

**Asia Pacific Presidents and Committee Meeting  
27 September 2008, Amsterdam, 9am**

Minutes from last meeting included in AP website and LESI website

1. Networking meeting in Singapore at APAA conference.

Patricia reported the objective is to take advantage of the presence of 1300 APAA participants, and to invite them to attend the Manila conference. In particular, targets are persons who are non-LES members, including South East Asian countries without LES chapters – eg Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, etc. In the past similar networking meeting has been arranged by Mr Kurose. Daniel Koh of LES Singapore has been asked to provide assistance and he has agreed to contribute some funding – Daniel has contacted Cornerstone restaurant and organised some details of the event. Likely costs are around S\$40 per head including drinks. Package for 500 people costs S\$5000 (approximately US\$3500). Patricia believes the expense is justified by attracting larger numbers to conference. Further funding for this networking meeting may well come from the AP committee budget – however Yvonne is still awaiting confirmation of what that budget is. Patricia asked whether there were any other societies who would be interested in jointly hosting the event, and contributing costs.

LES Japan generously committed US\$1500.

LES ANZ indicated it would request its board to approve some funding, on the basis that the networking event could also be used to promote the ANZ Canberra meeting and also highlight the 2012 Auckland meeting. ANZ will ask the board for approval by October 5 and will email Patricia, Yvonne and other presidents with news. **Action: Simon Rowell**

October 20 is date for the networking meeting – from 6pm to 8pm. Presidents of AP will be asked to disseminate invitations through their members. **Action: All Presidents**

2. LESI Manila workshops/plenaries

China, HK and Chinese Taipei sessions have all been confirmed. India has yet to confirm its topic, and Rani was not present at the APC to discuss. It was originally indicated as a comparative analysis of Indian, Chinese and Japanese legal issues. However, LES Japan expressed that they were not particularly interested in participation in a comparative analysis workshop topic. Yvonne asked Japan to consider and suggest a topic/session as a workshop, plenary or mini-plenary for Manila, and also to suggest further potential Japanese speakers. **Action: Japan**

Patricia is to check with Rani if the two Indian topics she submitted some time ago will still be going ahead – and whether these were under the Life Sciences committee or APC. **Action: Patricia Bunye and Rani Boazz**

Patricia will let us all know by email which topics/sessions lack speakers, so that APC can suggest speakers. **Action: Patricia Bunye**

Joint workshop with University committee – Edward Tay is still confirming speakers and the committee asked for him to update us.  
**Action: Edward Tay**

Funding for speakers airfare: Yvonne has requested budget for the APC for this item of funding to support the Manila conference.

Other participation by APC to support Manila: Patricia noted that sponsorship opportunities have now been published on the website, and she requested AP Presidents to tell their member organisations about sponsorship opportunities at Manila. She noted that she has already secured 2 “gold plus” sponsors, and one silver sponsor already. **Action: All Presidents**

Patricia also advised that they will run a tech fair at the Manila meeting – which is new to LESI. She asked the AP Presidents to tell their members about the tech fair opportunities, which are published on the website.  
**Action: All Presidents**

3. Les Nouvelles article – Yvonne has contacted most speakers from the workshop session, and all have indicated interest in publishing their contributions. Yvonne will report further progress in due course. **Action: Yvonne Chua**
4. Shenzhen Joint Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 - Yvonne reported that the meeting is expecting 80 participants (Note – since our meeting Chi Shaojie has advised that there are now 109 participants). Presentations will be given in either English or Mandarin with appropriate translation. All societies were encouraged to promote attendance – the cost will be US\$150, including dinner 14 October, and lunch on the day of joint meeting. **Action: All Presidents**
5. LES Japan and LES India meeting – it was reported that the meeting has been postponed, due primarily to concerns about stability in India.
6. Other Business – we discussed the possibility of a tour through the AP region based on the successful model run through the Latin American region. The Latin American tour involved speakers from USA/Canada discussing how their universities do technology transfer and structure deals. We decided we were interested in a similar initiative (although the topic is not fixed and it could be an IAM style workshop), however the timing would be to run the tour after the Manila conference. We will add this as an agenda item for the Manila APPM and APC meeting. **Action: Yvonne Chua / Simon Rowell**

Meeting closed 10.20am.