



## ALUMNI E-NEWS - AUGUST 2013

*Strengthening the EWC Community*

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2014 EWC/EWCA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE!



The dates for the next international conference have been set for September 17-19, 2014 and will be held at the Pacific Hotel Okinawa in Naha City. The EWCA Okinawa Chapter, awarded twice as the EWCA's Outstanding Chapter, will be hosting the conference so we can look forward to an excellent event. Keiko Yamazato (ISI, MA, 68-70) and Gordon Kem Lowry (TDI, PhD, 69-72) are the co-chairs of the conference.

Begin planning now to join international colleagues in renewing acquaintances, making new professional contacts, updating your knowledge of the region, and discovering the beauty and diversity of Okinawa.

Information can be found on the conference's webpage at [www.eastwestcenter.org/okinawa2014](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/okinawa2014). Information regarding the conference will be posted here as soon as it becomes available so be sure to check back frequently.

### NEW EWCA BLOG SITE



The East-West Center Association has a new blog site! Visit the new blog site at [www.ewcablog.org](http://www.ewcablog.org) to read current blog posts. The <http://forum.eastwestcenter.org/alumni/> site is now obsolete and will soon be unavailable.

Be sure to update your bookmarked address with the new url, [www.ewcablog.org](http://www.ewcablog.org) to continue viewing news and updates about alumni around the world.

### ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Read about some recent achievements our alumni have received.



**Delia Rodrigues-Amaya** (Institute for Student Interchange, MA, 64-66) the scientific chair of the International Union of Food Science and Technology spoke on leadership and how to succeed at the 16th annual meeting of the UFoST. She recently received the Pamana ng Pilipino Award by Philippines President Benigno S. Aquino III. The award recognizes Filipinos who bring honor and recognition to the Philippines through excellence in the pursuit of their profession. Dr. Delia Rodrigues-Amaya also received the East-West Center's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010.

**Shaheen Ashraf** (Changing Faces Women's Leadership Seminar, 2008) received the Australian Alumni Excellence Award honored by H.E. Peter Heyward, the Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, in Islamabad on 2nd February 2013. The Alumni Award was presented for outstanding career achievements after completing Endeavor Executive Award in the University of Western Australia in 2007.



**Verner Bickley** (Former Director, CLI) presented a talk at the EWC to mark the launch of his memoirs, "Steps to Paradise and Beyond." In the audience, were several former EWC staff members from the '70s. Bickley served as Director of the EWC Culture Learning institute from 1972 to 1981 and the book focuses on the East-West Center from its founding until the present day. For more information about

the book, go to <http://www.chineseupress.com/en/products/3264/Steps%20to%20Paradise%20and%20Beyond>.

**Michael Bosack** (Graduate Degree Fellow, MA, 07-09) has been selected to participate in the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program in Japan. Captain Bosack earned his graduate certificate in Leadership Studies from the East-West Center in 2009. The Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program was established by Congress in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. government officials with substantial Japan expertise. Mansfield Fellows are able to develop an in-depth understanding of Japan through this one-year program.

**Elizabeth Blomfield Bryan** (Open Grants, MA, 70-72) is one of the recipients on the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours List. Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant service to the financial services and superannuation sectors, and to corporate governance.

**Ian Johnstone** (Communication Institute, Jefferson Fellow, 80-81) produced an audio publication "New Flags Flying" based on his interviews with Pacific leaders over the past 30 years. Copies are being distributed to high schools and tertiary institutions in the Pacific. The audio publication can be found at [www.mzi.com/newflagsflying](http://www.mzi.com/newflagsflying). He notes the material will help young Pacific people to know more about their recent history.



**Kwang-ho Meng** (Population Institute, PhD, 79-83), currently a professor emeritus at the Catholic University of Korea School of Medicine, was awarded the Order of Civil Merit, Rose of Sharon Medal, the most prestigious civil decoration in the Republic of Korea at the 41st celebration of the World Health Day on April 7, 2013. He received the Medal for disease prevention and health promotion activities for years in Korea, particularly anti-smoking activities. He received his MD degree from the Catholic University of Korea in 1968 and completed his doctoral studies at the University of Hawaii, School of Public Health with an East-West Center fellowship.



**Sig Ramler** (current Education Program, Senior Adjunct Fellow) was featured in an article in the July issue of Runners World Magazine. The article is a delightful account of a running group named the Over the Hill Gang. On the average, the runners in this group are 85 years old. Members of the group have individually run a great number of marathons. Sig has run 12 marathons himself.



