

5th WCC-APR Board Meeting, 11th April 2019, Chiang Mai-Thailand

The WCC-APR 5th Board Meeting was held in Chiang Mai University from 8.30 am to 4 pm. There was a good attendance, which made the meeting successful.

The meeting was opened with welcoming speeches by two Chiang Mai dignitaries: the Deputy Governor of Chiang Mai Province-Mr.Wiroon Phromthavee, and the Associate Professor Rome Chiranukrom-Vice President for International Relations and Alumni Affairs, who were accompanied by the host, the Director of Social Research Institute, Chiang Mai University-Dr.Woralun Boonyasurat.

Followed by the below “Thank you note” from WCC-APR President-Dr.Ghada Hijjawi-Qaddumi, for the hospitality they provided for the APR Executive Board Members:

“In my name and on behalf of the WCC-APR Executive Board Members, I would like to thank the University of Chiang Mai-Represented by the Social Research Institute and, specifically, the Director of the Institute, Dr.Woralun Boonyasurat, for inviting us to hold our 5th WCC-APR Board Meeting in Chiang Mai, and for the generous hospitality provided to all APR Board Members.

Chiang Mai is one of the ancient Thai cities renowned for its deep rooted cultural heritage, which in addition to being the first capital of Thailand in olden days is known for being named recently in 2017 as UNESCO Creative City for Crafts and Folk Art.

The citizens of this city were not just satisfied by attaining such a title, but they value such a title by working hard to sustain it through developing a network between other international organizations like the World Crafts Council represented by the Asia Pacific Region. Our meeting in Chiang Mai is a proof of such determination to honour the title. At the same time, they work on preserving and developing its local products through innovation and

high quality that ensures its economic value which eventually leads to the well-being of the community, in general, and the crafts people, in particular.

Being, WCC-APR President, on this occasion Chiang Mai is invited to apply for the WCC-World Crafts City to earn one more global title which it deserves.”

After exchange of gifts and the departure of the hosting dignitaries, the Board Meeting started its session.

The full agenda was covered, which can be viewed here in this link:
<http://wccapr.org/uploads/news/pdf/0e7c5d2bf7ff80983c9da174e0123d47.pdf>

The Board Meeting ended with vote of thanks and taking a group photo.
(http://wccapr.org/event_gallery/50/75)

The Chair (APR President) and the Board Members extended their thanks to Ms.Surapee Rojanavongse for hosting a dinner to all APR Executive Board Members at her new house in Chiang Mai.
(http://wccapr.org/event_gallery/50/76)

And, also they extended their thanks to Dr.Woralun Boonyasurat (the host) for hosting dinner for all APR Executive Board Members.
(http://wccapr.org/event_gallery/50/77) and for her invitation to attend the Lana Annual Festival, paying homage to the Three-Kings-Monument
(http://wccapr.org/event_gallery/50/78), and to the Thai New Year, Songkran Festival parade on the next day.
(http://wccapr.org/event_gallery/50/79)

Dr.Ghada Hijjawi-Qaddumi
President of WCC-Asia Pacific Region (2013-2020)