

A message from the PAC Chair



This is my first message to you as Chair of PAC, following the 2016 APLAC-PAC Joint Annual Meetings.

On behalf of PAC, I would like to extend our gratitude to our marvellous host, Taiwan Accreditation Foundation (TAF), whose excellent and tireless efforts have ensured a very fruitful event this year.

We see several changes within PAC this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parties who have participated and contributed to our success. Firstly, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to my predecessor, Mr Brett Abraham for his leadership and service to PAC.

I would also like to thank Ms Belinda Mort for her invaluable contributions and support as PAC Secretary over the last 18 years.

PAC has appointed GED Advisory as the new PAC Secretariat with effect from 1 July 2016. I believe many of you may know Mr Graeme Drake who has formerly held secretary position of the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment (ISO/CASCO). We will be working closely with Graeme in the coming months to ensure a smooth transition of the secretariat support and to prepare for the next joint annual meeting in Thailand. I would also like to welcome Mr Reinaldo Figueiredo from American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to the PAC Executive Committee.

Next on the PAC horizon

PAC will be embarking on an exciting journey in the next few years. With the consensus established at the recent Joint General Assembly to pursue the formation of a single regional body for accreditation in the Asia Pacific region, we will be working closely with APLAC to define the work plan to bring this to realisation.

Other focus areas will include on-going efforts in enhancing PAC's operations and governance; adoption of web-based solutions to improve efficiency of our processes; driving value-add activities for our members; and strengthening our engagement with regulators and external stakeholders.

We should be proud of our achievements to date especially in the MLA front but we cannot rest on our laurels. I urge all of you to actively participate and give your fullest support to all our Committees!

As we embark on a new and exciting chapter ahead, I look forward to working with all of you to help PAC progress towards greater success in the future.

Chang Kwei-Fern, PAC Chair

PAC MLA Group and MLAMC Update



The MLA Group and MLA Management Committee (MLAMC) made considerable progress during the 2016 Plenary meetings.

New MLA signatories in existing programs

- NACI (Iran) joined the MLA for QMS
- IOAS (USA) joined the MLA for Product

MLA signatories in new programs / scopes

The Plenary 2016 saw the first three MLA signatories in the accreditation of Persons Certification Bodies as following;

- ANSI (USA)
- IAS (USA)
- KAN (Indonesia)

There are currently 19 MLA signatories in QMS, 17 in EMS, 12 in FSMS, four in ISMS, 20 in Product, six in GHG and three in Persons. I owe these marvellous achievements to the hard work undertaken by PAC peer evaluators. I would also like to thank MLA Group members for their cooperation during the peer evaluations and for the review of evaluation reports.

New MLA programmes

We are currently preparing for the MLA in EnMS and will shortly begin to accept applications for the EnMS MLA. During the MLA Group meeting, we also considered possible new MLA programmes. Many accreditation bodies are operating accreditation programmes in Occupational Health and Safety Management System. The MLA Group agreed to start the discussion on the MLA in this programme.

Evaluation of PAC as a regional group by IAF

PAC was recognized as a MLA signatory in FSMS and ISMS by IAF in November 2015. As a result, PAC MLA signatories in FSMS and ISMS have been recognized as IAF MLA signatories in these two programmes.

The IAF re-evaluation for a regional group is conducted every four years. The next IAF re-evaluation of PAC will commence by February 2018. At this time, PAC plans to undertake evaluation for the extension of its IAF MLA scope to GHG and Persons.

The MLAMC had a joint meeting with the APLAC MRA Council during the Taipei meetings. APLAC and PAC have developed a common procedure for Joint and Concurrent Evaluations. We do not yet have enough experience in joint or concurrent evaluations, though we have already received requests from several MLA signatories. The APLAC MRA Council and PAC MLAMC agreed that we would have a pilot project for joint evaluations in March 2018 on the peer evaluation of SAC, Singapore.

In conclusion, I really appreciate all PAC members' continuous cooperation to promote the PAC MLAs. I am also thankful for the support and help of Vice-Chair, Bruce Li, the PAC Secretariat and MLAMC members. I look forward to meeting you all again and to our constructive discussions at our next annual meeting in Bangkok.

