

Caucus Accomplishments 2009 to 2010

Membership

- Asian Pacific Islander Caucus (APIC) Membership increased by 20% from 2009 to 2010 to over 450 individual members, the most ever.

Scientific Program

- In response to APIC's growing APHA membership and presence, APIC was awarded 11 scientific sessions (7 oral sessions, 3 poster sessions, 1 roundtable session) at the 2009 APHA meeting in Philadelphia.
- In 2010, APIC will host 10 scientific sessions (6 oral sessions, 3 poster sessions, and 1 roundtable session) at APHA in Denver.
- In 2010, APIC has endorsed over 30 scientific sessions hosted by other APHA sections, caucuses, and SPIGS.

Leadership Recognition and Development

- At the 2009 Annual Meeting, APIC recognized leaders in Asian and Pacific Islander Health.
- At the 2009 Social Reception, we had a turnout of over 135 participants, one of the largest APIC receptions ever held.
- Dr. Howard Koh, the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, delivered the keynote speech at the APIC Reception. In addition, Dr. Walter Tsou, Past President of the American Public Health Association and Dr. Marguerite Ro, Deputy Director of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum provided additional keynote addresses. Dr. Grace Ma, Director of the Center for Asian Health at Temple University, provided opening remarks.
- At the 2009 APIC Reception, APIC also presented the annual Best Published Paper Award to Dr. Tu-Uyen Ngoc Nguyen, Assistant Professor in Asian American Studies at California State University, Fullerton and Best Student Abstract Award to Neeta Chawla, Doctoral Candidate in the Department of Health Services at the University of California, Los Angeles.
- APIC celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2009 and invited API leaders to serve on the 35th Anniversary Social Reception Planning Committee. We would like to thank Nadine Chan, Butch de Castro, Rod Lew, Grace Ma, Gerald Ohta, and Marguerite Ro for their service.
- In 2009, APIC, for the first time, holds an ex-officio seat (non-voting) on the APHA Governing Council.
- In 2009-2010, APIC nominated and supported the following candidates for APHA leadership positions:
 - Nadine Chan—APHA Science Board
 - Sora Park Tanjasiri—APHA Equal Health Opportunity Committee
 - Nadia Islam—AJPB Editorial Board
- APIC also supported nominees from other APHA sections, SPIGS, Caucuses, and Affiliates including:
 - Roy Grant (nominated by CHPPD)—AJPB Editorial Board
 - Kawika Liu (nominated by Hawaii Affiliate)—Science Board
 - Winston Tseng—Chair-Elect position of CHPPD Section

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Policy

- APIC submitted comments pertaining to APHA 2010 Policy Statements on environmental health disparities and health literacy.
- APIC forwarded Action Alerts on a variety of health policy issues to members.
- APIC reviewed and signed-on to letters to Congress, government agencies and other API serving organizations in support for legislation and initiatives that foster API health and health care. Select examples include:
 - Feb 2010—Reaffirming mission of Office of Minority Health (federal).
 - Mar 2010—State Assembly Bill 1737—Full Spectrum Data Collection of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders (CA).
 - Mar 2010—National Health Equity Coalition; sign-on letter in support of House Health Care Reform bill.
 - April 2010—National Prevention Strategy, broad support of key public provisions in health reform.
 - July 2010—Support and implementation in data collection efforts in health reform.

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Mentorship

- APIC hosted a Student Mentorship and Young Professional Networking Breakfast at the 2009 APHA Meeting. Almost 30 students and young professionals from diverse backgrounds representing a broad range of APHA affiliates attended the event titled *Career Options & Choices: How to position yourself with a graduate degree for various employment opportunities*.
- In order to respond to the needs of our student and young professional members, APIC administered an online Student Membership Survey to assess priority topics areas to be addressed at the 2010 Student Mentorship and Young Professional Networking Breakfast.

Partnerships

- APIC would like to thank the key partners that supported program activities in 2009-2010:

Annual Endowment:

- Center for Asian Health, Temple University

Leadership Circle:

- Asian American Health Initiative, Maryland
- Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
- Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
- NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health

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Partnerships (con't.)

Group Sponsors:

- Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment and Leadership
- UCSF Vietnamese Community Health Promotion Program

Other Sponsors:

- March of Dimes

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- APIC Supported the Kalusugan Coalition's Benefits and Awards Reception in New York in 2010.

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- Within APHA, APIC works closely with a number of sections, caucuses, and SPIGs as well as APHA governance to support and participate in each other's scientific sessions, meetings/events, and policy activities, particularly pertaining to issues of social justice and health equity across communities of color.

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