



ISA ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

OVERVIEW

After holding the largest regional conference yet at City University of Hong Kong (CUHK) last year, 2017 was a year of transition. The executive committee of the Asia-Pacific region was re-elected to serve a one-year term with the explicit mandate of re-chartering the section to include South Asia. The election of a new executive committee was planned for 2018. The new committee will decide on the date and location of the next regional conference.

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

A region business meeting was held at the Annual Convention in Baltimore on Wednesday February 22, 12:30-13:30, in Carroll B, Hilton Baltimore. It was attended by approximately 20 ISA Asia-Pacific members. The meeting elected the executive committee for an additional one-year term. The motion was proposed by Kosuke Shimizu (Ryukoku); seconded by Chunman Zhang (JHU) and carried without any objections or abstentions. The one year extension gave the executive committee the mandate to ensure the changes are carried through to the next Governing Council 2018 to put forward the proposal for a rechartering of the Asia-Pacific region to include South Asia and to correct the discrepancy between the region charter from 1st January to the annual convention in line with the ISA calendar. Furthermore, a motion was passed to allow a representative of the Executive Committee from Asia-Pacific to be part of the site visit for future regional conferences funded by the region. The next business meeting will be held at the ISA Annual Convention, Wednesday April 4, 12:30-13:30, in the Franciscan B, Hilton San Francisco Union Square. It will be chaired by the incoming Region President.

E-NEWSLETTER

It is anticipated that the next edition of the ISA Asia-Pacific Region newsletter will be circulated to ISA Asia-Pacific members by e-mail in March 2018 before the ISA Annual Convention in San Francisco . A Call for Items for inclusion will go out shortly.

MEMBERSHIP

As of Jan 1 2018, the Asia-Pacific Region had 624 members, an increase of 17 members from last year. However, it is anticipated that the regional membership will increase significantly if the Region's charter is amended to include South Asia.

BUDGET

The balance of the Asia-Pacific Region almost doubled to \$19,430 from 2016 to 2017 and now stands at \$18,488.64. As the region continues to both expand and diversify our membership base, we look forward to holding many more regional conferences in different parts of the region.

AGENDA FOR 2018:

The following were updated agenda items for 2017:

1. **Elections:** The election of a new regional leadership for the region. The terms of office of the elected officers of the ISA Asia-Pacific region, consisting of President, two vice-Presidents and Treasurer, end at the ISA Annual Convention in San Francisco and a new committee will need to be elected or the existing committee will need to stand for re-election.
2. **Region Conference:** The new executive committee will then decide on the location and timing of the next Region Conference Possible venues under consideration by the existing committee include Malaysia, the Republic of Korea and Japan.
3. **Expansion:** A petition for the inclusion of a proposal to expand the region to include South Asia on the Governing Council Agenda was circulated to ISA Asia-Pacific members approximately two weeks before the 2017 Annual Convention in Baltimore. The proposal had the support of the proposed South Asia and World Politics section. Despite obtaining 212 signatures, the petition narrowly failed to meet the requirement of 250 signatures needed for inclusion on the Governing Council agenda as stipulated by ISA HQ. Since there appeared to be considerable support for the proposal among region membership, ISA HQ agreed to keep the petition open until the 2018 Annual Convention. The Petition, including the proposal and rationale, may be found below (**deadline Mar 1**): <http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Regions/Asia-Pacific/Petition>

On behalf of the executive committee, thank you for all your support for the past four years.