

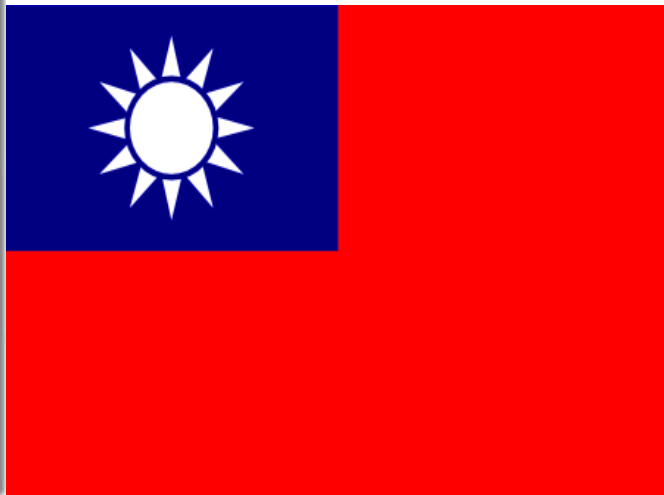
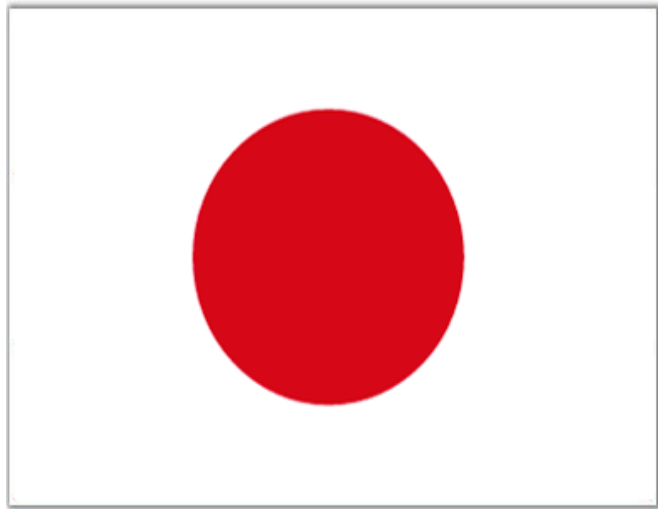
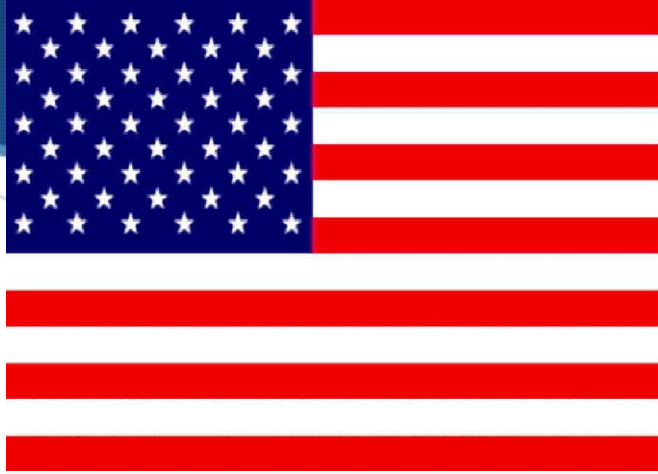
The Asian Women's Health Research Network (ASIA-WH): A Showcase of Studies by the Korean Side

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ASIA-WH





Background

- ◆ To encourage and facilitate international communication among researchers and provide opportunities for international research collaboration, an organization that promotes Asian women's health research across three countries (the U.S., South Korea, and Taiwan) was developed in 2007.
- ◆ Japan joined the group in 2012, and had a symposium as a group at the 2013 AAPINA conference.



ASIA-WH

- ◆ ASIA-WH is an international multidisciplinary network of researchers who work for health and wellbeing of Asian women.

Mission

- ◆ To promote health and well-being of Asian women through collective efforts among researchers worldwide.

Vision Statements

- ◆ ASIA-WH is dedicated to:
 - ◆ Encourage international multidisciplinary research to promote Asian women's health and well-being.
 - ◆ Promote international multidisciplinary collaboration between researchers working in the same area of Asian women's health.
 - ◆ Provide resources and support to researchers in the area of Asian women's health.

Goals

- ◆ Develop networks and partnerships for international multidisciplinary collaboration.
- ◆ Promote communication between experts in the same area of research.
- ◆ Provide resources and support for development of research programs in Asian women's health.
- ◆ Create a culture of mentoring among researchers in Asian women's health.

Current Status of Each Side

- ◆ South Korea have held several annual conferences and conducted a collaborative study on women's depression across life span. They are working on collaborative publications from the study.

- ◆ The Taiwan side has had two members elected for induction to the American Academy of Nursing (Dr. Wang & Dr. Tsai) through collaboration with the US side. They plan to have an international conference among the four country sides of the group.
- ◆ The Taiwan side is pursuing an opportunity to publish as a group in a refereed journal special issue.

