



ISA ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

OVERVIEW

Preparations for the second regional conference were finalized in 2015 and the ISA Asia-Pacific e-newsletter launched. City University of Hong Kong was chosen by ISA HQ in consultation with the Region leadership as the location for the conference to be held on the weekend of **June 25-27 2016**. We look forward to seeing you all there.

REGIONAL SECTION MEETING

A section meeting was held at the Annual Convention in New Orleans on February 18, 2015 between 12:30-13:30 at the Ascot room. Former Executive Director Prof. Volgy came by to explain about the then on-going negotiations with City about the conference.

CONFERENCE

City University of Hong Kong was chosen as the location for the regional conference after Executive Director Volgy's site visit in April. A local organizing committee was convened by Prof. Nick Thomas (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong) who joined ISA Vice-chair Professor Lorraine Elliott (Australian National University) and me as program chairs. The ISA Asia-Pacific regional leadership would like to extend their most sincere thanks to Dr. Thomas and the team at City for their preparations for the conference.

The conference theme is *The Pacific Century? The Asia-Pacific in an era of Global Transformation* and information about the conference, including the Call for Proposals, can be found here:

<http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/Asia-Pacific-Hong-Kong-2016>

We received 688 unique participants on proposals for panels, roundtables and papers. For inquiries related to the conference, please contact us at: asia-pacific@isanet.org

The South East Asian Research Center at City University of Hong Kong will kindly be making limited travel grants available for South-East Asian scholars upon the submission of a working paper for publication on their website. Please see below:

<http://www.isanet.org/News/ID/4930/ISA-A-P-Hong-Kong-2016--Travel-Support>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The conference will be preceded on June 24 2016 by a Professional Development workshop for Early Career Researchers organized by Professor Elliott. It will be attended by representatives from university

and commercial academic presses and is supported by a grant from the ISA Professional Development Committee. Thanks to Professor Elliott for making it happen.

E-NEWSLETTER

The first edition of the ISA Asia-Pacific Region newsletter was circulated to ISA Asia-Pacific members by e-mail in February. It contained information about the upcoming conference, Call for Papers and news of new publications of books and book series by members. It is anticipated that the next issue will come out shortly before the ISA Annual convention in March when the provisional program for the ISA Asia-Pacific conference will be finalized. Please send items for inclusion to asiapacificisa@gmail.com (and copy me in at gshani@icu.ac.jp).

MEMBERSHIP

As of December 1 2015, the Asia-Pacific Region had 537 members. However, it is anticipated that the regional membership will increase significantly once the provisional program for the Hong Kong conference is finalized. It is also hoped that the region will continue to diversify its membership base due to the travel grants supplied by SEARC.

BUDGET

The balance of the Asia-Pacific Region going forward into 2016 stands at over \$10,075, an increase of \$1335 on the same period last year. There was no major spending against the regional sectional budget in 2016. It is anticipated that there will be a significant outlay next year when the region plans to host its second regional conference in Hong Kong. However, it is hoped that this will be compensated by an increase in new membership.

BEST WISHES FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN HONG KONG NEXT JUNE!