

List of Agenda Items and Specialist Workshops since 1980

1. Hong Kong, 1980

- Trends and problems
- Alternatives to Imprisonment and Effects of Prison Management
- Management Services
- Sixth UN Congress – Implications for Asia Pacific

2. Thailand (Bangkok), 1981

- Prison Industry
- Remands
- The Status of Prison Officers and Human Rights
- Prisoners Exchange Arrangements in Asia and the Pacific
- The Problem of Drug Offenders in the Prisons of Asia and the Pacific

3. Japan (Tokyo), 1982

- Staff Development
- Release under Supervision
- Vocational Training
- Classification and Categorization of Prisoners

4. New Zealand (Wellington), 1983

- Developing Public Awareness in Corrections
- Novel and New Problems and Programmes in the Regions
- Young Offenders in Corrections
- The Problem of Drug Offenders in Prison
- Prison Health Services
- Prison Industries

5. Tonga, 1984

- The Use of Technology in Prisons
- The role of Volunteers in Prisons in Relation to Programmes for Inmates
- Problem for the Physical and Mentally Handicapped in Prison
- Mechanisms Used by Various Jurisdictions to Monitor Crime and Incident Rates in Prison

6. Fiji (Suva), 1985

- Investigations of Incidents in Prisons
- Facilities and Programmes for Female Prisoners Including Those Inmates with Children
- Extent and Use of Minimum Force in Prison
- Recruitment and Development Training
- Changing Responsibilities of Correctional Administrators

7. Republic of Korea (Seoul), 1986

- Remandees : Management, Accommodation and Facilities
- Draft Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners
- Educational Opportunities in Prison with Particular Reference to Primary and Reintegrative Education
- International Transfer of Prisoners within the Asian and Pacific Region
- Providing Employment for Inmates

8. Malaysia(Kuala Lumpur), 1987

- Counter Measure to Overcrowding in Prisons
- Work Release and Associated Matters
- Effective Links between Prison Industry and the Private Sector
- Impact on Prison Management of External Monitoring
- Regional Co-operation for Training of Prison Officers

9. Australia (Sydney and Melbourne), 1988

- Trends and Patterns in Penal Populations : Size, Composition, Type and Characters
- Inter-agency Cooperation Within the Criminal Justice System, namely between Corrections and Other Agencies
- Safeguarding Human Rights within the Penal System
- The Media, its Power and Influence upon Corrections System

10. India (New Delhi), 1989

- Current Penal Philosophy
- Current Alternatives to Prison
- Changing Work Role of Prison Staff
- Current Crisis Management Techniques

11. China (Beijing), 1991

- Correctional Statistics, Research and Development
- Prison Education, Training and Work
- Discipline and Grievance Procedures
- Prison and the Community

12. Australia (Adelaide), 1992

- Prison Health Issues
- New Developments in Community Corrections
- Private Industry and Prison Management
- International Co-operation in Corrections

13. Hong Kong, 1993

- Rights and Treatment of Unconvicted Prisoners
- The Effective Treatment of Different Types of Offenders
- Public Awareness and Support for Corrections
- International Co-operation in Corrections

14. Australia (Darwin), 1994

- Management of Intractable and Protection Prisoners
- The Application of Technology and Information Systems in Corrections
- Care and Control of Minority Groups in Prison
- Staffing and Management Systems in Corrections

15. Japan (Tokyo and Osaka), 1995

- Prison Health Issues
- Contemporary Issues in Correctional Management
- Classification and Treatment of Offenders
- Impact of External Agencies on Correctional Management

16. New Zealand (Christchurch), 1996

- Community Involvement in Corrections
- Provision of Food and Health Services in Prisons
- Special Issues Relation to the Management of Female Offenders
- International Co-operation at the Global, Regional and Sub-Regional Levels

17. Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), 1997

- National Report on Contemporary Issues
- Vocational Training and the Work of Prisoners
- Private Sector Involvement in Corrections
- Prison Staff : Recruitment, Training and Career Development

