

Application for IP.Global Established Regional Network

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Instructions: Please fill out the following form to apply for an emerging regional network or to transition your network to an established regional network within Interprofessional.Global. Provide as much detail as possible.

1. Name of the Applicant:
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6. Proposed FULL name of the regional network
Asia-Pacific Interprofessional Education and Collaboration Network
Abbreviation: APIPEC Network
7. Status being applied for
Established Network
8. Number of registered members in the regional network
42 people registered in our working directory (as of November 2024)
9. Number of countries involved in the regional network
Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Mongolia, Singapore, Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia, Japan, Vietnam, Hong Kong SAR
10. Main achievements to date

Date or Year	Achievements
2017	Organized the 1st APIPEC Network Conference in Surakarta, Indonesia; year of establishment
2020	Organized the 2nd APIPEC Network Conference in collaboration with the Philippine Interprofessional Education and Collaboration (PHIPEC) Network
2021	Two delegates (Michael Sy and Roi Charles Pineda) participated in the 2nd Partnership Symposium (Winterthur, Switzerland) to galvanize the network's visibility

<p>2021-2023</p>	<p>APIPEC Network members have presented at the IP.Global Cafe in 2021 and 2022:</p> <p>April 2021: The Readiness for Interprofessional Education in the setting among students in Mongolia February 2022: Developments of IPE and IPC in the Philippines</p>
<p>2023</p>	<p>Two delegates (Michael Sy and Roi Charles Pineda) participated in the 3rd Partnership Symposium (Doha, Qatar) to maintain representation and update the IP.G on the network’s activities and plans and</p> <p>Regrouped during the ATBH 2023 in Doha, Qatar, to restructure the regional network; a core team of five people was hence established to lead the network’s management</p>
<p>2024</p>	<p>Organized three online consultative meetings as part of the regrouping process and achieved the following milestones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Milestone 1: Established a working directory of champions from the region. ● Milestone 2: Created 4 working groups (WG) – network management, capacity building (in charge of the conference), research, and publicity. ● Milestone 3: Revived the official APIPEC Network website and e-mail – www.apipec.net ● Milestone 4: Partnered with Manipal University (Malaysia) to participate in a local IPE/C conference called “Interprofessional Conference on Interprofessional Education and Care” (ICON). This is in preparation for the 3rd APIPEC Network Conference in 2026.

11. Describe the current structure and operations of the emerging network. Highlight the number of members, activities undertaken, and the scope of collaboration.

Established in 2017, the APIPEC Network is considered a social advocacy group. It focuses on organizing activities and members to promote social change through IPE/C knowledge, practices, and research. Underpinned by participatory leadership, we see our network serving as a regional agent for change and a facilitator. We see ourselves as the regional agent for change which facilitates better health for all through the integration and implementation of IPE/C principles (drawn from the Winterthur-Doha Declaration 2023) in different institutions within the Asia-Pacific region. We also see ourselves as a facilitator between the IP. Global and country-based IPEC networks. As of 2024, we have 42 members from our working directories. Our major activities since 2017 have been outlined above, and our goal is to be an established regional network by the end of 2024.

12. Please describe your current involvement with Interprofessional. Global
I (Michael Sy) have been involved in the IP. Global since 2021. I have been very much involved in IP. Global's communication working group, where I have helped organize and facilitate the Global Cafes since 2021. I also have been representing the APIPEC Network in IP. Global Meetings that involve decision-making and participation since 2021. Currently, I am positioned to help in the organization of the Winterthur Symposium 2024, under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Marion Huber.

Other members such as Romeo Luis Ramirez (Philippines) has provided technical support for Global Café since 2021 and Roi Charles Pineda (Philippines) is an active member of the Evaluation WG of the Interprofessional.Global.

13. Explain why there is a need to transition to an established network
Being an established regional network can strengthen our power and position to negotiate, collaborate, and partner with regional and local institutions in the Asia-Pacific region to reach our aims towards social change. It can also enhance the visibility and credibility of institutional efforts, making it more recognizable to stakeholders. This status can help us justify a potential legal registration and representation of the IP. Global in our region in the near future. Thus will ensure a structured, collaborative, and impactful approach to achieving shared goals.

14. How does this transition align with the vision of Interprofessional.Global?
Our regional network will align better with IP.Global's vision through this status change. First, the APIPEC Network can better serve as the regional voice and actor of IP. Global in the Asia-Pacific Region. Second, as a network with a large geographical scope, it is important that the Asia-Pacific Region is represented in all IP.Global activities now and in the future. And third, we can better situate our network in potentially hosting a future ATBH Conference.

15. Describe your network expansion strategy? i.e. how do you plan to grow your membership? Potential partnerships and key engagement activities?

We plan to expand our network through the following strategies:

- 1. Leveraging our social media and digital platform presence starting in 2025 (e.g., Facebook, Linked IN, official website, podcasting, and live streaming)**
 - 2. Co-hosting country-based events (e.g., ICON in Malaysia, medical and health professions education conferences).**
 - 3. Partnering with academic journals to encourage IPEC-related publications from the region, public or private organizations that will sponsor events, and their employees to be members of the network, encouraging students from the network to present their works via the IP.Global Cafe, and offering mentorship by linking members to build capacities in terms of medical/health professions education, and IPEC competencies.**
16. Mission of the regional network
The APIPEC Network (est. 2017) aims to connect IPE/IPC champions in the Asia-Pacific region through the promotion of interprofessional values with healthcare, social care, and health professions education practices.

17. Any comments for IP.G to consider when reviewing this application

Disclaimer: It is important to note that there is another group called the “Asia-Pacific IPE Research Alliance” or AIR Alliance (est. 2022) organised by the Gunma University, Japan (URL: <https://whocc.health.gunma-u.ac.jp/1676>). While this is a different group, active persons in the APIPEC Network are also involved in the AIR Alliance to a certain extent.

The APIPEC Network focuses on the general promotion of IPEC in the region, while the AIR Alliance focuses on promoting IPEC-related research within the region drawn from their alumni network from their IPE training hosted at Gunma University since 2013. To avoid competing interests, the APIPEC Network has reached out to the AIR Alliance to negotiate a potential partnership in the spirit of collaboration with the IP.Global. We did not receive a formal response from them regarding the negotiation, but we continue to inform them about APIPEC activities and IP.Global to maintain a cordial relationship with the AIR Alliance.