Azusa Nakagawa-Inoue, PAC MLA MC / MLA Group Chair

Technical Committee Update

The PAC Technical Committee held its annual meeting and working group meetings on 14 June 2016, during the PAC-APLAC meetings held in Taipei. The highlights of discussions included the drafting of PAC guidelines on the description of accreditation scope of product certification bodies, how to develop schemes for the certification of persons, the draft IAF Mandatory Document on Conformity Assessment Schemes, and proposal for organizing a workshop on Halal related certification and accreditation etc.

The drafting of PAC guidelines on the description of accreditation scope of product certification bodies is led by the two co-conveners of PAC TC Working Group on Product Certification, Mr. Shi Xinbo from CNAS and Mr. Kotaro Yoshida from IAJapan.



The guidelines aim to achieve a certain level of harmonization among PAC member ABs on the information that should appear in a product certification body's accreditation certificate. Since ABs' practices in this respect vary, this task is challenging to the Working Group in terms of achieving a balanced view among different members. The work has also attracted the attention of ISO/CASCO/WG 42 working on the revision of ISO/IEC 1

7011, and WG 42 hopes that the PAC guidelines would bring useful inputs to the discussions on the improvement of 7.9.5 of ISO/IEC 17011. In Taipei meeting, the Working Group produced the first draft, and the next step is to seek further comments from Working Group members, and then to submit all PAC members for discussion.

The PAC TC discussed the draft IAF Mandatory Document on Conformity Assessment Scheme setting requirements for scheme owners. In many Asia-Pacific economies, regulators or government authorities are scheme owners who utilize the service of accreditation bodies. Quite a few PAC members worry that the IAF MD may undermine the cooperation between ABs and government regulators. The PAC TC has decided to organize a web conference to discuss and draft a PAC position on the IAF MD, aiming to submit it to the next IAF TC meeting in late October in New Delhi. ANSI has generously offered to host this web discussion.

The PAC TC also introduced the newly published ISO/CASCO Brochure "How to develop schemes for the certification of persons". It was developed with help of ANSI, aiming at provide practical help to stakeholders on the understanding of Clause 8 of ISO/IEC 17024.

The PAC TC and PAC Capacity Building Committee (CBC) have decided to jointly organize a workshop on Halal certification schemes and related accreditation during the 2017 PAC-APLAC Joint Annual Meeting in Bangkok. In 2012 the PAC TC created a Working Group on Halal Certification, consisting of members from both Muslim and non-Muslim economies, who are interested in this topic. Since then the issue of Halal has been on the agenda of every PAC TC meeting.

This workshop will see the PAC TC taking a more concrete step towards exchanging experience and practices, raising awareness and enlarging participation in this area.

Fei Yang, PAC TC Chair

News from PAC Members

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

ANSI Eco-Labeling Programme

Environmental challenges and global warming have persisted as issues of substantial concern for the past two decades. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has closely monitored developments in this critical area.

In 2012, ANSI in coordination with Big Room, Inc., conducted a market analysis of the current and future state of eco-labels and environmental product declarations (EPDs) in the United States. The results of the study indicated a growing demand for substantiation of the application of eco-labels and EPDs that would use ANSI accreditation as a component for quality improvement in that sector.

As conceived, the program would be based on International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards that determine the competencies of certification bodies who conduct certification in accordance with ISO 14024 (Type I) and conformity assessment bodies that validate/verify Environment Product Declaration in accordance with ISO 14025 (Type III).

To test the findings drawn from the market analysis, ANSI initiated a pilot program in 2013 to further evaluate the market prospects—a total of ten companies participated. Given the positive results of the pilot program, ANSI launched the Eco-Labeling/ EPD Program in 2015.

Currently, ANSI is one of very few accreditation bodies that evaluate and accredit organizations in accordance with ISO/IEC 17065 that adhere to the ISO 14020, ISO 14024, and ISO 14025 standards. The accreditation program was developed in close coordination with a number of interested parties and stakeholders in the U.S. who provided suggestions, comments, and support in moving forward with the program. This input was further reviewed by an advisory panel of technical experts who periodically reconvene for substantive discussion.

