



APRU 28th Annual Presidents' Meeting 2024



The World's Challenges Divide Us, the Ocean Currents Connect Us

June 24-26, 2024

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Welcome from Vice-Chancellor of the University of Auckland



Tēnā koutou,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland and Aotearoa, New Zealand.

We appreciate that many of you have undertaken a long journey to join us. Travelling across the Pacific Ocean is a reminder of what connects and unites us in the Asia Pacific Rim University network, and the ocean is also the theme of our meeting.

Ocean currents lead us to the acute global challenges facing the world: climate change, climate justice, biodiversity, sustainability, health care, poverty, income disparity, food security and supply chains and homelessness.

Research-intensive universities are responding to these challenges, yet we must do more. This means amplifying our collaborative and transdisciplinary approaches as we seek solutions. There is no time to lose; our challenges are urgent.

We come together at a time of global instability and a retreat to regionalism. As one of the world's largest university networks linking the Americas with Asia and Australasia, we stand together as a group of higher education institutions committed to the open exchange of ideas and knowledge, dedicated to exploring innovative solutions for a sustainable future and supporting diversity, inclusion, and minorities. We must remain steadfast in this course.

Our days together in Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland, will enable us to focus and advance our endeavour hosted by a university committed to excellence and creating globally transformative impacts.

We are proud to welcome you to the largest Pacific city in the world, which is also one of the most ethnically diverse. Our city reflects the Asia Pacific.

You will be formally welcomed here by our local iwi or tribe. Our university shares a partnership with Ngāti Whatua Ōrakei and a mutual aim to enhance our global impact through our sense of place.

We look forward to our time together.

Nāku iti noa, nā.

Professor Dawn Freshwater Vice-Chancellor Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland

Welcome from APRU Chair



Dear Presidents and Delegates,

Welcome to the APRU 28th Annual Presidents' Meeting.

As we gather for the APRU Annual Presidents' Meeting 2024 on the beautiful shores of Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland, I extend a heartfelt welcome to each one of you. I am pleased that we are convening in the spirit of collaboration and innovation that defines our unique network.

This year's theme, "Oceans – The World's Challenges Divide Us, the Ocean Currents Connect Us," resonates deeply with the essence of APRU's mission. We are united by the Pacific Ocean, a vast expanse that bears witness to the interconnectedness of our world and the shared challenges we face. In addressing the urgent issues of climate impact on our oceans and the subsequent implications for communities and indigenous populations, we are reminded of the critical role that APRU plays in fostering dialogue, research, and action.

The APRU network, representing the collective might of 61 member universities, is a testament to the power of collective action. Our commitment to education, research, and sustainability positions us as a potent force for positive change. As an alliance, our concerted efforts have laid the foundation for meaningful impact. The APRU Asia Pacific Women in Leadership (APWiL) Summit is yet another milestone in our journey towards inclusivity and a more equitable future since the inception of the APWiL Mentoring Program in 2020.

I am grateful to Vice-Chancellor Dawn Freshwater and The University of Auckland for their warm hospitality and tireless effort in orchestrating this gathering.

As we embark on this three-day voyage of discovery and camaraderie, I encourage you to engage fully, to forge new partnerships, and to strengthen the ties that bind our community. Together, we will navigate the literal and metaphorical waters of our time, creating ripples of change that will grow into waves of positive transformation.

Best wishes for a constructive and enlightening conference.

Warm regards,

Professor Rocky S. Tuan Chair, APRU Vice-Chancellor and President The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Annual Presidents' Meeting 2024

Connected by the world's largest ocean, APRU's 61 members will meet on the shores of the Pacific Ocean in Tāmaki Makaurau (the Māori name for Auckland) for the APRU Annual Presidents' Meeting from June 24-26, 2024.

Hosted by the University of Auckland, the three-day meeting themed "Oceans – The World's Challenges Divide Us, the Ocean Currents Connect Us" will explore and exchange knowledge and insights to consider the impacts of climate change on the oceans and the implications for communities and indigenous populations, climate justice, food and water security, and APRU's role in leadership navigating these literal and metaphorical waters.

There will be 4 panels topics in the meeting namely:

- 1. Navigating the Tides: APRU Leadership in Addressing Climate Change
- 2. Guardians of the Blue: Protecting Biodiversity for the Ocean
- 3. Sea, Soil, Sustenance: Pathways to Resilient Food Systems
- 4. Advancing Climate Equity in the Asia-Pacific and Implications for Communities

Program Schedule

PROGRAM AS OF JUNE 12, 2024 THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Day 1

June 24, 2024 Monday

Time	Activity & Venue		
10:00am – 2:00pm	Arrival and Registration Conference Hotel: Cordis Hotel, Auckland Address: 83 Symonds Street Auckland 1010		
1:00pm – 2:30pm	APRU Internal Lunch Meeting for Steering Committee Members		
	Venue: Council Room, Level 2, Clock T	ower, 22 Princes Street, The University of Auckland	
	Steering Committee members can ga meeting venue.	ther at 12:45pm at the Cordis Hotel to transfer to the	
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Steering Committee members -	Transportation from Cordis Hotel to University marae	
	Walk to University marae	Gather at 2:30pm at Cordis Hotel Lobby for transportation	
2:45pm – 4:15pm	Pōwhiri and kai (Māori welcome ce	remony and tea)	
	Address: <u>University marae</u> , 16 Wynyard	l Street	
	- Michael Steedman , Kaiarataki Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor, Māori Waipapa Taumata Rau, The University of Auckland		
	A pōwhiri is a traditional Aotearoa New Zealand welcome ceremony. It is conducted to acknowledge the sacredness and integrity of each visiting group and to formally welcome them to the land. Participating in the pōwhiri then indicates to the hosts that you have arrived with keen intentions and in the spirit of whanaungatanga (building relationships).		
	Delegates' attendances are encouraged.		
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Welcome Reception		
	Venue: B201, 10 Symonds Street, Auckland		
	APRU Vice-Chair	Waipapa Taumata Rau - The University of Auckland and cky S. Tuan , The Chinese University of Hong Kong and d new presidents	
5:30pm – 6:00pm	Transportation to Presidents' Dinner	Delegates walk to Fale Pasifika for Delegates' Dinner	
6:00pm – 8:30pm	Presidents' Dinner	Delegates' Dinner	
	Venue: Eden's Park, 42 Reimers Avenue, Kingsland/Mount Eden (please enter from Gate G)	Venue: <u>Fale Pasifika</u> , 22 Wynyard Street, Auckland CBD, Auckland 1010	
	*This event is for University Presidents only.		
8:30 pm – 8:45pm	Transportation back to hotel		

Day 2 June 25, 2024 Tuesday

The Great Room I, G/F, Cordis Hotel, Auckland

Time	Activity & Venue	
7:30am – 8:30am	Registration and Networking Breakfast	
8:40am – 8:47am	Mihimihi (Māori Greetings) - Michael Steedman, Kaiarataki Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor, Māori, Waipapa Taumata Rau - The University of Auckland	
8:47am – 9:15am	Session I: Opening Ceremony Opening Remarks by: - Vice-Chancellor Dawn Freshwater, Waipapa Taumata Rau - The University of Auckland and APRU Vice-Chair - Vice-Chancellor and President Rocky S. Tuan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and APRU Chair Honorary Speech by guest speaker	
9:15am – 10:30am	Session II: Panel Discussion Navigating the Tides: APRU Leadership in Addressing Climate Change I APRU's leaders gather to tackle climate change challenges rippling through the Pacific Rim. This panel dives into APRU collective effort, and also individual members university to guide communities through the swelling currents of global warming. We will explore the innovative and transdisciplinary research and collaborative actions that member universities are undertaking to calm the stormy seas of climate impacts. The panelists will also discuss how the collective knowledge and expertise within APRU can be harnessed to empower communities, influence policymakers, and engage in international dialogues, ensuring that the tide of climate action rises in unison.	
	Join us as we set sail on this journey, charting the uncharted, and making waves in the fight against climate change. Panel Chair: - Vice-Chancellor and President Rocky S. Tuan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and APRU Chair Panelists: - Chancellor Gary S. May, University of California, Davis - Prof. Masahiko Gemma, Vice President for International Affairs, Waseda University - Prof. Jessica Gallagher, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement), The University of Adelaide	
10:30am – 11:00am	Coffee Break	

