



Association for Reading and Writing in Asia



A Brief History of ARWA

In 2013, honorary founder **Prof. Akira Uno**, with **Jeung-Ryeul Cho**, **Kevin Chung**, **Li-Yu Hung**, and **Taeko Wydell** as key contributors, initiated what became a series of regional symposia that served to connect researchers and graduate students who were interested in Asian languages and in learning and writing difficulties in these languages. These symposia took place in Seoul, Korea (2013), Tokyo, Japan (2014), Taipei, Taiwan (2015), and Seoul, Korea (2016). In the 2016 Korea meeting, researchers voted to form an association that hosted a full-fledged conference dedicated to reading and writing in Asia. In addition, the initial focus on Japanese, Korean, and Chinese languages was extended to cover the multiple languages and orthographies in Asia.

To date, **Association for Reading and Writing in Asia** has successfully hosted two annual conferences with around 100 attendees in each meeting. A third meeting is already scheduled for 2019. We are optimistic that we will continue to grow as a society and that many exciting developments are yet to occur in the coming years!

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We are happy to report that ARWA is now an officially registered society with non-profit status in Hong Kong as of **27 July 2017**! Thanks to a generous donor, we are able to provide **student travel awards** for the third annual conference in Goa, India.

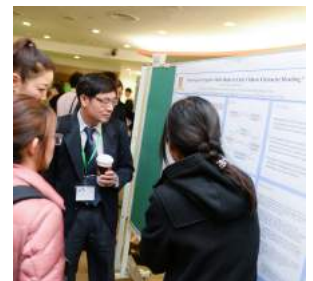
FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Hong Kong SAR, 2017



The first annual conference took place at **The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong** from 24-25 February 2017. Highlights were the inaugural lecture by ARWA President **Catherine McBride** on insights gained from studying reading and writing in Asia and 'Why and How the Time for ARWA is Now', keynote speeches from Professors **Denis Burnham**, **Chia-ying Lee**, **Sonali Nag**, and **David Share**, and a diverse selection of oral sessions and poster presentations from a total of **109** attendees.

We thank **Kevin Chung** and the **Centre for Child and Family Science** for organizing the conference, and **Allan Walker** who was the officiating guest of the conference.

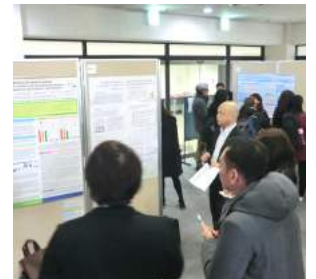


SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tsukuba, Japan (2018)



A total of **105** attendees from around the world met at **University of Tsukuba, Japan** from 22-23 February 2018 for the ARWA second annual conference. Professors **Michal Shany**, **Kimihiro Nakamura**, **Yasushi Hino**, and **Akira Uno** shared their expertise with their keynote speeches. Awards were given to **Fateme Mohseni**, **Michiru Iwata**, and **Sung-Yong Ryu** for presenting the best posters and to **Poh Wee Koh** for delivering the best oral presentation. We extend our gratitude to our honorary founder Prof. **Akira Uno** for organizing the conference with **Mariko Nakayama** (sub-coordinator), **Tomoe Inomata** and **Satomi Hirose** (conference secretariats), with the help of students from University of Tsukuba.



CALL FOR PAPERS

Goa, India (2019)



The third ARWA conference will be held from **February 28 - March 1, 2019** in **Goa, India**. We welcome submissions for oral and poster presentations until **September 21, 2018**. A total of 3 student travel awards are available to eligible participants. Please visit our website for more details: <http://ww5.psy.cuhk.edu.hk/arwa/index.php/conference-overview/>

Become a part of ARWA now!

A yearly membership with ARWA comes with free annual conference admission. Current fees as listed as follows:

USD\$160 for regular members

USD\$80 for student members

We are happy to announce that those affiliated with institutions in low-to middle-income countries, as defined by the World Bank, are now eligible for 50% membership fee discounts.

Please register at our website: <http://ww5.psy.cuhk.edu.hk/arwa> and help us spread the word to your colleagues!



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