The goal of the ANSI accreditation program is to provide independent evaluation of certification bodies and program operators who will verify and validate EPDs and certify eco-labeling products/process/services. As a result, ANSI continues to expect improvement in the quality of the output of current eco-labeling programs and EPDs. Furthermore, the program should continue to facilitate ensured credibility in the certification process to minimize customer confusion regarding the understanding of eco-labeling, provide information to purchasers regarding the quality of eco-labeling, and differentiate among product programs that strive for true improvement in the environment over those that use greenwashing as a marketing strategy.

Since the program's launch in 2015, the Eco-Labeling/EPDs Program continues to grow. At present, ANSI has one certification body for type I and five for type III. There are numerous inquiries and applicants to this program.

To ensure high visibility for the program, ANSI participates in several environmental activities each year in order to further emphasize the importance of third party verification for environmental labeling and declarations.

For more information please access the [ANSI Eco-Labeling Homepage](#).

In addition, parties interested in further information about this ANSI accreditation program you can contact Reinaldo Balbino Figueiredo - Senior Program Director Product/Process/Services Accreditation Programs - American National Standards Institute
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International Accreditation Service (IAS)

IAS Personnel Certification Body Accreditation under ISO/IEC Standard 17024 is first to be recognised by PAC

The IAS) is the first accreditation body globally to have its Personnel Certification Body (PCB or 'Persons') accreditation program recognised under the PAC MLA. This is the result of a detailed and stringent evaluation conducted by PAC evaluators in August 2015, that included a review of the IAS management system, witnessing of IAS assessors performing PCB assessments, and completing corrective actions raised by the PAC experts.

IAS achieved full signatory status of its PCB program when the PAC MLA was signed in June at the Joint PAC / APLAC annual meetings in Taipei, Taiwan.

PAC's recognition of IAS for accrediting personnel certification bodies enables IAS clients to enjoy global recognition and acceptance of their IAS-endorsed accredited personnel certifications.



"We believe that the PAC recognition, coupled with IAS's focus on customer service will help deliver greater value and provide more opportunities for our customers," said IAS President Chuck Ramani (pictured at the MLA signing ceremony with former PAC Chair Brett Abraham, and MLA Group Chair Azusa Nakagawa). "We are very pleased that PAC has recognized the IAS Personnel Certification Body Accreditation Program."

Accreditation by IAS demonstrates that PCBs have been assessed and found competent to certify personnel, to serve national and international needs of governmental regulatory bodies and diverse industries concerned with personnel competency, through the use of uniform standards, schemes and best practices. Accreditation also provides PCBs with greater confidence that their certifications meet legal and technical requirements imposed by regulators and / or specifiers at global, national and local levels.

A recognised accreditation body since 1975, IAS is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation. IAS is a signatory to several international MLAs. IAS accredits more than 850 organizations, including personnel certification bodies, testing and calibration laboratories, product certification agencies, management system certification bodies, inspection agencies, special inspection agencies, inspection programs for metal building manufacturers, metal building assembler inspection programs, fabricator inspection programs, training agencies, curriculum developers, field evaluation bodies, fire prevention

and life safety departments, building departments, and building department service providers.

For more information about IAS accreditation programs, visit www.iasonline.org/.

Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS)

World Accreditation Day

9 June 2016



Seminar on World Metrology Day, World Accreditation Day and World Standards Day 2016 in Hong Kong

To raise public awareness of the pivotal role of accreditation, metrology and standards in the quality infrastructure, HKAS, in collaboration with the Standards and Calibration Laboratory (SCL) and Product Standards Information Bureau of the Innovation and Technology Commission, the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification and the Government Laboratory (GL) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, organised a seminar on 8 June 2016 to celebrate World Metrology Day, World Accreditation Day and World Standards Day.

Chairman of International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), Dr Martin Milton, the Director of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), and Dr Junji Nomura, the President of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), as the distinguished guests of the seminar.

