
APLAC REPORT TO APLMF 25th FORUM MEETING NOVEMBER 2018

APLAC Membership

Since February 2017 the following organisations have been accepted as Full members of APLAC:

- National Center of Accreditation (NCA), Kazakhstan;
- Accreditation Canada, Canada; and
- Accreditation Education Research & Scientific Services Centre Pvt Ltd (AERSSC), Nepal.

The following organisations have been accepted as Associate members of APLAC:

- National Accreditation Center (NAC), Turkey;
- Australian Laboratory Accreditation Body (ALAB), Australia;
- Public Authority for Industry Accreditation Affairs Section (PAI KAAS), Kuwait;
- National Center of Accreditation (NCA), Tajikistan;
- Global Laboratories Accreditation Board (GLAB), India;
- Iranian Association of Clinical Laboratory Doctors (IACLD), Iran;
- Uzbekakkreditation, Uzbekistan; and
- Union Internationale des Laboratoires Indépendants (UILI), The Netherlands.

Associate member, Korea Testing and Research Institute (KTR) has been withdrawn.

Full details of APLAC members (47 Full members; 17 Associate members) can be found on the APLAC website: www.aplac.org

APLAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement

The APLAC MRA consists of 39 signatories from 24 economies and one multi-economy accreditation body representing 7 economies, and includes 37 in testing, 29 in calibration, 19 in inspection, 18 in ISO 15189, 15 in RMP and 14 in PTP. Full details of the scopes of recognition for each of the APLAC MRA signatories can be found on the APLAC website: www.aplac.org

Fifth APLAC PAC Joint General Assembly

The fifth APLAC PAC Joint General Assembly was held on 7th June 2018. The Joint General Assembly agenda covered the reporting on the joint meetings held during the week, reports from the regions, and discussion on the draft APAC Constitution, draft APAC fee model, draft APAC budget and the progress made by the Working Groups in creating the documentation needed for the new regional entity.

24th APLAC General Assembly

The 24th APLAC General Assembly was held on 8th June 2018 and the main outcomes arising from that meeting were as follows:

- elections of APLAC office bearers (for details see below);
- adoption of the name of Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (APAC) as the new name for APLAC, with effect from the date the new APAC Constitution has been registered by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, New Zealand;
- adoption of the APAC Constitution to replace the current APLAC Constitution;
- endorsement of funding for evaluator training on the revised ISO/IEC 17011 standard;
- endorsement of funding for ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO/IEC 17020 training courses in the second half of 2018;
- endorsement of funding for two joint APLAC APMP proficiency testing schemes due for commencement in the second half of 2018; and
- endorsement of the APLAC budget for July to December 2018.

Administration of APLAC

Following the elections held in June 2018, the members of the APLAC Board of Management are as follows:

Ms Jennifer Evans (Chair)	NATA, Australia;
Dr Llew Richards (MRA Council Chair)	IANZ, New Zealand;
Mr Isao Fujita	IAJapan, Japan;
Mr Kukuh Achmad	KAN, Indonesia;
Mr Shaharul Sadri Alwi (Treasurer)	Standards Malaysia, Malaysia;
Mr Trace McInturff	A2LA, United States of America;
Mr Vu Xuan Thuy	BoA, Viet Nam
Mr Wong Wang Wah (Immediate Past Chair)	HKAS, Hong Kong, PR China.

Mr Isao Fujita has been replaced by Dr Takashi Arai from IAJapan.

The APLAC Committee Chairs are as follows:

Proficiency Testing	Mr He Ping, CNAS, PR China;
Public Information	Mr Kelvin Shih, TAF, Chinese Taipei;
Technical	Mr Brad Moore, NVLAP, United States of America;
Training	Mr Brahim Houla, GAC, Gulf States.

APLAC Secretariat

Michael Fraser APLAC Secretary and Amanda Smith Administrator APLAC Secretariat can be contacted through the APLAC email address: secretariat@aplac.org.

APLAC Training Activities

ISO/IEC 17011

The MRA Council Evaluator Training Working Group has held an evaluator training course on ISO/IEC 17011:2017 from 10 to 11 September 2018 in Frederick, United States of America.

ISO/IEC 17025

The APLAC Training Committee will hold an ISO/IEC 17025 training course from 13 to 15 November 2018 in Hong Kong, PR China.

ISO/IEC 17020

The APLAC Training Committee will hold an ISO/IEC 17020 training course/workshop in the last quarter of 2018 in Viet Nam. The location and timing are yet to be confirmed.

Interaction with APLMF

APLAC's cooperation with APLMF has largely been through participation, wherever possible, in APLMF's meetings and through joint work on APEC's Specialist Regional Body (SRB) Forum that meets once a year in the margins of APEC SCSC 1.

First APAC General Assembly and Associated Meetings

The first APAC General Assembly and Associated Meetings will be hosted by SAC in Singapore from 14th to 22nd June 2019.

APAC Secretariat

The APAC Secretariat will be run by GED Advisory Pty Ltd and Graeme Drake will be APAC Secretary.



Michael Fraser
APLAC Secretary