Time	Activity & Venue
11:00am – 11:30am	Session III: Business Meeting
	 Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023 Election of Steering Committee 2024 Chief Executive's Report Appointment of APRU Ambassador
11:30am - 11:45am	Group Photo
11:45am – 12:30pm	Lunch
	APRU Internal Lunch Meeting for Steering Committee Members
	Venue: Gallery Room 1, Cordis Hotel
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Talks
	Think like a Fish - an Ocean-centric vision
	- Assoc. Prof. Dan Hikuroa (Ngāti Maniapoto, Waikato-Tainui, Ngaati Whanaunga, Pākehā) , Associate Professor in Māori Studies, Waipapa Taumata Rau - University of Auckland
	Looking at positive environmental futures
	- Prof. Simon Thrush , Head of Institute of Marine Science, Waipapa Taumata Rau - University of Auckland
1:00pm – 2:15pm	Session IV: Panel Discussion
	Navigating the Tides: APRU Leadership in Addressing Climate Change II
	APRU's leaders gather to tackle climate change challenges rippling through the Pacific Rim. This panel continues to dive into APRU collective effort, and also individual members university to guide communities through the swelling currents of global warming. We will explore the innovative and transdisciplinary research and collaborative actions that member universities are undertaking to calm the stormy seas of climate impacts. The panelists will also discuss how the collective knowledge and expertise within APRU can be harnessed to empower communities, influence policymakers, and engage in international dialogues, ensuring that the tide of climate action rises in unison.
	Join us as we set sail on this journey, charting the uncharted, and making waves in the fight against climate change.
	Panel Chair: - Prof. Elizabeth Watkins , Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of California, Riverside
	Panelists: - President Teck-Hua Ho , Nanyang Technological University, Singapore - President and Vice-Chancellor Bill Flanagan , University of Alberta - President Nancy Y. Ip , The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Time	Activity & Venue		
2:15pm – 2:45pm	Afternoon Break		
2:45pm – 4:00pm	Session V: Panel Discussion Guardians of the Blue: Protecting Biodiversity for the Ocean The Pacific Ocean, as the largest Ocean on Planet Earth, absorbing a third of		
	CO2 emissions, is vital in global climate regulation and humanity's survival, hence their central role in global cooperation. Yet, UNESCO's 2020 Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission report reveals Member States allocate just 1.7% of research budgets to ocean sciences. However, the Pacific Ocean is also at the forefront of experiencing the detrimental impacts of these changes. Some of the most imminent challenges include rising of sea temperatures causing widespread effect on marine ecosystem, severe biodiversity loss, more frequent extreme weather, ocean acidification. In light of this, the panel will explore the intrinsic value of the Pacific Ocean, the escalating climate risks it confronts, and how universities can collaborate, and lead actions for achieving ocean sustainability.		
	Panel Chair: - Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla , University of California, San Diego		
	Panelists: - President Wen-Chang Chen , National Taiwan University - Rector Diego Quiroga , Universidad San Francisco de Quito - Prof. Dr. Yatimah Alias , Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Universiti Malaya - President David Lassner , University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		
4:00pm – 4:50pm	Delegate Free time		
5:00pm – 5:15pm	Transportation from Cordis Hotel to Gala Dinner		
	Gather at hotel lobby at 4:55pm for transportation		
5:15pm – 9:00pm	Gala Dinner		
	Venue: Auckland War Memorial Museum, Domain Drive Auckland 1010		
	- Michael Steedman , Kaiarataki Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor, Māori, Waipapa Taumata Rau - The University of Auckland		
	Master of Ceremonies: - Mr David Downs, Chief Executive Officer, New Zealand Story		
	Performance: Te Whare Karioi		
	What can Meerkats offer AI, Humanity, and the Ocean		
	- Prof. Michael Witbrock , Professor of Computer Science, Waipapa Taumata Rau - The University of Auckland		
	- Prof. Selina Tusitala Marsh, ONZM , Professor in English Department of Waipapa Taumata Rau - The University of Auckland		
9:00pm – 9:15pm	Transportation from Auckland War Memorial Museum to Cordis Hotel		

Day 3 June 26, 2024 Wednesday

The Great Room I, G/F, Cordis Hotel, Auckland

Time	Activity & Venue	
8:00am – 9:00am	Networking Breakfast	
9:00am – 10:15am	Session VI: Panel Discussion	
	Sea, Soil, Sustenance: Pathways to Resilient Food Systems	
	In the Asia Pacific, oceanic shifts compound the pressing issues of food security and water resilience. Universities are at the forefront of addressing these challenges, with a critical role in spearheading innovative solutions. This panel will explore the nexus of academic research, technological innovation, and policy development in response to the threats to marine ecosystems and the food web. With rising ocean temperatures damaging coral reefs and altering fish stocks, essential for regional economies and sustenance, there is an urgent need for interdisciplinary collaborations to sustain and restore ocean health. Panelists from leading universities will present their latest breakthroughs in conservation and resource management, underlining the importance of synergistic approaches among academia, industry, and policymakers. The session aims to delve into the transformative potential of research and to strategize a path toward a resilient, food-secure future in the Asia Pacific.	
	Panel Chair: - Vice-Chancellor Dawn Freshwater , Waipapa Taumata Rau - The University of Auckland	
	Panelists: - President Tan Eng Chye , National University of Singapore - President and Vice-Chancellor Joy Johnson , Simon Fraser University - President Song Gao , Sun Yat-Sen University	
10:15am – 10:45am	Coffee Break	
10:45am – 11:05am	Keynote Speech	
	Advancing Climate Resilience Through Basic and Applied Research at the University of California	
	- Prof. Katherine Newman , Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs of the University of California	

Time	Activity & Venue
11:05am – 12:20pm	Session VII: Panel Discussion
	Advancing Climate Equity in the Asia-Pacific and Implications for Communities
	Climate injustice in higher education perpetuates social and environmental inequities, often leaving vulnerable communities in the Asia Pacific region sidelined in climate resilience planning and policy-making. This panel discussion focuses on the pivotal role of higher education in propelling climate justice within the Asia Pacific region. This discourse delves into strategies for fostering resilient, equitable communities through integrative approaches that bridge local knowledge with academic research. We will explore actionable pathways for universities to collaborate with marginalized groups, amplifying voices disproportionately affected by climate change.
	Panelists will examine how universities can prioritize climate justice in university curriculum, research, and community partnerships, advancing towards an equitable future for all. The conversation aims to inspire a rethinking to service and innovation, with a definitive call to action for mobilizing members of universities for equity advancement.
	Panel Chair: - Prof. Rosa Devés , Rector of Universidad de Chile
	 Panelists: - Prof. Katherine Newman, Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs of the University of California - President Angelo Jimenez, President of University of the Philippines - Prof. Toshiya Ueki, Executive Vice President for General Affairs, Financial Affairs and International Relations, Tohoku University
12:20pm – 12:30pm	Session VIII: Closing Ceremony
	Concluding Remarks
	 - Vice-Chancellor Dawn Freshwater, Waipapa Taumata Rau - The University of Auckland and APRU Vice-Chair - Vice-Chancellor and President Rocky S. Tuan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and APRU Chair
	Invitation to upcoming APRU meetings
	 - Prof. Thomas Schneider, Chief Executive of APRU - Invitation to Annual Presidents' Meeting 2025 at UC San Diego, by Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla, University of California, San Diego - Invitation to Senior International Leaders' Meeting 2024 at Keio University, by President Kohei Itoh, Keio University
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Campus Tour
	Depart from lobby of Cordis Hotel at 1:30pm
	Originally established in the 1860s as a brewery, the Newmarket Campus site now hosts the University's cutting-edge engineering research facilities and the Department of Exercise Sciences. The campus is a thriving hub for healthtech, education, and infrastructure innovation, featuring collaborations with around 20 companies. Recent expansions include significant developments in Artificial Intelligence and a new Cocreation Space for Age Research. Our 90-minute itinerary includes a briefing on campus developments, followed by tours of key facilities such as the Structures Testing Laboratory, Water Engineering Lab, Newmarket Innovation Precinct, Creative Design and Additive Manufacturing Lab, and the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers team. Witness firsthand how these facilities contribute to global engineering solutions and educational advancements.