18. Canada (Vancouver), 1998

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Best Practices in the Treatment of Offenders
- Creating and Sustaining the Interest of the Community and Government in Corrections
- The Application of Technology to Prison Design and Management

19. China (Shanghai), 1999

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- The Corrections or Re-education of Young Offenders
- Defining and Clarifying the Role and Functions in Prisons with a view to:
 - Reducing Recidivism
 - Reducing the Negative Impact of Prison on the Families of Convicted and Unconvicted Criminals; and
 - Enhancing the Use of Community Corrections
- Corrections in the New Millennium : Challenges and Responses

20. Australia (Sydney), 2000

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Women Prisoners
- Community Involvement in Corrections
- Health Issues in Corrections

21. Thailand (Chiang Mai), 2001

Agenda Items:

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Foreign Prisoners and International Transfer
- Drug Offenders – Psychological and Other Treatment
- The Management of Special Groups of Offenders

Specialist Workshops¹:

- Correctional Throughcare
- Indigenous Offenders & Restoration Justice

22. Indonesia (Denpasar, Bali), 2002

Agenda Items:

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Outsourcing of Correctional Services
- Recruitment, Training and Career Development of Correctional Staff
- The Reception and Classification of Prisoners as the Key to Rehabilitation

Specialist Workshops:

- Correctional Standards, Service Quality, Benchmarking and Risk of Reoffending
- Community Participation and Engagement in Corrections

23. Hong Kong, 2003

Agenda Items:

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Dealing with Prisoners' Complaints and Grievances
- Promoting Desirable Prison Officer Culture and Behaviour
- Major Prison Disturbances : Causes and Responses

Specialist Workshops:

- Prison Industry Partnership
- Training and Succession Planning for Senior Correctional Managers

24. Singapore, 2004

Agenda Items:

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Roles of Community/Public Sector Agencies & Families in Successful Reintegration
- Preventing & Containing Infectious Diseases
- Managing Public Expectations in the Treatment of Offenders
- Practices in Dealing with the Diverse Cultural & Spiritual Needs of Inmates

Specialist Workshops:

¹ Specialist Workshops commenced only in 2001, at the 21st APCCA in Thailand. The 'Specialist Workshops' were introduced as a way to broaden APCCA's scope. The 'Specialist Workshops' were smaller than the Agenda Items with no process of reporting back to the conference group for the workshops.

- Resolving Ethnical Conflicts amongst Prison Officers
- Innovation within the Correctional Settings
- Communication and Public Relations – Ways to Gain the Support of Media, Politicians and the Public
- Building capacity through the recruitment, management and retention of talent and through succession planning

25. Republic of Korea (Seoul), 2005

Agenda Items:

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- The Promotion of International Cooperation in Correctional Field
- The Management of High Profile and Dangerous Prisoner
- “Doing More with Less” : Improving Prison Services at Times of Overcrowding and Financial Constraint

Specialist Workshops:

- Measuring the Success of Prisoners’ Treatment Programme
- Preparing and Helping Inmates to Adapt to Society upon Release
- Staff Training and Development

26. New Zealand (Auckland), 2006

Agenda Items:

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Maintenance of Institutional Order
- The Wellbeing of Correctional Staff
- Improving the Reintegration of Offenders into the Community

Specialist Workshops:

- Effective Drug / Substance Abuse Treatment
- Dealing with Prisoners with Medical / Mental Health Problems
- Alternatives to Custody

27. Vietnam (Hanoi), 2007

Agenda Items:

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Managing Special Groups of Offenders
- Staff Recruitment & Training
- Overcoming Barriers to Successful Integration

Specialist Workshops:

- Rebuilding Correctional Capacity Following Natural Disasters and Conflict
- Effective Community Supervision and Monitoring
- Managing Youthful Offenders

28. Malaysia (Langkawi), 2008

Agenda Items:

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Balancing Prison Management with the Increased Scrutiny of Correction by External Bodies
- Best Practices in Rehabilitation for Woman and Other Special Groups of Prisoners
- Engaging Families and Communities in the Rehabilitative Process (Including Restorative justice Approaches)

