Dear InterAcademy Partnership members,

As this InterAcademy Partnership bulletin goes out, those involved in IAP for Health are busy making preparations for the forthcoming conference and general assembly that will be held in Beijing, China, on 27-28 and 29 September, respectively.

Hosted by our member, the Chinese Academy of Engineering, the conference on ‘Promoting Health’ will bring together more than 60 academy representatives as well as a number of experts from China. Some 25 expert speakers are already lined up in what promises to be an interesting and fruitful agenda as we explore the topic of ‘Promoting Health’ as a means of achieving IAP for Health’s over-riding goal, that of improving health world-wide.

Of course, one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that world governments signed up to in 2015 is to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. Issues relating to health and well-being also underpin many of the other SDGs, too – including providing clean water and sanitation, achieving food security and ending hunger, and taking action on the climate and pollutants in the air, on land and in our water. We expect that these inter-relationships will be explored during the conference.

Preparations are also under way for the next World Health Summit in Berlin, Germany (9-11 October). As we write, the sixth cohort of IAP for Health Young Physician Leaders (YPL) has been selected for the annual leadership training workshop, and plans are developing to hold a second IAP for Health session on One Health, following up on last year’s successful event. Of course, the full programme will also cover issues such as universal health coverage, neglected tropical diseases, medical education, migration and refugee health, and a host of other topical issues. We encourage you to attend if you can.

At the IAP for Health general assembly that follows the conference in China, one of us (LML) will also rotate off the executive committee. I therefore wish to thank all the members of the EC for their commitment to our goals during my time as co-chair, all the academies that have been involved in then-IAMP projects – a number that seems to have grown continuously, and the excellent support we have received from the secretariat in Trieste.

We hope to catch up with many of you either in Beijing or Berlin – or even both.

Detlev Ganten and Lai Meng Looi - IAP for Health co-chairs

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spectrum will focus on topics like: Migration and Refugee Health: From care to policy; Technological Innovation for Health: Improving healthcare delivery; Women, Empowerment and Health: Equality and agency; Translational Research: Advancing innovative treatment; and Infectious Diseases: Lessons learned from Ebola to Zika. The WHS is underpinned by the M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centres, Universities and National Academies – an international network of academic institutions known for their educational and research excellence. IAP for Health, formerly IAMP, is a key member of the M8 Alliance.

In conjunction with the World Health Summit, IAP for Health will hold the 6th Young Physician Leaders (YPL) programme from 7-11 October, with a focus on analysing models of leadership and the aim of developing individual action plans for personal leadership growth for the 20 selected participants.

IAP for Health will also organize a session during the WHS on ‘One Health’.

IAP FOR HEALTH

IAP for Health is currently organizing a Conference and General Assembly on 27-28 and 29 September, respectively, hosted by the Chinese Academy of Engineering. The theme of the conference is ‘Promoting Health’. The General Assembly is reserved for member academies and will review the last three years’ work, as well as focusing on the election of a new Executive Committee and strategic actions for the next three-year mandate.

IAP for Health is also supporting the organizers of the 11th Workshop and Congress on Kangaroo Mother Care which will take place in Trieste, Italy, on 14-15 and 16-17 November, respectively. Academies are being encouraged to find suitable experts to attend the events. The workshop will include about 50 participants representing active Kangaroo Mother Care research and development projects and programmes. The objective is to present, discuss in detail and share experiences that will hopefully lead to improved implementation in terms of both coverage and quality. The conference is expected to be attended by 300 people.

The Georgian Academy of Medical Sciences will host the 8th Tbilisi International Symposium on Critical Care and Catastrophe Medicine on 29-30 October 2016 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

The UK Academy of Medical Sciences is hosting a workshop on ‘Rapid diagnostic tests’ in London on 21 November. Again, academies are being encouraged to find suitable experts to attend. UKAMS and IAP for Health will provide travel assistance for academy-nominated participants from low and middle-income countries.