**Abdul Rashid** (Resource Systems Institute, PhD, 80-84) received the International Norman Borlaug Award for Excellence in Crop Nutrition Research in May at the IFA Conference. Dr. Rashid served as Editor-in-Chief of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences and received the EWCA Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998.



**Belinda Wheeler** (Education Program, 2013) recently released "A Companion to Australian Aboriginal Literature," a comprehensive critical companion that contextualizes the Australian Aboriginal canon for scholars, researchers, students and general readers. The collection of eleven original essays discuss crucial aspects of Australian Aboriginal literature and traces the development of Aboriginal literacy from the oral tradition up until today. For more information, go to <http://www.boydellandbrewer.com/store/viewItem.asp?idProduct=14267>.

**David Zurick** (Resource Systems, PhD, 82-86) is working on completing his 10-year Himalayan photography project called "Sacred Geography." The photographs will be published as a book in Spring 2014 by University Press of Kentucky. Along with Cinematographer Chris Radcliffe, he is also making a film called "Picture Pilgrimage." More information about the book and film can be found on the Picture Pilgrims blog at <http://picturepilgrims.com/>.

## EWCA CHAPTERS



**Quarterly Report.** EWCA Vice President for Chapter Development, Estrella Besinga Sybinsky (Open Grants, MA, 70-71) collects and collates quarterly reports from EWCA Chapters. Estrella notes that many chapters are active in promoting community service activities which contribute to the well being of their local communities and spread the impact



of the East-West Center throughout the region. To view the current quarterly chapter report, go to <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/alumni/ewca-announcements-and-news>.



**Brisbane Chapter.** Several members of the Brisbane Chapter, including Chapter President, Iraphne Childs, hosted a dinner meeting with EWC President Charles E. Morrison during his stopover in Brisbane this past May. L to R: Patricia Byrnes, Iraphne Childs, Edilyn Bajracharya, Bhisna Bajracharya and Ralph Carlisle. For some time now, the Chapter has been financially supporting two underprivileged Nepalese students.



**Nagoya Chapter.** A general meeting of East West Center Association Japan (Nagoya) along with Nagoya Fulbright Association was held at Aichi University. Presentations were made on "Performance of ICT industry in Six Asian Countries" by Mohd Fazli Mohd Sam and Yasuo Hoshino; "Fulbright's Trinity: A Sentimental Journey to Arkansas" by Prof. Toyoshi Kase; and "Open Access On Line Journals" by Prof. Yasuo Hoshino. All presentations will be published in the annual Journal "The Fulbrighter in Chubu", Vol. 23.



**Papua New Guinea Chapter.** On May 4, 2013 the PNG East-West Center Alumni met with Dr. Gerard Finin at the Holiday Inn in Port Moresby. At the meeting, the PNG EWC Alumni also welcomed the new recipient of the US-South Pacific Scholarship Program Ms. Deejay Milli. Back row (L to R): Geejay Milli, Solomon Kantha (PNG Chapter President), Dr. Gerard Finin, Winis Map, Johnson Pundari, Evelyn Pusal, Dr. Steven Winduo, David Roape. Front row (L to R): Waslen Pok, Lucas Manduru, Natalie from US Embassy, Patrick Kaiku, Jeffrey Feeger.



**Tokyo Chapter.** A group of EWCA Tokyo Chapter members joined 3,593 participants in the Walk the World for Africa, a 5 and 10-kilometer walkathon in Yokohama organized by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Japan Association for the World Food Programme. A portion of the entry fee was donated to the School Meal Programme, which helps provide school meals in developing countries. A total of 3,510,568 yen was raised and the Chapter hopes to participate in the charity walk again next year.



### EAST-WEST CENTER COMMUNITY

Update your contact information anywhere you have Internet access, search for friends and professional colleagues with the Alumni Directory and take advantage of the Email Forwarding service. Membership and access to the community is exclusive and free to EWC Alumni and Associate members only. The purpose of the online community is to help members network and share information with each other. Log in or register for the [East-West Center Community](#) today.

### EWC AND EWCA ONLINE NETWORKS

The East-West Center and the EWCA maintain four main online networks to keep Alumni, Associates and Friends of the East-West Center communicating with each other. Join our Online Networks at:



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