
Stanford University hosts Second AWI Public Health Research Project Meeting

The AWI Public Health Research Project is an outgrowth of the 1st and 2nd AWI Public Health Workshops hosted by [Peking University in 2007](#) and [University of Tokyo in 2008](#) respectively. Participants had expressed their wish to come together in research collaboration so as to bring their collective expertise and capabilities to bear on significant Public Health issues facing the Asia Pacific region.

The inaugural meeting of the [AWI Public Health Research Project Steering Committee](#) was held in November 2008 in Singapore, attended by representatives of the sponsoring universities, most of whom were deans of Schools of Public Health and Directors of Research Centers of excellence. The meeting participants decided to focus on chronic non-communicable disease – the number one cause of premature death worldwide and in the Pacific Region. So far, scholars from 15 leading Pacific Rim universities have committed to the Project and a “Phase 1” baseline comparative study of policies and programs on chronic, non-communicable disease in 12 Pacific Rim cities has been initiated.

The second AWI Public Health Research Project Meeting was held in February 24-25 in Palo Alto. It was hosted by [Stanford University's Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center](#), where Prof Karen Eggleston, Stanford University's representative on the Steering Committee, is Director of the Center's Asia Health Policy Program. The meeting participants agreed to establish a “Phase 2” program of research and development to prepare tools for use by health systems worldwide to implement best practice in chronic disease prevention and management through four areas of research: risk factor surveillance; assessment of costs and organization of services; change management to implement best practice; and monitoring and evaluation.

The next Public Health Research Project Meeting will be held in June 22-23 2009 at Johns Hopkins University, just prior to the 2009 AWI Public Health Workshop.



Meeting with the Dean of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
From left to right: Dean Michael Klag, Prof Richard Drobnick (MD of AWI), Prof Lynn Goldmman and A/Prof Lim Meng Kin (co-chairs of the 2009 AWI Public Health Workshop).



First row (from left) Karen Eggleston, Richard Drobnick, Allen Wu, Tran Huu Bich
Second row (from left) Lim Meng Kin, Paula Palmer, Ken McGillivray, Andy Johnson, Phua Kai Hong, Bambang Wispriyono
Third Row (from left) Wang Pei Yu, George Rubin, Yeoh Eng Kiong
Final row (from left) Jamal Hishan Hashim, Masamine Jimba, Soonman Kwon.