IAP FOR RESEARCH

Two major IAP for Research projects being sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York are now under way. Following a call for nominations from IAP member academies, committee members have been appointed to lead both projects:

- ‘Harnessing Science, Engineering, and Medicine to Address Africa’s Challenges’, co-chaired by Robin Crewe, director of the Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship at the University of Pretoria, and Oyewale Tomori, president of the Nigerian Academy of Science, will engage African and non-African leaders in science, engineering and medicine, African governments, bodies such as the United Nations and the African Union, the global donor community, industry, and other stakeholders in activities that demonstrate the value of independent academy science-policy advice, with the ultimate goal of ensuring sustainability of national investment of science and technology in Africa.

- ‘Improving Scientific Input to Global Policymaking: Strategies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals’, co-chaired by Li Jinghai, vice president of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Eva Alisic, senior research fellow at Monash University and past co-chair of the Global Young Academy, will develop a framework for action that strengthens the global science-policy interface and will also facilitate productive collaboration and adoption of best practices among organizations that generate scientific advice.

FROM IAP AFFILIATED REGIONAL NETWORKS

AASSA will hold their General Assembly Meeting & an International Symposium on the topic: ‘Refugees and Migrants: A Global Problem or an Asset’ on 20-23 November.

EASAC has celebrated its 15th anniversary. A special event took place on 11-13 May 2016 during the biannual Council meeting, hosted by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.

For more updates, see Meetings & Events.
October 2016 in Ankara, Turkey.

AASSA also held their second meeting for the IAP ‘Food and Nutrition Security and Agriculture’ project on 18-19 July 2016 in Seoul, S. Korea.

IANAS is busy organizing first major conference for the ‘Food and Nutrition Security and Agriculture’ project on 17-20 September 2016.

IANAS is also preparing, in partnership with IAP, TWAS, the Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) and GenderInSITE, a session at the first ‘Latin American and Caribbean Open Science Forum’ (CILAC) on ‘Networking Globally to Enhance Women in Science: The role of international organizations’. The event will be held on 6-9 September 2016 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

**IAP Activities Around the World**

IAP invites its member academies, regional networks, observers and other partner organizations to submit proposals that will address IAP’s strategic goals. Funds of up to US$30,000 will be provided to a number of projects that aim to produce material and/or recommendations that address IAP’s strategic priorities and will be useful to the scientific and policy communities and the general public (e.g., statements, policy reports, toolkits). Completed proposals must reach the IAP secretariat by 30 September 2016. For further information, please click HERE.

The leadership of the InterAcademy Partnership released a communique regarding the recent attempted coup d’etat in Turkey, highlighting that violence should never be accepted as a means for overthrowing a democratically elected government, as well as the principles of freedom of thought, freedom of expression and freedom of movement for scientists. A response has been received from the Council of Higher Education, Turkey.

The IAP Science Education Programme (SEP) is contributing to Thailand’s National Science and Technology Fair 2016, scheduled for 18-28 August 2016 at the Impact Exhibition and Convention Centre, Bangkok. On this occasion, IAP has been invited to participate in Panel Session on ‘Risk Communication on Public Issues: Mosquito Borne Diseases - a Case Study’, on 25 August 2016. The session aims to raise public awareness of the importance of risk communication in the area of science and technology with a focus on the participation and responsibility of all parties – including those who make the discoveries and those who make use of them.

Members of the IAP Biosecurity Working Group participated in a side event at the Preparatory Committee meeting to the 8th Review Conference of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC) in Geneva on 8-12 August 2016. The side event, hosted by the Government of Ukraine and co-chaired by Jo Husbands, US NAS, focused on ‘Supporting Effective BWC Implementation: Education, outreach and policy advice’, and featured presentations from the Ukraine Academy of Sciences, Pakistan Academy of Sciences, EASAC, and IAP coordinator, Peter McGrath. P. McGrath also presented a statement on IAP activities to a plenary session of States Parties.

