

ISA Asia and the Pacific Regional Section Report 2011

ISA Asia Pacific held its inaugural conference at the University of Queensland in September 2011. There were 62 panels over the two days of the conference and over 230 delegates attended. Many of the delegates were from Australia and New Zealand but a number travelled from Europe and Asia to attend the event. We were delighted to be able to offer bursaries to four academics from the University of the South Pacific in Fiji and we were also able to offer domestic travel bursaries to three postgraduate candidates studying in Australia. The ISA President, Professor Thomas Volgy, and President-Elect, Professor Etel Solingnen, were also in attendance.

The Keynote speakers, addressing the overall theme 'world of many worlds', included Professor Richard Higgott, (Vice Chancellor Murdoch University), Professor Margaret Jolly (Australia National University) and Professor Tim Rowse (University of Western Sydney).

The conference coincided with UQ's School of Political Science and International Studies Annual Lecture and we welcomed the Australian Foreign Minister the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, who spoke about the importance of the G20 ahead of the upcoming summit.

The conference was hosted by the School of Political Science and International Studies who along with the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences provided \$17,000 AUD to support the event. A small amount of sponsorship was received from Publishers.

We had anticipated receiving funding from the ISA Professional Development Fund for the recording and podcasting of the Publishing and Professionalisation panel.

A regional section business meeting was held on the first day of the conference and the meeting agreed to the suggestion by Professor Margaret Jolly that in future years the section be referred to as the 'Asia and Pacific Regional Section'. Other issues were raised in relation to the geographical boundaries of the section. Tim Dunne, elected as President of the section, was tasked with following this up with ISA HQ (something he intends to do in early 2012).

Financial Statement

Revenue in

Funding from School of Political Science and International Studies	\$11,000
Funding from Social & Behavioural Sciences	\$6,000
Sponsorship	\$1,400
Conference Registration	\$23,881.83
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$42,281.83</i>

Costs

VIP guests and Bursary accommodation	\$4,742.61
Flights	\$1,292.12
Evening reception	\$4,745.34
Conference expenses – incl venue hire, catering, promotion etc	\$26,773.38
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$37,553.45</i>
Balance as of December 2011	\$4,728.38