Day 4 (Optional) June 27, 2024 Thursday

Time	Activity & Venue
Full day	Optional Social Excursion Trip Hobbiton Movie Set Tour

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY NAME OF UNIVERSITY

Biographies of APRU Presidents



Dawn FRESHWATER Vice-Chancellor The University of Auckland APRU Vice-Chair



Rocky S. TUAN

Vice-Chancellor and President The Chinese University of Hong Kong APRU Chair Professor Freshwater is a globally recognised leader, having worked in world-class universities for almost two decades. She became the University of Auckland's first female Vice-Chancellor in March 2020, after serving at the University of Western Australia as Vice-Chancellor and Chair of the Go8 in Australia. She is Vice-Chair for Asia Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Steering Committee, and Presidential Champion for the Asia Pacific Women in Leadership (APWiL), Deputy Chair of Research Australia, Chair of Universities New Zealand Research Committee, and recent Chair of World University Network (WUN). Professor Freshwater has been elected to the Academia Europaea (MAE), is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland (FRCSI) and Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing (FRCN). She was listed in the top 2% of researchers in Stanford-Elsevier List 2023 in Public Health, Clinical Psychology and Nursing.

Professor Rocky S. Tuan is a world-renowned biomedical scientist specializing in stem cell science and regenerative medicine. Born and raised in Hong Kong, he pursued further studies in the USA and received his PhD in Life Sciences in 1977 from the Rockefeller University in New York. Professor Tuan has authored more than 550 research publications. He was elected to the fellowships of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI), the Chinese Association of Inventions (CAI), the American Association of Anatomists (AAA), the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS), and the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS) for his accomplishments in innovation and translational research that bring significant impact on society.

Professor Tuan became the eighth Vice-Chancellor and President of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) on January 1, 2018. Prior to joining CUHK in 2016 as a distinguished visiting professor and founding director of the Institute for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine, he was distinguished professor of orthopaedic surgery and director of the Center for Cellular and Molecular Engineering in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.



Wilert PURIWAT Acting President Chulalongkorn University

Professor Wilert Puriwat, D.Phil, who has served as the Acting President of Chulalongkorn University since May 2024, aims to steer the University towards the goal of becoming a global university that provides students with life-changing values which are endowed with innovative wisdom, mastery and philanthropic spirit.

Prior to being appointed to this current position, Professor Wilert Puriwat, D.Phil, was Dean of Chulalongkorn Business School (2019-2024). From 2014-2019, he was this School's Head of the Marketing Department. His management capability enabled the Chulalongkorn Business School to successfully launch many new initiatives to leverage and establish new partnerships with world-class business schools and communities. This has significantly promoted the name of the Chulalongkorn Business School to be on par with its counterparts.

As an active member of the Chulalongkorn Business School, Professor Wilert Puriwat, D.Phil, has produced a great number of research works that are published nationally and internationally. His research interests include consumer insight, social influence, consumer behavior design and digital marketing. As well as teaching and conducting research, he also served as the Chief Consultant for Spa-Hakuhodo Advertising where he provided consultations and directed brand communication teams for many leading companies, which were the Agency's clients.

Professor Wilert Puriwat, D.Phil, received a Ph.D. in Management Studies from University of Oxford. He also held an MBA in Strategy and an MPPM in Private and Public Management from Yale University; an MBA in Marketing from Thammasat University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Banking (Honors) from Chulalongkorn University.

Before pursuing his career as a professor at Chulalongkorn University, he was a Marketing Manager at Proctor & Gamble and a business representative of IBM.

President Kohei Itoh graduated from Keio University and received his MS and PhD in Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. He joined Keio as a faculty member in 1995 and became a full professor in 2007. He was the dean of the Faculty and Graduate School of Science and Technology between 2017 and 2019, and is the current chairperson of the Japanese government's Quantum Technology Innovation expert panel.

His main research area is quantum computing, quantum sensing, and quantum physics, leading to over 360 journal publications. He is an executive member of the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (CSTI) as well as a council member of the Science Council of Japan. He has served on numerous executive boards including the Physical Society of Japan and the Japan Society of Applied Physics. He leads various quantum information projects as the program director of Quantum Information Technology in the MEXT Quantum Leap Flagship Program.

He received the Japan IBM Prize in 2006 and the JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Prize in 2009. He is also a fellow of American Physical Society and a fellow of the Japan Society of Applied Physics.



Kohei ITOH President Keio University



Dong-One KIM President Korea University



Teck-Hua HO President Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Professor Dong-One Kim is the 21st President of Korea University and a Professor at the Korea University Business School, where he has taught full-time since 1997. He is the author of numerous articles, reviews, reports, and books on international labor relations and policy. He began his term as President of Korea University on March 2, 2023 and previous leadership roles include Dean of the Korea University Business School, Dean of the Graduate School of Labor Studies, Vice President for Planning and Budget, and Vice President for General Affairs at Korea University.

Professor Kim has also served on several Korean government boards and committees including the National Economic Advisory Council, Regulatory Reform Committee, National Research Council and the National Labor Relations Commission. In support of private enterprise Professor Kim was also an Executive Board Member of Kia, Lotte Aluminium and KDM Korea. Professor Kim's leadership roles in academic associations and journals include President of the International Labor and Employment Relations Association (ILERA), the Korea Labor and Employment Relations Association and Chair of the Social Asia Forum, Korea Committee. He was also the Editor of ILERA Publications and the Korean Journal of Industrial Relations and currently is on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Industrial Relations, and the Editorial Board of the Journal of Labor and Industry.

Professor Teck-Hua Ho is the fifth president of Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, where he is a Distinguished University Professor. He is also the founding executive chairman of Al Singapore; president of the Academy of Engineering, Singapore; and an academician of Academia Sinica.

Professor Ho has a PhD in decision sciences from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Before joining NTU, Professor Ho served as senior deputy president and provost, and prior to that, deputy president (research and technology) at the National University of Singapore. In the USA, he was the William Halford Jr Family Professor of Marketing at the University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business. The School presented him with the Williamson Award, the highest faculty award, named in honour of Oliver Williamson, recipient of the 2009 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.

Professor Ho was the first awardee of the Singapore National Research Foundation's Returning Singaporean Scientists Scheme and the first non-US citizen to be editor-in-chief of *Management Science*. In Singapore, Teck sits on the boards of DSO National Laboratories, the Government Technology Agency, and the National Research Foundation. In 2023, he was awarded the Singapore Public Administration Medal (Gold).