Ms Annie Choi, the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, delivered the welcome remarks of the seminar. She expressed that the HKSAR Government had long recognised the importance of a sound quality infrastructure to the economy and launched the accreditation, SI-traceable calibration and standards-related services in early 80's. Since then, the Government has strived to strengthen these three pillars of the quality infrastructure that supports different needs of the community.

Dr Martin Milton titled his presentation 'Measurement in a Dynamic World', echoing the theme of this year's WMD. He introduced to the audience the key elements of metrology, the role of BIPM and the planned redefinition of SI units. He also talked about the pivotal role of accurate measurement of dynamic quantities in advanced technology.

Mr Peter Unger gave the audience an update of the current status of ILAC and International Accreditation Forum (IAF) mutual recognition arrangements. As this year's theme of the WAD is 'Accreditation – A tool to support public policy', Mr Unger showcased a number of examples shared by different governments about how accredited conformity assessment services facilitated the delivery of public policy objectives.

Dr Junji Nomura's talked about 'Why IEC international standards can be counted on', which matched with the theme of this year's WSD - 'Standards build trust'. Dr Nomura explained that the use of internationally recognised harmonised technical standards allowed different countries to participate efficiently in the globalised production lines nowadays, and how IEC standards could be relied on to ensure the safety and quality of end products.

Three local speakers were also invited to share their views on topics relating to the quality infrastructure of Hong Kong. A representative from the Environmental Protection Department talked about how accreditation helped them achieve environmental objectives, while representatives of SCL and GL introduced their respective work in physical and chemical metrology. About 200 participants joined the celebration and enjoyed a very fruitful seminar that morning.



Seminar Celebrating the WMD, WAD and WSD 2016 in Hong Kong (from left to right: Mr Patrick Lei, Mr Wong Wang-wah, Mr Peter Unger, Ms Annie Choi, Dr Martin Milton, Dr Junji Nomura, Mr LEE Wah-kwan and Dr YIP Yiu-chung)

Korea Accreditation Board

Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) has been successfully introduced by KAB

Realizing the need for BCMS certification around the infrastructure management and the domestic industry, KAB had several meetings with certification bodies and experts in the field of BCMS certification regarding the development and introduction of a BCMS certification scheme. During the meetings, BCMS scopes and audit time were the most actively discussed issues, and a variety of opinions were presented by the experts. KAB gathered these opinions and established a plan to introduce BCMS certification.

KAB established accreditation criteria and trained assessors, as per the plan for the new certification scheme. Three certification bodies (KSR, Korea Foundation for Quality, KIWA Korea) applied for accreditation under the BCMS program. Aside from those bodies, a few of other certification bodies have asked KAB if they may apply for BCMS accreditation.

After organizing audit teams with trained assessors and conducting assessments of the applicant certification bodies, KAB has recently successfully conducted the assessments for two certification bodies, and made accreditation decisions.



KAB will gather opinions of the BCMS accreditation program from interested parties and review them for suggestions of improvements to the process.

For further information about KAB's BCMS introduction, please contact Mr. Yong Jae Park (Senior Manager) (quality@kab.or.kr).

Komite Akreditasi Nasional (KAN)

KAN Commemoration of World Accreditation Day 2016

Since 2008, the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) organized International Accreditation Day. In 2010, this event is rename to World Accreditation Day (WAD). Implementation of this activity aims to reward countries that have built accreditation system with integrity.

Komite Akreditasi Nasional (KAN) has duty and responsibility to establish accreditation and certification system in Indonesia.

The Chairman of KAN, Bambang Prasetya, in commemoration of World Accreditation Day (WAD) which was held on Wednesday (June 1st, 2016) in Jakarta, said that in performing their duties and responsibilities, KAN has successfully gained international recognition of accreditation schemes for Testing and Calibration Laboratories, Inspection Bodies, Medical Laboratories, Quality Management Systems, Environmental Management Systems, Product, and Food Safety Management Systems.

"KAN expects to sign the MLA for Person Certification Bodies Accreditation scheme at the PAC Annual Meetings in Taipei later this month, based on the results of peer-evaluation conducted by PAC in August 2015" Bambang added. (NOTE: The signing ceremony occurred as expected).



