Risk Assessment workshop.

Directly below: Geriatric practice across continents.

Below right: Immunization drive.



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