Wen-Chang CHEN President National Taiwan University



TAN Eng Chye President National University of Singapore



Jae Weon CHOI President Pusan National University

President Wen-Chang Chen is a leading scholar in optoelectronic polymers, block copolymers, and polymer composite optical film. He was the Dean of the College of Engineering from 2017 to 2023 before assuming his role as the thirteenth president on January 8, 2023.

President Chen received his BS from National Taiwan University and his PhD from the University of Rochester, both in chemical engineering.

President Chen's diverse awards and honors include an honorary doctorate from the University of Grenoble Alpes, Academician at the Asia-Pacific Academy of Materials, and Fellow at the United Kingdom Royal Society of Chemistry. He previously acted as President of the Federation of Asian Polymer, and Polymer Program Coordinator at Taiwan National Science Council.

As president, he plans not only to elevate NTU's fundraising practices, but also promote an internationalized and inclusive educational environment.

Professor Tan Eng Chye was appointed President of the National University of Singapore (NUS) on January 1, 2018. He is the University's 5th president, and the 23rd leader to head Singapore's oldest higher education institution.

Professor Tan's research interests are in the Representation Theory of Lie Groups and Lie Algebras; and Invariant Theory and Algebraic Combinatorics. He has been invited to speak in numerous top global conferences, and has published more than 20 articles in top internationally-refereed journals and conference proceedings. He has co-authored three books on mathematics, including a well-known graduate text on non-Abelian harmonic analysis.

Professor Tan is a passionate and award-winning educator. As a pioneer architect of the current academic system and interdisciplinary educational approach in NUS, he has seeded many initiatives such as the Special Programme in Science, University Scholars Programme, University Town Residential College Programme, Grade-free Year, and Technology-enhanced Education.

Dr. Choi received his bachelor's and doctorate from the Department of Control and Instrumentation Engineering at Seoul National University. He joined the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Pusan National University as a professor in 1996. During his tenure at Pusan National University, Dr. Choi served as the Dean of Planning and Strategy and the Dean of the College of Engineering. On May 17th, 2024, Dr. Choi was inaugurated as the President of Pusan National University, following an election in which all university members were allowed to participate. Dr. Choi was a visiting professor at MIT and served as president of various academic societies. He was appointed a policy advisor to the Korean Ministry of Education and Busan Metropolitan City, contributing to national and regional policy development. In recognition of his academic achievements, Dr. Choi was enlisted as a member of the Korean Academy of Engineering in 2022. Also, Dr. Choi was awarded commendations by the Prime Minister of Korea and the Minister of Education for his contributions to the development of science and technology.



Joy JOHNSON President and Vice-Chancellor Simon Fraser University



Song GAO President Sun Yat-sen University

Joy Johnson is president and vice-chancellor of Simon Fraser University, and professor in its Faculty of Health Sciences.

As president, Joy is committed to building community partnerships; enhancing student learning experiences; supporting Indigenous reconciliation; and advancing equity, diversity and inclusion across the university.

Prior to her appointment as president, Joy served as SFU's vice-president, research and international, and oversaw the evolution of cutting-edge research, innovation, and international engagement across eight faculties.

Under her leadership, SFU's achieved the fastest growth of any Canadian university research income of any university in Canada, with a focus on mobilizing knowledge to enhance the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of its communities.

Prior to SFU, Joy had a distinguished career in academics and research. She is an elected Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and has co-authored more than 180 peer-reviewed articles.

Joy currently serves on the Universities Canada Board of Directors.

Professor Song Gao is the President of Sun Yat-sen University and an academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

He earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in the Department of Chemistry at Peking University from 1981 to 1991. He worked in the Department of Chemistry at Peking University after 1988. From 1995 to 1997, he was a Humboldt Research Fellow at the Institute of Inorganic Chemistry at RWTH Aachen in Germany. He also worked as a Croucher Visiting Scholar at the University of Hong Kong for collaborative research from 1998 to 1999. In 2011, Professor Gao served as a visiting professor at the National University of Singapore. In 2007, he was elected as an academician of the Division of Chemistry, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry in the UK. In 2013, Professor Gao was elected as an academician of the Academy of Sciences of the Developing World.

He has held several positions at Peking University, including Associate Dean and Dean of the College of Chemistry and Molecular Engineering. In 2013, he became Provost of Peking University and subsequently served as Vice President, Dean of the Graduate School, and Executive Vice President. From 2018 to 2022, he served as the President of South China University of Technology.

In November 2021, Professor Gao was appointed as the President of Sun Yat-sen University.



Nancy Y. IP President The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology



Teiji TOMINAGA President Tohoku University

Nancy Y. Ip is currently the President, The Morningside Professor of Life Science, and the Director of the State Key Laboratory of Molecular Neuroscience at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). Taking office in October 2022, she is the first female president of a publicly funded university in Hong Kong.

Ip received her PhD degree in Pharmacology from Harvard University, after which she held the position of Senior Staff Scientist at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. in New York. Since joining HKUST in 1993, she has served as the Vice-President for Research and Development, Dean of Science, and Head of the Department of Biochemistry.

Ip is world-renowned for her significant contributions to the field of neuroscience in understanding the complex mechanisms that underlie proper brain functions, as well as drug discovery for neurodegenerative diseases. Her outstanding research has resulted in over 330 scientific papers and holds 70 patents.

As a distinguished neuroscientist, Ip was elected to the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the US National Academy of Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, among other academies, and is a recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the National Natural Science Awards, the LOREAL-UNESCO for Women in Science Award and the 10 Science Stars of China by Nature.

In addition to conducting pioneering neuroscience research, Ip helps shape research policy on a global level. She is a member of various strategic initiatives such as the Leadership Group of the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative. She also actively serves on local committees, such as the Chief Executive's Council of Advisers, to help steer the strategic development of Hong Kong.

Teiji Tominaga is the 23rd President of Tohoku University. He graduated from Tohoku University's School of Medicine in 1982, and since then he has worked at Tohoku University Hospital in medical, research, and administrative roles. He received his PhD in 1989 and became an Assistant Professor at the School of Medicine in the same year. Professor Tominaga's specialism is neurosurgery, and he studied in the United States at both the Membrane Research Institute in Philadelphia and the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, and in 1997 became a Lecturer at Tohoku University's School of Medicine.

In 2002 he became Clinical Associate Professor at the School of Medicine, and the following year, he became Professor at the Division of Neurology. From 2014 until 2019, he was Deputy Director of Tohoku University Hospital's Clinical Research Innovation and Education Center, and in 2015 he was appointed the roles of Vice President of Tohoku University and Vice Director of Tohoku University Hospital. In 2019, he was promoted to the position of Director of the University Hospital. In 2023 he assumed the role of Executive Vice President for Co-creation Strategy, Disaster Reconstruction and Regeneration. He began his role as President of Tohoku University in April 2024.

Professor Tominaga has received awards from Japan's Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications and the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. The Japan Neurosurgical Society awarded him the Makoto Saito Academic Award in 2019 and the Keiji Sano Award in 2023. Professor Tominaga has served as the President of the Japan Neurosurgical Society, the President of the Japanese Society on Surgery for Cerebral Stroke, and as a director for several societies and associations with a focus on neurosurgery.



Rosa DEVÉS Rector Universidad de Chile

Rosa Devés is the first female President of the Universidad de Chile in its 181-year history. She became President in 2022 following a distinguished scientific career in biochemistry, which also involved various leadership positions in senior university management.