The Acting Head of the Center for Accreditation of Certification Bodies (BSN), Donny Purnomo, said that accreditation is required as a guarantee by third parties that Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) are competent to perform the duties of conformity assessment in accordance with ISO/IEC 17000:2004. For government, accreditation will ease the burden on market surveillance, because when the goods and services have received a certificate of conformity from a CAB, the CAB then automatically performs surveillance. "Thus for market surveillance, the government only needs to take a sample because it is aided by a routine surveillance from the CAB" he said.

KAN invited representatives from the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Environment and Forestry to commemorate WAD and also to exchange information on the development of accreditation in Indonesia. A MOU between KAN and the Ministry of Tourism related to the implementation of certification to the tourism industry, was signed at this event. The MOU is expected to improve the quality of the tourism industry. KAN also did a soft launch of a new accreditation scheme for Laboratory Biorisk Management System Certification Bodies. This scheme is based on the aspects of biosafety and biosecurity to ensure security and safety for the laboratory personnel and the surrounding environment.

The Head of BSN, Bambang Prasetya, hopes that accreditation can be a support for public policies taken by both central and local government.

National Center of Accreditation (NCA)

Events dedicated to World Accreditation Day in Kazakhstan

Product conformity assessment is conducted by the certification bodies and /or testing laboratories to ensure compliance with national and international standards. The competence of such bodies and laboratories, in its turn, is confirmed by a single authorized body. In Kazakhstan this function is performed by the National Centre of Accreditation (NCA).

Accreditation is a basis for conformity assessment, as it determines the competency of certification bodies, testing, calibration and medical laboratories to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks. The accreditation system of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the field of conformity assessment is mature and complies with international standards.

On May 12, 2016 in Kazakh Agro Technical University NCA organised an extended meeting of the Accreditation Council on the 2016 WAD topic “Accreditation: A global tool to support Public Policy”.

The Vice-Minister of Investment and Development, Albert Rau, opened the meeting, emphasizing the importance of accreditation to implement public policy. Chairman of the Consumer Protection Committee of the Ministry of National Economy, Aliakpar Matishev, described the work being done in the fields of product safety and public health, mentioned the ongoing tests in accredited laboratories to exclude the risk of injurious action to the life, health, and environment including flora and fauna, and also described the amendments to the Law “On Protection of Consumers' Rights”. Deputy Chairman of Technical Regulation and Metrology Committee, Galymzhan Dugalov, provided information regarding the current state of Kazakhstan accreditation system and prospects of its development. In particular, he mentioned that the quality infrastructure of Kazakhstan complies with an international model, described the accreditation body achievements, mentioned improvement of a single accreditation system in the industry, as well as ongoing work on the accreditation process automation.

The former Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in the Republic of Kazakhstan (2005 - 2011) Dusan Podgorsky spoke about modern tasks of accreditation and control over the market. The Chairman of the Trade Unions Federation, Abulgazi Kussainov presented a history of the technical regulation system in the Republic. The head of testing laboratory of JSC “SNPS-Aktobemunaigas” Kulyash Kaliyeva, spoke about the role of accreditation to ensure the quality of products manufactured at the JSC “SNPS-Aktobemunaigas”. The President of the Association of Legal Entities “National Association of Construction Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan” Ermuhanov Adelsha, spoke about the necessity of using an accredited conformity assessment system in the construction industry.

In order to clarify the use of accredited conformity assessment, the international organizations in the field of conformity assessment, such as the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the Independent International Organization for Certification (IIOC) developed a website www.publicsectorassurance.org to access examples of how accredited conformity assessment is used around the world.

After listening and discussing the presentations by the participants of the Accreditation Council Extended meeting it is proposed to activate cooperation between the line ministries and the accreditation body, and to continue informing state entities and public regarding the need of accreditation to comply with the international standards.

