

## ISSOTL Regional Report for the Asia-Pacific Region: Activities from October 2016-17

### Vice-Presidents for Asia-Pacific Region

The two regional VPs welcome direct communication with ISSOTL members from the Asia-Pacific region. We are:

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### ISSOTL Membership

- 147 members as of 11 September 2017, from Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, UAE and Vietnam. This constitutes almost 20% of ISSOTL membership, third largest after US and Canada.

### Activities

- 1<sup>st</sup> SoTL-Asia event: 21-22 September 2017 in Singapore, featuring Peter Felten (Elon University, USA), Peter Looker (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) and Grahame Bilbow (University of Hong Kong, China).
- HERDSA 2017 Conference was held in Sydney (<http://herdsa2017.org>); the 2018 Conference will be in Adelaide (<http://herdsa2018.aomevents.com.au/>).

### Resources

- HERDSA, the Australasian chapter of ICED, has just created 5 online self-paced learning modules that introduce new scholars to SoTL (see [www.herdsa.org.au](http://www.herdsa.org.au))

### Message from Huang Hoon:

The National University of Singapore (NUS) has provided leadership in building SoTL capacity in the Asia region since late 2015. NUS established an informal network called SoTL-Asia in early 2016, and since then, SoTL-Asia has formed 7 special interest groups around the 80 registered members from across 7 locations in Asia. A number of us in Singapore have been participating in ISSOTL conferences, including 5 of us from Singapore who made it to LA-ISSOTL in 2016 and another 4 going to Calgary this year. Singapore colleagues have also interacted with SoTL scholars at EuroSoTL and SoTL-in-the-South Conferences in the past two years. Such interactions are to be encouraged if we are to enrich ourselves, and our institutions. We invite colleagues from Asia to join us at any time. Email: [pvochh@nus.edu.sg](mailto:pvochh@nus.edu.sg)