Prof. Devés holds a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Western Ontario (Canada) and pursued postdoctoral studies at the University of Southern California (Los Angeles, USA). Her academic career began in 1980 when she joined the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the Faculty of Medicine of the Universidad de Chile, where she taught and conducted research in cellular physiology. Her research in the field of cellular physiology, specifically on the mechanisms of transport in biological membranes, has had an international impact and was recognized with her appointment as a Corresponding Member of the Chilean Academy of Sciences in 2002.

She has a broad commitment to education at all levels. Prof. Devés was the first director of the Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences, which stands as one of the most influential programs in the country. Alongside her contribution to graduate education innovation, she is one of the founders of the Inquiry-Based Science Education Program for Elementary Education, an initiative that has involved collaboration with science academies around the world. In 2013, this effort was recognized with an award by the Mexican Ministry of Public Education and INNOVEC-Mexico. Since 2015, she has also been a member of the International Committee of the La main à la pâte Foundation in France, which promotes innovation in science education in that country.

As a senior university leader, she served as Director of Graduate and Postgraduate Studies (2006–2010) and as the first woman Provost (2010–2014). Following this, she held the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs for eight years (2014–2022). She has been deeply involved in developing various diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives since 2010. In the more external political field, she was active in defending university autonomy under the dictatorship through various academic associations.

In 2024, she was recognized for her career by "Comunidad Mujer", one of the most important Chilean organizations working on gender equity, and for her role as an educator by the Chilean Union of Teachers. She also received the "Women of Influence" award from the National Institute of Human Rights and the "Leadership" award in 2023 from the International Women's Forum. She was also highlighted as one of the "100 Women Leaders" of (2022-2023) by the most influential newspaper in Chile (El Mercurio), and by Forbes-Chile as one of the 30 more powerful women leaders.



Diego QUIROGA Rector Universidad San Francisco de Quito



Bill FLANAGAN President and Vice-Chancellor University of Alberta Diego has led the research and international programs at USFQ for over 10 years. His vision contributed to make USFQ accomplish Number 1 post in Latin America in internationalization (Times Higher Education). His most recent position was Dean of Research and International Affairs as well as Co-Director of the Galapagos Campus in San Cristóbal, Galapagos.

Diego obtained his PhD in Anthropology of University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign. His research focus is Urban Ecology, Political Ecology and Medical Anthropology in the Galapagos, Amazon basin y the Andes. Diego has been working constantly in biodiversity and vulnerability research as well as traditional medicine in the region.

Diego believes that the role of universities is to be a part of the innovation ecosystem and that it should be tied to the community needs to develop public policy and support the private sector. His work philosophy is based in Liberal Arts, which promote inter disciplinary groups of work where each person contributes with its area of expertise to go forward in research.

Bill Flanagan became the 14th president and vice-chancellor of the University of Alberta in July 2020. Born and raised in Alberta, he has been recognized for his transformative and entrepreneurial leadership.

As soon as he was appointed, President Flanagan launched the largest and most ambitious program of academic and administrative restructuring ever undertaken by a Canadian university. With a vision for the University of Alberta for Tomorrow (UAT), he set the goal of turning the university's acute financial pressures into a strategic transformation, repositioning the U of A for long-term success.



Gary S. MAY Chancellor University of California, Davis



Howard GILLMAN Chancellor University of California, Irvine

Chancellor Gary S. May is a highly engaged leader with a passion for helping others succeed. He believes success is best judged by how we enhance the lives of others.

Throughout his career, he has championed diversity, equity and inclusion in both higher education and the workplace. He developed nationally recognized programs that attract, mentor and retain underrepresented groups in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math. In 2015, President Obama honored him with the Presidential Award for Excellence in STEM Mentoring.

May earned his master's and PhD degrees in electrical engineering and computer science at UC Berkeley. He was inducted to the National Academy of Engineering in 2018. In 2020, May was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences under the classification of "educational and academic leadership". In 2021, May was awarded a Lifetime Mentor Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and an honorary doctorate from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

A prominent voice in higher education, May is a Commissioner of the Council on Competitiveness and other national committees.

His vision as UC Davis' seventh chancellor is to lead the university to new heights in academic excellence, inclusion, public service and upward mobility for students from all backgrounds.

Howard Gillman is an award-winning scholar and teacher with expertise in the American Constitution and the Supreme Court. He holds faculty appointments in the School of Law and the department of political science, history, and criminology, law & society.

Under Chancellor Gillman's leadership, UCI has accelerated its ascendency among globally preeminent research universities. It has been consistently ranked in the top 10 of all public universities in the nation by U.S. News & World Report; increased its annual research support by more than USD 300 million; expanded its clinical footprint by adding a second large medical complex; established the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing and the School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences; demonstrated its status as a "first choice" college for undergraduates by receiving more than 143,000 freshman and transfer applications for fall 2023; and fostered regional economic development by establishing the premier regional tech transfer ecosystem.

Chancellor Gillman came to UCI in July 2013 as provost and executive vice chancellor after spending more than two decades at the University of Southern California. A first-generation college student, he earned bachelor's (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa), master's, and doctoral degrees in political science at UCLA.



Gene BLOCK Chancellor University of California, Los Angeles



Pradeep K. KHOSLA Chancellor University of California, San Diego

As University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) chancellor since 2007, Gene Block oversees the university's three-part mission of education, research and service. He has defined academic excellence, civic engagement, diversity and financial security as top priorities for his administration.

Chancellor Block also holds faculty appointments in the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and the College of Letters and Science. An expert in neuroscience, his research has focused on the neurobiology of circadian rhythms.

Before becoming chancellor of UCLA, Block spent 29 years at the University of Virginia, where he was most recently vice president and provost. He has served on the executive boards of several leading organizations, including the Association of American Universities, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and Association of Pacific Rim Universities.

As UC San Diego's chief executive officer, Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla provides vision and strategy, leading a campus of more than 43,000 students within eleven academic, professional and graduate schools and eight undergraduate residential colleges; a preeminent health system; and the prestigious Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Khosla initiated and led UC San Diego's first-ever Strategic Plan and the ambitious 10-year, USD 2 billion Campaign for UC San Diego. The Campaign raised USD 3.05 billion, exceeding its original goal by more than USD 1 billion, and making UC San Diego the youngest institution ever to complete a multi-billion-dollar fundraising campaign. The campus is currently undergoing a USD 2 billion construction boom to expand classrooms, research space and double the number of on-campus housing units.

Under Chancellor Khosla's leadership, UC San Diego has expanded college access and affordability for underserved students, initiated campus-wide interdisciplinary research initiatives to foster collaboration and solve societal challenges, and strengthened university and community partnerships to drive regional impact.



David LASSNER President University of Hawai'i at Mānoa David Lassner is the 15th president of the University of Hawai'i. In that capacity he leads the University of Hawai'i (UH) 10-campus system as well as Hawai'i's flagship research university, UH Mānoa. Lassner has worked to help UH become the foremost indigenous-centered university in the USA and leads a strong commitment to island sustainability. His other focus areas are to help more Hawai'i residents, particularly those who have historically been left behind, earn college credentials and fulfil local workforce needs as UH strengthens the state's economy by leveraging research and innovation to create more high-quality jobs across the islands.

Lassner assumed the UH presidency in 2013 and is now the longest-serving UH president since the 1950s. He has taught online and in-person in computer science, communications, business and education and has served as a principal investigator for more than USD 500 million in extramural funding. Lassner currently serves on the Board of Governors of the East-West Center and on the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education. He earned an AB in economics and an MS in computer science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign followed by a PhD in communication and information sciences from the University of Hawai'i.



