

APLAC REPORT TO 42nd EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Bucharest, Romania
21-22 November 2018

APLAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement

Since our last report, the signatory status of the following members was continued:

- JAS-ANZ for inspection;
- NSC-ONSC for calibration, testing and inspection;
- BLA-DSS for testing, RMP and PTP;
- BLQS-DMSc for testing, medical and RMP;
- NCA for testing, calibration and extension of its signatory status to include Medical Testing.

The APLAC MRA now consists of 39 signatories from 24 economies and one regional accreditation body representing 7 economies; and includes 35 in testing, 28 in calibration, 20 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

The next meeting of the APAC MRA Council will be held in Singapore in June 2019.

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.

Dr Takashi Aria of IAJapan has replaced Mr Isao Fujita on the APLAC Board of Management.

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

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

APLAC Membership

Since the last report to EA, APLAC has welcomed the following new members:

The following organisation has been accepted as Full member of APLAC:

- Iranian Association of Clinical Laboratory Doctors (IACLD), Iran.

The following organisation has been accepted as an Associate member of APLAC:

- Union Internationale des Laboratoires Indépendants (UILI), The Netherlands.

The following member has withdrawn from APLAC:

- Korea Testing and Research Institute (KTR).

Full details of APLAC members (48 Full members; 16 Associate members) can be found on the APLAC website: www.aplac.org

Cooperation between APLAC and EA

APLAC has signed a MOU with EA that more formally supports the good cooperative relationship that exists between our two organisations.

APLAC will not be sending a representative to the EA GA in Bucharest, Romania.

APLAC Training

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, Maryland, United States of America.

APLAC has conducted five evaluator training courses including two lead evaluator training courses on ISO/IEC 17011:2017 over the last year.

ISO/IEC 17025

The APLAC Training Committee has held an ISO/IEC 17025:2017 training course from 13 to 15 November 2018 in Hong Kong, PR China.

APLAC has conducted three member training courses on ISO/IEC 17025:2017 over the last year.

ISO/IEC 17020

The APLAC Training Committee will hold an ISO/IEC 17020 training course/workshop from 4 to 7 December 2018 in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

Future APLAC Events

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



Michael Fraser
APLAC Secretary