**From IAP Member Academies / Observers**

The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei is organizing the international meeting on ‘Florence 1966-2016’ in Rome, Italy, on 11-12 October 2016 to mark the 50th anniversary of the great Florence flood. It will focus on the resilience of art cities to natural disasters and the role of academies of sciences. The Conference will consider catastrophes of ‘natural’ origin such as floods, tsunamis, hurricanes, landslides, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. On its closing day, the ‘Rome Charter for the Resilience of Cities of Art’ will be presented.

The Académie des Sciences, France, will celebrate its 350th anniversary on 26-27 September this year in conjunction with its ‘World Science Day’. For this special event, President Hollande and more than 80 presidents, vice presidents and other academy dignitaries will participate in the celebrations. IAP will be represented by Volker ter Meulen, co-chair of IAP for Science, who will present a speech on ‘The Complexity of Science and Science Academies’.

A new Council of National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka (NASSL) has been elected for the term May 2016-April 2017. The academy welcomes the new president Azeez M. Mubarak and vice president Ranjith Mahindapala.

The National Academy of Sciences Honduras has elected Mario Lanza Santamaria as president and Carolina Alduvin as secretary.

Jennifer Thomson, former chair of the Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World’s (OWSD)
South Africa national chapter, has been elected as OWSD’s new president (2016-2020).
The 10th anniversary of the Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology of Morocco was held in Rabat, Morocco, from 16-18 May 2016. Among the attendees was the president of the Nigerian Academy of Science, Oyewale Tomori.

**IAP Young Scientists Activities & Global Young Academy (GYA)**

The 6th International Conference of Young Scientists and the Annual General Meeting of the Global Young Academy (GYA) 2016 were held under the theme ‘Bridging Worlds Through Science’ on 25-29 May 2016 in Eindhoven, Netherlands. The International Conference of Young Scientists and Annual General Meeting (AGM) is the annual key event of the GYA. GYA members from over 50 countries, distinguished members of the GYA advisory board, senior scientists, and science administrators from around the world were invited to this meeting to work together on the goals of this global organization. For more detailed information, please see HERE.

The GYA is calling for action in supporting the movement towards open access by signing up to its More Open Access Pledge. It is aiming for at least 1,000 signatories, and therefore substantial activity towards open access. Despite the significant expansion of Open Science, many researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and citizens still cannot access the latest evidence. The GYA campaign aims to raise awareness of the issue and to push for the wide availability of research findings. Pledging means committing to submit at least one manuscript to an Open Access outlet by the end of the year.

The Nigerian Academy of Sciences (NAS), in collaboration with The World Academy of Sciences’ Regional Office for Sub-Saharan Africa (TWAS ROSSA), and the Nigerian Young Academy (NYA) will be hosting the 2016 ROSSA Regional Young Scientists Conference on 23-24 August in Lagos, Nigeria. The theme for this year’s conference is ‘Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa: The role of young academies’. The conference will be hosted alongside the Annual General Assembly of the NYA (23-24 August). Sub-themes will cover the natural sciences, engineering, health sciences, and social and management sciences.

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

IANAS: Guide Towards a Sustainable Energy Future for the Americas

NASAC: Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Africa: Recommendations to Policymakers

IANAS: The Inter-American Network of Academies of Sciences

NASAC Science Networker bulletin: Vol. 3 Issue 1, June 2016

All IAP and related publications are available online at: [http://www.interacademies.net/Publications.aspx](http://www.interacademies.net/Publications.aspx)

**UPDATES FROM IAP SECRETARIAT**

Inform us: The IAP Secretariat invites all InterAcademy Partnership member academies and Affiliated Regional Networks to contribute to the Meetings & Events page on the website by submitting information and details of workshops and other events they are organizing.

Be informed: We encourage member academies and individuals to create their own Twitter accounts (if they have not already done so) and to follow IAP on Twitter at @IAPartnership; https://twitter.com/iapartnership. All items posted on IAP’s websites are shared via Twitter.

We would like to congratulate Muthoni Kareithi, who has been responsible for the IAP for Health Secretariat over the past years, for her recent promotion to IAP Project Assistant.

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