Angelo A. JIMENEZ President University of the Philippines

Atty. Angelo A. Jimenez, President of the University of the Philippines (UP), obtained his bachelor's and law degrees from UP Diliman, his Master's degree in Public Policy from the National University of Singapore, and was a Lee Kuan Yew Fellow at the Harvard School of Government. Atty. Jimenez served the Philippine national government as Deputy Administrator of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, and as labor attaché in Japan, Kuwait, and Iraq. He is a labor and migration policy expert, and the first UP President to hail from Mindanao.

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Biographies of Speakers



Yatimah ALIAS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International) Universiti Malaya Professor Dr. Yatimah Alias graduated with a BSc (1993) from University of Malaya (UM) and completed her Ph.D. from East Anglia University, UK (1998). She has been attached to UM ever since 1998 and attained her professorship in the year of 2010, becoming one of the university's youngest professors. She is a dynamic individual with great interpersonal skills and is actively involved in both administrative duties and scientific research. She is currently UM's Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & Internationalization) and the Head of University Malaya Centre for Ionic Liquids (UMCiL). Prior to that she has also served as the Director of the Academic Strategic Planning Centre (ASPC) UM, Director of UM Curriculum Development Centre (CDC), Deputy Dean for the Faculty of Science UM and the President of Malaysian Ionic Liquids Research Society (MILRS).

Prof. Dr. Yatimah Alias niche research areas includes electrochemistry, ionic liquids, sensors and biosensors, supramolecular chemistry, and nanomaterials. Inorganic chemistry remains her forte but being an enterprising researcher, she delved into various forms applications and impactful ventures. She is an accomplished electrochemist with potentiometric skills which includes cyclic voltammetry, impedance study & etc. Beyond electrochemistry, she too, has explored in supramolecular-coordination chemistry, ionic liquids synthesis & applications and sensor development & fabrications. Her keen pursuit of research was cultivated and developed with reputable research grant programs such as Impact Oriented Interdisciplinary Research Grant (IIRG), High Impact Research-Ministry of Education Malaysia (HIR-MOE), Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS), Prototype Research Grant Scheme, and Research University funding. Apart from that, in 2020, she has also managed to obtain joint international funding with United Arab Emirates (UAE) University.

To her credit she holds a H-Index of 42, published 259 ISI ranked journals, and filed 6 patents of which 2 has been granted. She has received many accolades from both national and international arenas including Gold and Silver medals such as Gold Medal International Innovation, Invention & Technology Exhibition 2019 & 2021 (ITEX 2019 & ITEX 2021), Silver Medal International Conference and Exposition on Inventions by Institutions of Higher Learning 2019 (PECIPTA'19), Silver Medal Seoul International Invention Fair 2012 (SIIF 2012) and Gold Medal Brussels Innova Energy 2007 (EUREKA 07). She has also received international recognition, including World Class Professor by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research & Technology, Indonesia and the Canadian Special Award of Excellence from the Inventors Circle in 2022. For her valuable services to UM, she was also conferred the honour of Excellent Award and Service for the year 2019 and 2020, respectively. In recognition of her keen pursuit in research, she was proffered the title of Fellow by the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry in 2017 and the esteemed Akademi Sains Malaysia in 2019. She is also instrumental in the upstart of University Malaya Centre for Ionic Liquids (UMCiL) in 2007 and the Malaysian Ionic Liquids Research Society (MILRS) in 2016.



Jessica GALLAGHER Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement)

University of Adelaide



Masahiko GEMMA Vice President for International Affairs, Waseda University

Professor Gallagher is the University of Adelaide's inaugural Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement), overseeing a diverse engagement portfolio, with a focus on contributing to the growth and sustainability of the University through leadership of strategic partnerships, recruitment, community outreach and internationalisation initiatives.

Jessica has significant senior management experience within the higher-education sector, and has managed teams across multiple countries to establish and execute innovative global strategies that have fostered high performing partnerships. With extensive experience in business development and strategic partner engagement initiatives, Jessica is highly regarded for her global outlook and community mindset.

Received Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1989. Worked at the International Development Center of Japan (IDCJ) as economist for 1989-1991. Joined the faculty of Waseda University in 1993 after serving for the faculty at Yokohama City University for 1991-1993.

Has been serving as director of the Institute of Japan-U.S. Studies at Waseda University since 2008. For 2016-2018 served as director of Organization for Regional and Inter-regional Studies. Has been Vice President for International Affairs at Waseda University since 2018 and was president of U.S. Japan Research Institute (USJI) in Washington, D.C. for 2018-2022. Has been a board of director for the APAIE since 2018.



Dan HIKUROA Associate Professor in Māori Studies The University of Auckland

Dan Hikuroa (Ngāti Maniapoto, Waikato-Tainui, Ngaati Whanaunga, Pākehā) is a father, surfer, paddle-boarder, gardener, loves the taiao and is an Associate Professor in Māori Studies, Waipapa Taumata Rau - University of Auckland. Dan is an established world expert on weaving indigenous knowledge and science to realise the dreams of the communities he works with. Dan has been spearheading alternative ways of assessing sustainability, including braiding indigenous knowledge and epistemologies into policies, assessment frameworks and decision-support tools. Dan is UNESCO New Zealand Commissioner for Culture, member of Pou Herenga, Māori Advisory to the Climate Change Commission, has key roles within New Zealand's Centres of Research Excellence, National Science Challenges and advises national and regional government, communities and philanthropic trusts.



Selina Tusitala MARSH Professor in the English Department The University of Auckland Professor Selina Tusitala Marsh (ONZM, FRSNZ) is the former Commonwealth Poet, New Zealand Poet Laureate and acclaimed performer and author. In 2019 she was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to poetry, literature and the Pacific community. In 2020 Selina was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. A Professor in the English Department at the University of Auckland, and recently appointed as the Co-Director of the Centre for Arts and Social Transformation (CAST), Selina knows that research-based Arts practice always helps.

Selina teaches Maori and Pacific Literature and Creative Writing. Selina's area of research focuses on first wave Pacific women poets and bringing silenced, marginalised indigenous literary voices to light. She designs and facilitates the leadership programme Growing Niu Leaders with Capability Group which aims at bringing cultural selves through corporate doors through poetry. Selina has performed poetry for primary schoolers and presidents (Obama), queers and Queens (HRH Elizabeth II). She has published three critically acclaimed collections of poetry, *Fast Talking Pl* (2009), *Dark Sparring* (2013), *Tightrope* (2017). Her graphic memoir, *Mophead* (2019), won the Margaret Mahy Supreme Book in the 2020 NZ Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. It also won the Elsie Locke Best Non-Fiction Award. Its sequel, *Mophead TU: The Queen's Poem* (2020) has been dubbed as 'Colonialism 101 for Kids'. Her third book in the series, *What Knot Ya Got? Mophead's Guide to Life*, recipient of the Storylines Notable Award for Children's Non-Fiction, is now available.



Katherine NEWMAN Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs University of California Katherine Newman joined the University of California in January 2023 as systemwide Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chancellor's Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Public Policy at UC Berkeley. She received her PhD in Anthropology at UC Berkeley and her BA in Philosophy and Sociology from UC San Diego. Provost Newman has held leadership and academic appointments at Princeton, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, UMass Amherst, Columbia University, and the School of Law at UC Berkeley.

Provost Newman is the author of fifteen books on topics ranging from technical education and apprenticeship to the sociological study of the working poor in America's urban centers; on middle class economic insecurity under the brunt of recession; and on aspects of inequality, social policy and family life in Japan, Western Europe, South Africa and India. Her most recent book, *Moving the Needle: What Tight Labor Markets Do for the Poor* (co-authored with Dr. Elisabeth Jacobs), was released by UC Press in April 2023.



Chief Executive APRU Professor Schneider was elected as APRU's 5th Chief Executive and took up the role from January 2023.

