

ANU Asia Pacific Week 2011

Vision

Asia Pacific Week (APW) will bring together 100 of the top graduate and undergraduate students from Australia, the IARU Network and universities around the world for four days of activities on the Asia Pacific in July 2011.

The conference will seek to assemble IARU's brightest students interested in the Asia Pacific region in order to encourage excellence in research and lay the foundations for increased scholarly cooperation and integration.

The event will leverage the infrastructure already created by three successful events — the China Update and previously run Asia Pacific Weeks.

Objectives

§ To provide participating students with the experience in managing and participating in a high-level international academic and public event.

§ To provide networking opportunities for emerging scholars in the field from around the world to communicate with top domestic and international students and researchers.

Organisation

This event will be organised and run by ANU students, with the backing and oversight of the ANU's College of Asia & the Pacific (CAP). A student APW Organising Committee led by Sam Wall has been established, and it is supported by several academics from within the ANU (Team APW).

Anchor persons will be identified in the ANU (CAP) to assist in coordinating the academic participation in each Plenary Session and Panel throughout the event. The program will be organised around essentially thematically-structured Plenary Sessions or Panels and the China Update. These sessions will bring scholars together with different regional interests and specialisations. There will also be opportunity provided for regional specialists to gather in a session.

Candidate Selection

Selection for participation in APW will involve a competitive process. In addition to their bio-data, CV and statement of career ambitions, candidates will submit a 300-600 word op-ed style piece on a field of their interest associated with Asia's social, political or economic challenges.

Advertising for delegates will be targeted predominantly at students from IARU universities.

Food, accommodation and transport around Canberra will be provided to all delegates, while top candidates (number to be determined) will receive grants to attend APW or an ANU IARU Scholarship.