Specialist Workshops:

- Developing correctional standards that reflect international and regional best practice and measuring performance
- Designing prisons to promote effective rehabilitation and environmental sustainability
- Building capacity through the recruitment, management and retention of talent and through succession planning

29. Western Australia (Perth), 2009**Agenda Items:**

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Providing efficient and effective health services for prisoners, including harm reduction strategies
- Prisoner employment as a mechanism to promote good order in prisons and reduce recidivism
- Developing and implementing parole systems and community-based sentences

Specialist Workshops:

- Engaging with other criminal justice system agencies (including police, judges and policy makers) to achieve consistency of goals
- Fairness and efficiency in handling prisoners complaints
- Success stories in corrections, with special reference to technology, staff welfare and community engagement

30. Canada (Vancouver), 2010²

- National Report on Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- Assessing the performance of corrections (through internal and external mechanism)
- Staff well-being and professional development
- Managing prisoners with mental health issues and reducing risks of suicide and self harm
- What works in community corrections?
- Assessment and classification to facilitate safe custody and rehabilitation in prison and the community (with special reference to high risk offenders)
- Improving public awareness and support for corrections

² At APCCA in 2009, it was resolved that: (1) There should no longer be a distinction between agenda items and specialist workshops; (2) All sessions should now be called 'agenda items'; and (3) There should be a process of 'reporting back' to the full conference on all the agenda items.

31. Japan (Tokyo), 2011

- Challenges and initiatives in corrections
- Contemporary issues in correctional facility construction
- International collaboration
- Partnership with the private sector : challenges and opportunities
- Recruiting custodial staff with the desired skills and attributes
- Engaging and communicating with the community
- Responding to the changing offender profiles

32. Brunei, 2012

- Challenges and initiatives in corrections
- Sharing and adaptability of best practices in correctional administration (including executive-level training and succession planning)
- Promoting staff-offender interactions in prison and in the community whilst ensuring staff safety
- Challenges and opportunities in the management and reintegration of prisoners serving long sentences
- Woman in corrections as i) Offenders; ii) Officers and other members of staff

33. New Delhi, India 2013

- Challenges and Initiatives in Corrections
- Organizational Culture: Promoting Shared Positive Values and Integrity
- Meeting the Challenges Posed by High Risk Offenders
- Alternatives to Imprisonment: Opportunities and Challenges in Developing Community-based, Supervision and Management
- Measuring and Reducing Recidivism Rates: Assessing What Works, Setting Targets, and Implementing Evidence-Based Programs.

34. Victoria, Canada 2014

- Challenges and Initiatives in Corrections
- Looking to the future: How can correctional services departments achieve efficiencies and improve public safety outcomes by 2020?
- Training, motivating and developing prison staff for their changing role
- Taking account of age: Providing correctional services that meet the challenges of young people and older people
- Measuring the release of prisoners and engaging the community: Options such as 'pre-release centres', 'open prisons', parole, home detention and aftercare

35. Bangkok, Thailand 2015

- Challenges and Initiatives in Corrections
- Female offenders in prison and in the community (including the *Bangkok Rules*)
- Technology as a tool for delivering safe, effective and efficient correctional services (Discussing examples such as prison design and construction; contraband detection; security screening; movement control; staff and prisoner safety; electronic visits / consultations; and monitoring in the community.)
- Managing offenders with special needs who pose specific challenges (including

- security, safety and rehabilitation) and associated staff training requirements
- Opportunities for regional and international collaboration and learning (including foreign prisoner transfer; staff exchange and training programs; and correctional assistance to countries post-crisis)

36. Tianjin, China 2016

- Challenges and Initiatives in Corrections
- Designing prisons and community-based facilities that meet the safety, security, and rehabilitation needs of different groups of offenders
- Providing effective infection control and healthcare services in prisons
- Developing effective corrections in the community as well as in prison
- Initiatives in offender education and rehabilitation in prison and in the community (with special reference to programs that prepare prisoners for release, programs for sex offenders and drug offenders, and ‘de-radicalisation’ programs to combat terrorism)