A native of Germany, Professor Schneider studied at the University of Zurich, the University of Basel and the École Pratique des Hautes Études in Paris. He earned his degrees in Egyptology from the University of Basel. Throughout his career, he has held academic and administrative positions in four global regions – North America; Asia; Europe; the Middle East.

Throughout the years, Professor Schneider has acquired significant leadership experience at the departmental level (Acting Department Chair; Director of Graduate Studies; Chair of Egyptology) and university level (Senator on the UBC Senate, 2014-8). He oversaw specific strategic projects and initiatives as Special Advisor to the Vice-Provost and Dean, Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies, at UBC (2015-7) and as Advisor to the President at Quest University Canada (2016-17).

From 2018-20, Professor Schneider served the Southern University of Science and Technology in Shenzhen, China's fastest-rising new STEM university, as Associate Vice President (International), spearheading its internationalization efforts. Recently, Professor Schneider has founded PALAC – a new consortium of liberal arts colleges focused on experimental learning in the liberal arts across multiple economies in Asia and North America.

Professor Schneider has acquired a broad knowledge of the spectrum of disciplines. He has been a consultant, adjudicator and reviewer for universities, funding agencies and publishers in North America, China, Europe, Israel, and Australia, as well as an executive editor of academic periodicals. His own scholarship focuses on cultural and linguistic interconnections in the Near East, the environmental history of Egypt, and the history of the humanities in Nazi Germany.

Michael is of Ngāti Whātua and Te Uri o Hau tribal descent. He is the Kaiarataki Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori at Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland.

He provides high level leadership and service across all aspects of university engagement with māori staff, students and communities. He provides cultural leadership for the University and has extensive forum presence within the university to ensure Māori ways of knowing and being are present. He also leads the development of the university's indigenous framework, Toitū Waipapa. Prior to his current role, Michael was the inaugural Kaiārahi (Principle Māori Advisor) in the Faculty of Science for 9 years. He is an active member in tribal activities and is a leader in the Whare Tū Tauā (Māori martial arts school).



Michael STEEDMAN

Kaiarataki Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori The University of Auckland



Simon THRUSH

Director of Institute of Marine Science and Director of George Mason Centre for the Natural Environment The University of Auckland Professor Thrush has broad research interests in marine ecology, marine ecosystem services, and ecosystem dynamics. He applies his research skills to addressing the cumulative impacts of human activity in coastal and shelf ecosystems. He also collaborates with social scientists, policy and media studies to better connect and inform social-ecological systems.

Professor Thrush obtained a BSc (Hons) from the University of Otago and a PhD from the University of East Anglia, England. He has over 30 years' experience in the development and implementation of strategic ecological research to influence resource management and improve societal valuation of marine ecosystems. He has worked in New Zealand, Europe, USA and Antarctica, has contributed to over 300 publications in the peer reviewed scientific literature, authored a book on seafloor ecology and collaborates extensively with colleagues around the world.



Toshiya UEKI Executive Vice President for General Affairs, International Affairs, and Academic Resources Tohoku University

Toshiya Ueki is the Executive Vice President for General Affairs, International Affairs, and Academic Resources of Tohoku University and is also a Professor of International Law at the Faculty and Graduate School of Law. Prof. Ueki served as the Dean of the Faculty and Graduate School of Law (2004-2006) and from 2006 he has been an Executive Vice President of Tohoku University. He has authored or co-authored articles on international law and written many books on the subject. He has been recognized for his exceptional work in the fields of transnational / international law and for his studies on the theory of international law related to international organizations. For his outstanding academic achievements, he was awarded the 27th Adachi Mineichiro Memorial Award in 1994. From 1988 to 1990 he was a Visiting Fellow at the Research Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge, UK, and from 1996 to 1997 he was a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard-Yenching Institute at Harvard University, USA. Prof. Ueki is a member of a number of distinguished academic societies including the Japanese Society of International Law and the International Law Association, and from May 2020 to May 2023 he served as the President of the Japanese Association of World Law and from June 2022 he is serving as the President of the Japanese Society of International Law. As EVP of Tohoku University, Prof. Ueki strives to develop Tohoku University's international relationships, academic affairs, and its global network through active participation in international academic consortia and other global activities.



Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor University of California, Riverside Elizabeth Watkins is Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor and Professor of History at the University of California, Riverside. Prior to moving to UC Riverside in 2021, she spent 17 years at UC San Francisco as Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the History of Health Sciences (2004-2012), Dean of the Graduate Division (2012-2021), and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs (2013-2021). Watkins earned her BA degree in biology and her PhD degree in history of science, both at Harvard University. She is the author of On the Pill: A Social History of Oral Contraceptives and The Estrogen Elixir: A History of Hormone Replacement Therapy in America and co-editor of Medicating Modern America: A History of Prescription Drugs; Prescribed: Writing, Filling, Using, and Abusing the Prescription in Modern America; and Therapeutic Revolutions: Pharmaceuticals and Social Change in the Twentieth Century. She has also published articles on the history of birth control, the history of male menopause and testosterone, and the history of stress. Her work has been funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the NIH/National Library of Medicine, the National Academy of Education, the National Science Foundation, and the University of California President's Research Fellowship in the Humanities.



Michael WITBROCK Professor of Computer Science The University of Auckland

Michael's research is at the intersection of machine learning, reasoning and natural language understanding, with an additional focus on maximizing the near-term benefit of AI to NZ entrepreneurs and business, and more generally achieving the best social and civilizational impacts of increasingly powerful AI. As an adjunct to that work, he works directly on deep learning architectures and on the development and application of large, inferentially productive knowledge bases and inference systems across the resulting range of reasoning paradigms.

Michael Witbrock received his PhD in Computer Science from Carnegie Mellon University, and is currently a professor in the School of Computer Science at The University of Auckland leading NAOInstitite for Natural, Artificial and Organisational Intelligence) and its component Strong AI Lab (SAIL), a member of the Centre for Brain Research (CBR), and Scientific Director of Precision Driven Health. Previously he was a manager and distinguished research staff member at IBM T J Watson Research center, leading work at the intersection of learning and reasoning and advising on AI strategy up to C-suite level.



Yune-Sang YUNE Flautist Yune-Sang Yune is a Korean-Kiwi flautist who has just completed her Master's degree under the tutelage of Luca Manghi at the University of Auckland. Born in Seongnam, South Korea, Yune-Sang began learning the flute at the age of 9 and was immediately mesmerized by the warm silvery tone of the instrument. Since then, Yune-Sang has performed as a young rising soloist with the St Matthew's Chamber Orchestra, Manukau Symphony Orchestra, Korean Community Orchestra, 'Love and Peace' and made her first professional debut with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra last year.

In recognition of her potential as a performer, Yune-Sang won numerous awards last year. These include: second prize winner from the Gala Concerto Competition 2023, recipient of the gold medal award from the Manhattan International competition 2023 and the Blue's Awards from the University of Auckland for international flute performance. Other awards for her performance include: winner of the Anne Tolley Prize from the Gisborne International Competition, winner of the Tauranga Performing Arts Competition (TPACS), winner of the Performing Arts Competition Association New Zealand, making her an 'National Young Performer.' Yune-Sang has also won various scholarships including grants from the Taurus Trust, George Hopkins Woodwind Prize, Todd Trust Foundation, and the Richard Giese Scholarship. Yune-Sang's dedication for her craft has led her to be awarded 'First in Music Performance' twice in 2019 and 2022 for the highest marks achieved in music performance at the University of Auckland.

Yune-Sang finds her passion in performance and enjoys performing for events like the APRU 28th Annual Presidents' Meeting.

