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Asian Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership:
Innovation, Policy, Governance and Quality

2015 Staff Report and 2016 Planned Events

2015 saw a full slate of APHERP activities as proposed at our December 2014 Biennial meeting and as outlined in the two-year strategic plan presented soon thereafter.

In summary these included:

1) The Second Emergent Scholar Seminar held at Kasetsart University in Bangkok, Thailand March 23-25, 2015 on the subject of “University-Community Engagement in the Asia Pacific Region”. Attended by 17 participants, the papers produced by each were assigned severally to both Deane and Professor Christopher Collins, (Azusa Pacific University, and Associate Director of APHERP) for editorial supervision and aggregation into publication materials. These are finding their several ways toward publication, in one segment through a proposal presented by Collins to Palgrave Macmillan Springer, and in others through individual recommendations made to various journals.

2) A senior seminar was held at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China May 18-20, 2015 on the subject of “Quality Issues at the University Level: Implementing Massification in Asian Higher Education”. A book prospectus based on the papers presented at this meeting has been submitted to Palgrave Macmillan Springer and is currently under consideration, having passed its first level of external review. The volume is to be co-edited by Deane and Catherine Gomes, the RMIT representative to the seminar.

3) A leadership institute was held at the National Chung Cheng University in Chia-yi, Taiwan from July 22-31 co-directed by Deane and Christopher Collins and with participation of additional international faculty including Molly Lee and Yang Yuchen. Framed as “Massification in Higher Education and Related Issues of Expansion, Sustainability and Excellence”, it was attended by 19 participants (two additional participants from the Taiwan Ministry of Education were forced to withdraw at the last moment because of unexpected administrative responsibilities). This institute, which is mainly directed at providing leadership skills for mid-career higher educational professionals, was given the highest

ranking of those achieved over the annual cycle spanning the past nine years. (During the institute Deane Neubauer and Molly N.N. Lee gave an invited presentation to the Ministry of Education on the subject of “Globalization Dimensions of Higher Education in Taiwan”.) The host university also provided at its expense a scenic “outing” for participants the day following the institute.

4) A second senior seminar was conducted at the Hong Kong Institute for Education and Lingnan University, Hong Kong from November 12-14 in conjunction with the Asian University Leaders Program on the subject “How Sustainable is the Current Massification Surge in Asia/Pacific?” The concept paper was written by John and Deane, with Deane being on site for the seminar coordination. The papers from this seminar have been submitted as a prospectus to Routledge Publishers for a volume entitled: “The Limits of Higher Education Massification in the Asia Pacific: Is It Sustainable?” edited by Ka Ho Mok, Deane Neubauer and Jin Jiang.

5) During the year APHERP staff also made presentations at a variety of scholarly meetings, including:

Deane Neubauer on behalf of APHERP:

- “Rethinking Mobility and Talent in Asia Pacific Higher Education,” Keynote address to UMAP conference, Taipei, Taiwan, September 10, 2015.
- “Examining Leadership in Medical Education—What’s new and why” presentation to Kaohsiung Medical University, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan, September 12, 2015.”
- “Globalized Education: Showboating or the Real Thing?” Presentation to 2015 International Conference on Rural Education and the International Experience and Local Exploration of Urbanization and Educational Change, Northeast Normal University, October 17, 2015.
- “The Challenges to Higher Education of Contemporary Globalization”, Northeast Normal University, October 19, 2015.

John N. Hawkins on behalf of APHERP:

- Invited to join US Japan Research Institute (USJRI) on behalf of APHERP; prepared paper for USJRI meeting in Washington DC November 2015.
- Met with consortium members, Tokyo University, Sophia University, Doshisha University, Waseda University on behalf of APHERP in Tokyo November 2015, to discuss joining APHERP as a group, presented paper on “consortiums in international higher education.”
- Presentation on APHERP as an innovative consortium, to Board of Directors of J.F. Oberlin University, November 2015, Tokyo Japan.

6) During the year three books, one special journal issue, and one monograph arising from previous APHERP activity were published:

- **Twenty First Century Work Place Skills and Learning Competencies: Continued Change in Asia Pacific Higher Education**, Kamila Ghazali and Deane Neubauer, editors, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.
- **Redefining Asia Pacific Higher Education in Contexts of Globalization: Private Markets and the Public Good**, Editors Christopher Collins and Deane Neubauer. A Pivot Book New York, Palgrave Macmillan. 2015.
- A special issue of the **Journal of Education and Work**, June 2015, editors, Ka Ho Mok and Deane Neubauer
- **Research, Development, and Innovation in Asia Pacific Higher Education**. John N. Hawkins and Ka Ho Mok, eds., New York, Palgrave Macmillan, estimated publication early 2016
- **Globalization, Internationalization and Asian Educational Hubs, Do We Need New Metaphors?** John N. Hawkins UC Berkeley, Center for Studies in Higher Education, Research Paper Series.

7) During the year APHERP responded to an invitation by Palgrave Macmillan to develop a Handbook of Asian Higher Education, which was submitted to the publisher in December, edited by Christopher Collins, Molly N.N. Lee, John N. Hawkins and Deane Neubauer. This 43 chapter handbook will be published in 2016.

8) Major events in 2016 included adding to our research partnership memberships by the University of Southern California, Indiana University, De La Salle University, and the Head Foundation (Singapore). As a result of these additional resources, the APHERP is working with the Head Foundation to plan and conduct a major higher education leadership conference to be addressed to the interests of current university and governmental higher education leaders, planned for early 2017.

9) APHERP's Visiting Scholar program in 2015 was active inviting and hosting seven Visiting Scholars from Japan, China and Korea at both UCLA and the East West Center. This program allows Visiting Scholars from APHERP member institutions to spend time either at UCLA or the East West Center to work on their research projects, conduct guest lectures and interact with faculty and students at these two host institutions.

Activities for 2016 include:

- 1) A senior seminar to be held at Zhejiang University in May 2016 on the subject of “the role of flagship universities in Asia Pacific higher education,” to be coordinated by John N. Hawkins
- 2) An emergent scholar seminar to be tentatively held in August at Kasetsart University on a subject yet to be determined, to be coordinated by Christopher Collins.
- 3) A leadership institute to be held in early August at National Chung Cheng University in Chia-yi, Taiwan, jointly coordinated by Christopher Collins and Deane Neubauer.
- 4) Participation and presentation of scholarly papers at the Comparative and International Education Society meeting March 6-10 at Vancouver, Canada.
- 5) Tentative participation in the Global Higher Education Forum: The Role of Higher Education in Developing Higher Education Resilience and Sustainability, April 5-7, 2016 at the National Higher Education Research Institute (IPPTN), Penang, Malaysia. Tentative participant is Deane Neubauer.
- 6) Participation in the CHEA International Quality Group meeting, Washington, DC, January 25-28, 2016 by Deane Neubauer who is a member of this group on behalf of APHERP (CHEA is also a member organization).
- 7) A senior seminar to be held in late October at the Hong Kong University for Education (previously the Hong Kong Institute for Education) and Lingnan University on the subject of “Gender Issues in Asia Pacific Higher Education” coordinated by Deane Neubauer.
- 8) The second biennial all-membership meeting will be conducted in early December at the East-West Center in Honolulu.
- 9) Based on the success of the July 2015 leadership institute at Chiayi attended by two UH system persons, Joanne Taira of the UH System has suggested that we might do an abbreviated version of this at some time in the mid-Spring, perhaps late March. If we go ahead with this activity, we will invite participants from other member institutions should they seek to attend.