Serik Kurmangaliyev

Director General

National Center of Accreditation (NCA) of the Republic of Kazakhstan

National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)

NABCB Reconfirmed as PAC MLA Signatory

During the 2016 PAC Annual Meetings in Taipei, NABCB was reconfirmed as a signatory to the PAC MLAs for Quality Management Systems (QMS), Environment Management Systems (EMS) and Product for a further period of 4 years.

PAC earlier conducted the re-evaluation of NABCB for the QMS, EMS and Product accreditation programmes in January / March 2016. The re-evaluation concluded successfully with no non-conformities raised by the PAC Peer Evaluation team.

This will ensure reconfirmation of NABCB's IAF MLA signatory status in the IAF.

Extension of scope of the PAC MLA for NABCB to include GlobalG.A.P.

PAC has also extended the scope of MLA signed by NABCB for Product to include the Global Good Agricultural Practices (GlobalG.A.P.). NABCB has been a signatory to the IAF MLA for GlobalG.A.P. since October 2014 and certificates issued by its accredited certification bodies are acceptable worldwide.



Indian Delegation at 2016 APLAC PAC Joint Annual Meeting

Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board notifies acceptance of NABCB Accredited Inspections

The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB), the Environment and Pollution Control Regulator in Rajasthan state, in order to judge the efficacy of the pollution control measures and to verify compliance for consent to operate / authorization by industries, has issued an order that inspection reports of the NABCB accredited third-party inspection bodies for compliance to the various provisions of the Environment Acts / Laws shall be recognized to facilitate demonstration of compliance by the industries, especially by the medium and low pollution risk industries. Henceforth, inspections by RSPCB officials will not be required in the medium and low pollution risk category. For more information, visit <http://environment.rajasthan.gov.in/content/environment/en/rajasthan-state-pollution-control-board/office-order.html>

APLAC Update

From the Secretariat

Third APLAC - PAC Joint Annual Meetings

The third APLAC - PAC Joint Annual Meetings were held in Taipei, Chinese Taipei from 11 to 18 June 2016 and were very successful.

On behalf of the APLAC Chair and General Assembly, the Secretariat would like to thank the TAF management and staff for the hospitality shown to delegates and the excellent arrangements in hosting this year's meetings.

37th APLAC MRA Council meeting

The 37th APLAC MRA Council meeting was held on 15 June 2016 and GCC Accreditation Center (GAC), Gulf Region (7 Gulf State economies) was accepted into the APLAC MRA as a signatory for testing. Congratulations to our newest signatory.



Nigel Jou (former APLAC Chair, Nabil Molla (GAC) and Roxanne Robinson

(former APLAC MRA Council Chair) at the signing Ceremony in Taipei

The scope of recognition of:

- ema, Mexico was extended to include RMP;
- MNAS, Mongolia was extended to include inspection.



Nigel Jou, Martha Meija of ema, and
Roxanne Robinson



Nigel Jou, Gantumur Galbadrakh
of MNAS and Roxanne Robinson

The signatory status of the following members was also continued:

- IAS, United States of America for testing, calibration and inspection;
- IQMH, Canada for ISO 15189;

There are now 38 signatories to the APLAC MRA from 23 economies and one regional accreditation body representing 7 economies including 35 for testing, 27 for calibration, 19 for inspection, 17 for ISO 15189, 14 for RMP and 11 for 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

22nd APLAC General Assembly

The 22nd APLAC General Assembly was held on 16 and 17 June 2016 and the main issues arising from that meeting are as follows:

- elections of APLAC office bearers (for details see below);
- endorsement of funding for lead evaluator training on the revised ISO/IEC 17011 standard;
- endorsement of funding for an ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO/IEC 17011 training courses in 2017;
- endorsement of funding for six proficiency testing schemes due for completion and two joint APLAC APMP proficiency testing schemes due for commencement in 2017;
- endorsement of the APLAC budget for 2017;
- endorsement of the change to the financial reporting period to July to June;
- endorsement of the creation of a new joint entity (regional cooperation body) within three years.