List of Presidents

AS OF JUNE 15, 2024 IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY NAME OF UNIVERSITY

Name	University	Title
Professor Dawn FRESHWATER	The University of Auckland	Vice-Chancellor; APRU Vice-Chair
Professor Rocky S. TUAN	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Vice-Chancellor and President; APRU Chair
Professor Wilert PURIWAT	Chulalongkorn University	Acting President
Professor Kohei ITOH	Keio University	President
Professor Dong-One KIM	Korea University	President
Professor Teck-Hua HO	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	President
Professor Wen-Chang CHEN	National Taiwan University	President
Professor TAN Eng Chye	National University of Singapore	President
Professor Jae Weon CHOI	Pusan National University	President
Professor Joy JOHNSON	Simon Fraser University	President
Professor Song GAO	Sun Yat-sen University	President
Professor Nancy Y. IP	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	President
Professor Teiji TOMINAGA	Tohoku University	President
Professor Rosa DEVÉS	Universidad de Chile	Rector
Professor Diego QUIROGA	Universidad San Francisco de Quito	Rector
Professor Bill FLANAGAN	University of Alberta	President and Vice-Chancellor
Professor Gary S. MAY	University of California, Davis	Chancellor
Professor Howard GILLMAN	University of California, Irvine	Chancellor
Professor Gene BLOCK	University of California, Los Angeles	Chancellor
Professor Pradeep K. KHOSLA	University of California, San Diego	Chancellor
Professor David LASSNER	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	President
Atty. Angelo A. JIMENEZ	University of the Philippines	President

List of University Delegates

AS OF JUNE 16, 2024 IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY NAME OF UNIVERSITY

Name	University	Designation
Ram Piyaket	Chulalongkorn University	Director of the Office of International Affairs and Global Network
Motohiro Tsuchiya	Keio University	Vice-President for Global Engagement and Information Technology
Akiyo Okuda	Keio University	Vice-President for Student Affairs, and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Hideko Sumita	Keio University	Director, Global Engagement Office
Sang Kee Song	Korea University	Vice President for International Affairs
Minsoo Park	Korea University	Assistant to the President
Natalie Konomi	Kyushu University	Vice President for International Affairs
Norimi Mizutani	Nagoya University	Vice President (International)
Yoko Shiraki	Nagoya University	Project Coordinator
Lu Yangqing	Nanjing University	Vice President for International
Haikun Wang	Nanjing University	Vice Dean of Nanjing-Helsinki Institute in Atmospheric and Earth System Sciences
Ji Yong	Nanjing University	Head of School of Life Sciences
Gu Cheng	Nanjing University	Director of International Affairs Office
Chen Nan	Nanjing University	Division Chief for Global Engagement, International Affairs Office
Lee Pooi See	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	Vice President (International Engagement)
Wanda Preiser	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	Head, Office of International Engagement
Hsiao-Wei Yuan	National Taiwan University	Vice President for International Affairs
Lum Sau Kim	National University of Singapore	Associate Vice President (Global Relations)
Shawn Wei	National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University	Senior Vice President
Li Wei Chan	National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University	Head, Division of International Collaboration, Office of International Affairs
Rebecca Wey	National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University	Manager, Division of International Collaboration, Office of International Affairs
Yamamoto Beverley Anne	Osaka University	Executive Vice President
Mochizuki Mayumi	Osaka University	Associate Professor
Piao Shilong	Peking University	Vice President
Sung-Min Park	POSTECH	Vice President of External Affairs
Jun Ki Ahn	POSTECH	Director, International Relations
Jin Young Huh	POSTECH	Manager, International Relations

Name	University	Designation
Min Jong Yang	Pusan National University	Vice President of PNU International
Bongkoo Jeong	Pusan National University	Director of PNU International
Sang Hu Park	Pusan National University	Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Sun-Young Kim	Seoul National University	Deputy Vice-President of International Affairs
Baowen Zhou	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Vice Director of the Institute of Advanced Energy and Powertrain Technology
Zheng Gang	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Associate Dean, University of Michigan – Shanghai Jiao Tong University Joint Institute
Du Yan	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Head of Office, International Programs Office
Carol Zachs	Simon Fraser University	Senior Director, Global Engagement
Rihui Chen	Sun Yat-sen University	Secretary to the President
Nu Zhang	Sun Yat-sen University	Director, Office of International Cooperation & Exchange
Yingjie Liu	Sun Yat-sen University	Regional Manager, Office of International Cooperation & Exchange
Menglin Huang	Sun Yat-sen University	Regional Manager, Office of International Cooperation & Exchange
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AS OF JUNE 16, 2024 IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Name	Organization	Designation
Anders Karlsson	Elsevier	Vice President, Global Strategic Networks, Asia Pacific
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APRU'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

Partnered with ClimeCo, APRU has joined the BigCoast Forest Climate Initiative to offset 420 tonnes of carbon emissions for the Annual Presidents' Meeting 2024. This program helps preserve forestland on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii, and Coastal British Columbia.

ABOUT THE BIGCOAST FOREST CLIMATE INITIATIVE

The BigCoast Forest Climate Initiative protects unique West Coast forests in Canada by deferring timber harvesting on 40,000 hectares (100,000 acres) across Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii, and Coastal British Columbia for at least 25 years. This initiative supports a broader regional ecosystem, home to bears, elk, salmon, and orcas.

2030 is just around the calendar.

The BigCoast Forest Climate Initiative directly contributes to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. Specifically, implementation of the carbon crediting project directly contributes to Sustainable Development Goals:





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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI KI WAIPAPA TAUMATA RAU WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Waipapa Taumata Rau, our Māori name, is an exhortation to excellence and achievement.

Waipapa is the landing place, marking arrivals and beginnings, reflecting new connections between people, as well as an exchange of knowledge and teaching.

Taumata are peaks or points of ascension – places of challenge, achievement and revelation, reached through hard work, aspiration and support.

Rau means many or one hundred. The University and its community are made up of many peaks, and there are many journeys.

Commitment to excellence and achievement is integral to our research and teaching. Taumata Teitei, the University's vision 2030 and strategic plan 2025, sets out our purpose of creating globally transformative impacts through our world-leading research, teaching and partnerships, inspired by our unique position in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific. We recognise the value of learning from other knowledge systems, including mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge), and their potential to bring different and constructive perspectives to understanding and addressing global challenges. Together, we work to contribute to fundamental solutions that address the unprecedented challenges facing humanity, in four interdependent priority impact areas:

- Leading the transition to sustainable ecosystems
- Improving health and wellbeing for all
- Advancing just, cultured and engaged communities
- Innovating contemporary, distributed, secure knowledge systems

KEY STATISTICS 2023/2024



RESEARCH COMMERCIALISATION 2023



116

Start-Ups still operating after 3 years



Current Start-up Value since 2016



\$65.7M Commercialisation

Revenues

28

in the last 5 years

Spinout Companies Active Patent Families

335

532

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Active Licensed Patents

Completions by Qualification (Headcount)	2021	2022	2023
Certificate	474	296	311
Diploma	63	62	52
Bachelors	5,589	5,173	5,303
Postgraduate	5,132	5,254	5,636
Doctoral	456	522	474
Total	11,714	11,307	11,776

Staff (FTE)	2021	2022	2023
Academic	2,452	2,439	2,449
Professional	3,534	3,677	3,881
Total	5,986	6,116	6,330

51.8% of our graduates complete a Postgraduate Programme (Level 8 or above)

50%+ of NZ University

Patents

1 Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023 and QS World University Rankings 2024

2 QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

3 QS World University Rankings by Sustainability 2023

MAP OF WAIPAPA TAUMATA RAU







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