

## **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 Workshops<sup>1</sup>:**

- 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:**

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<sup>1</sup> Specialist Workshops commenced only in 2001, at the 21<sup>st</sup> 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), 2010<sup>2</sup>**

- 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

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<sup>2</sup> 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
- 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.

### **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 prison
- Developing effective corrections in the community as well as in prison
- Initiatives in offender education and rehabilitation in prison and 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)

### **37. Nadi, Fiji 2017**

- Challenges and Initiatives in Corrections
- Embracing technology in rehabilitation, prisoner management and prison design: striking the right balance between technology and people
- Initiatives in community based sentences and post-release reintegration: what is working well, and how to engage with family and community
- How to achieve efficiencies, cost savings and better outcomes in corrections or in prison industries/enterprises (including engagement with NGOs and private enterprise)
- Best practice in caring for old aged offenders, offenders with dementia, and offenders with psychiatric conditions

### **38. Melaka, Malaysia 2018**

- Challenges and Initiatives in Corrections
- Best practices in the management, rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders who have links to extremism, terrorism, organised crime, and gangs
- Preventing, detecting and treating drug and alcohol abuse by offenders
- Training, developing and motivating correctional staff
- Developing risk and needs assessment tools to improve the classification, management and rehabilitation of offenders