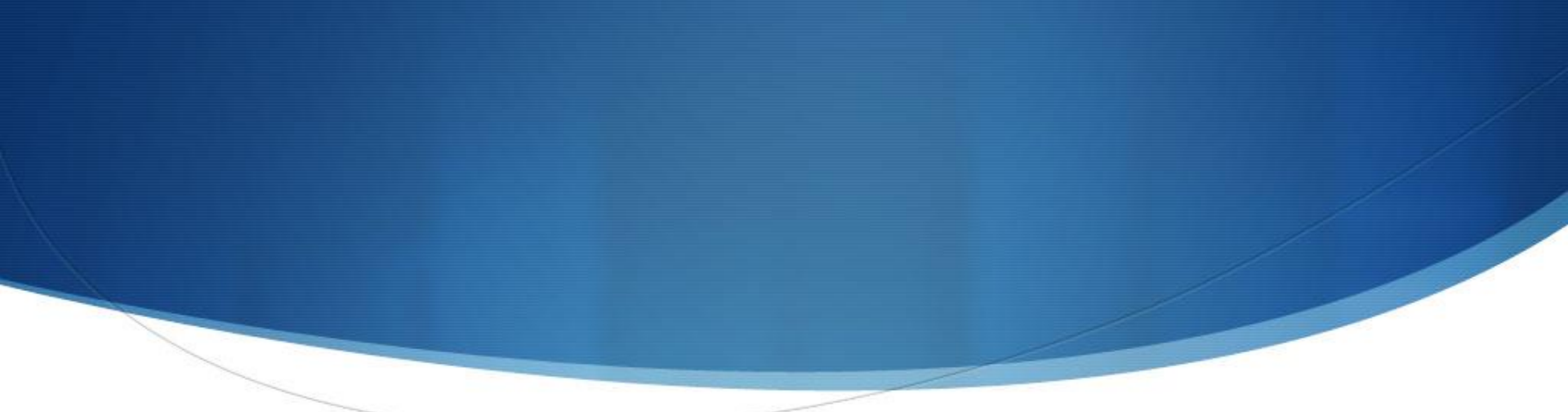
- ◆ The US side has joined the AAPINA as an interest group, and has presented five symposia including this symposium and 2 posters.
- ◆ The US side has published the focus-in-series on Asian women's health in the JOGNN with four papers from four country sides (the first issue in 2014).

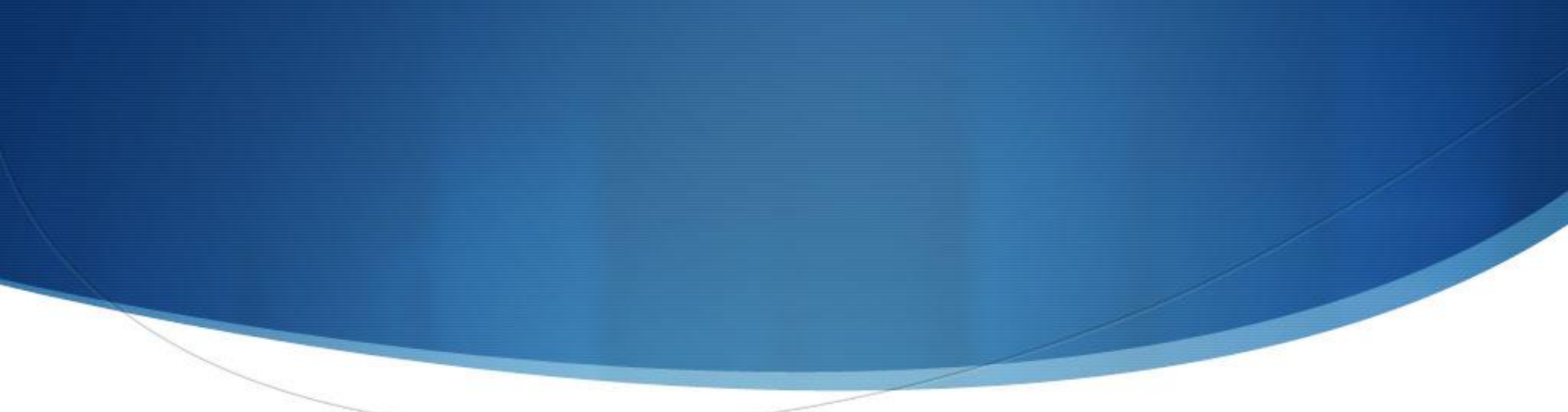


Future Direction

- ◆ The ASIA-WH is now seeking the opportunities to collaborate internationally through cross-national research studies.

- ◆ The ASIA-WH is seeking for the opportunities that international members can get together.
- ◆ The Taiwan side is seeking for funding for their inaugural international conference.
- ◆ The US side is also seeking for funding for their inaugural international conference.

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- ◆ The ASIA-WH will extend its membership to other researchers who are interested in international collaboration in women's health research.

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- ◆ The ASIA-WH is expected to grow in future through professional interactions with other organizations.

This Symposium

- ◆ To showcase the research studies that are being conducted by the current members of the Korean side of the ASIA-WH.
 - ◆ Demonstrates diverse aspects of research studies conducted by the members of the ASIA-WH
 - ◆ Promote collective efforts for future research collaboration on international comparative studies on a similar topic or sub-population within the members from the four countries.

The Presentations in this Symposium

- ◆ Effects of shift work change on occupational stress in South Korean female nurses: Dr. Bokim Lee
- ◆ Predictors of Depression among Midlife Women in South Korea: Dr. Ok Kyung Ham
- ◆ Does social activity decrease the depression in the elderly? : An analysis of a population-based study in South Korea: Dr. Seung Hee Lee