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Administration of APLAC

Following the elections held at the APLAC General Assembly June 2016, the members of the APLAC Board of Management are as follows:

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

Following the elections held at the APLAC General Assembly June 2016, the APLAC Committee Chairs are as follows:

Mr He Ping, CNAS, PR China;
Ms Tadako Yamamoto, IAJapan, Japan;
Mr Brad Moore, NVLAP, United States of America;
Ms Wanji Yang, TAF, Chinese Taipei

APLAC Membership

Since the last edition of APLAC News Notes there has been no new Full or Associate members of APLAC.

Full details of APLAC members (44 Full members; 10 Associate members) can be found on the APLAC website: www.aplac.org

Third APLAC PAC Joint General Assembly

The third APLAC PAC Joint General Assembly was held on 17 June 2016. The Joint General Assembly agenda covered the reporting on the joint meetings held during the week, reports from the regions, and opportunities for future cooperation between APLAC and PAC. A breakout session was held; members discussed APLAC and PAC in the future, and Accreditation Development trends in the Asia Pacific region.

Some fruitful discussion took place during the break out sessions. Resulting from these discussions the APLAC PAC Joint General Assembly made a decision that APLAC and PAC would create a new joint entity within the next three years.

Future APLAC Events

APLAC RMP and PTP Workshops November 2016

The APLAC training committee will hold PTP and RMP training courses back to back in Hong Kong, PR China in November 2016 after ISO 17034 (or FDIS) has been published. Members will be notified of the venue and dates in due course.

2016 APLAC mid-term meetings November/December 2016

The 2016 APLAC mid-term meetings will be hosted by Department of Standards Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 30th November to 3rd December 2016.

Meetings include the 38th APLAC MRA Council meeting to be held 30th November (all day) and 1st December (am) and the 40th APLAC Board of Management Meeting to be held 1st (pm) and 2nd (all day) December. A Strategic Planning session will also be held on 3rd December 2016.

Fourth APLAC PAC Joint Annual Meetings 2017

The fourth APLAC - PAC Joint Annual Meetings 2017 will be jointly hosted by NSC-ONSC, DSS-BLA, BLQS-DMSc and ACFS, Thailand at the Intercontinental Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand from 16th to 24th June 2017.

PAC Membership list (and MLA signatory status of Full Members):

JAS-ANZ (Australia & New Zealand) ^{1, 2, 3, 4}	BAB (Bangladesh) - <i>Associate Member</i>
PSK (Brunei Darussalam) – <i>Associate Member</i>	CANC-DA (Cambodia) – <i>Associate Member</i>
CNAS (PR China) ^{1, 2, 3, 4}	DAC (Dubai) ^{1, 2}
HKAS (Hong Kong, China) ^{1, 2, 3, 5}	NABCB (India) ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 6}
NABET (India)	KAN (Indonesia) ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 7}
NACI (Iran) ¹	IA Japan (Japan) ³
JAB (Japan) ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	JASC (Japan)
JIPDEC (Japan)	NCA (Kazakhstan) ³
KAB (Korea) ^{1, 2}	KAS (Korea) ³
NIER (Korea)	KCA (Kyrgyzstan)
STANDARDS MALAYSIA (Malaysia) ^{1, 2, 3}	ema (Mexico) ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
MASM (Mongolia)	PNAC (Pakistan) ^{1, 2}
PNGLAS - <i>Associate Member</i>	INDECOPI (Peru)
PAO (Philippines) ^{1, 2}	STC-IS Russia
SAC (Singapore) ^{1, 3, 4}	SLAB (Sri Lanka) ^{1, 2, 3, 4}
TAF (Chinese Taipei) ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}	NSC (Thailand) ^{1, 2, 3}
GAC (UAE)	ANSI (USA) ^{3, 5, 7}
IAS (USA) ^{1, 2, 3, 7}	IOAS (USA) ³
UAF (USA)	BoA (Vietnam) ^{1, 3, 4}
ICL (NZ) <i>Observer Member</i>	TCL (India) – <i>Observer Member</i>
BSB (Bhutan) – <i>Corresponding Member</i>	

Legend: 1 = QMS Signatory; 2 = EMS Signatory; 3 = Product Signatory; 4 = FSMS Signatory; 5 = GHG Signatory; 6 = ISMS Signatory; 7 Persons Signatory

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