

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF
RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

IARU: A Twelve Year Evaluation



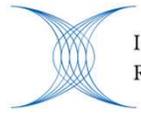
Why Are We Doing This?

- IARU Chair Carol Christ suggested at SOM2018 that IARU Presidents might benefit from a presentation on the "Concept of IARU" especially since no founding Presidents remain in the Alliance
- Twelve years after its founding, it may now be time for a "re-conceptualizing" of IARU



Brief History

- 2006: IARU was established. Its founding members consisted of 10 research-intensive universities spread across nine countries around the world
- 2009: "Principles of IARU" was drafted
<http://www.iaruni.org/images/stories/About-IARU/IARU-Principles.pdf>
- 2016: University of Cape Town was added as IARU's 11th member and IARU Presidents & Senior Officers agreed on a 5-year membership freeze through the end of 2020



IARU Vision

- In 2006, IARU's vision was three-fold:
 - To address the major challenges of our time
 - To add value by providing opportunities to students and staff that would not otherwise arise
 - To promote institutional joint working



Institutional Joint Working

- The institutional joint working activities of IARU provide opportunities for university staff

- Current Initiatives
 - Alumni Associations Network
 - Cybersecurity Forum
 - Gender Group
 - Librarians' Contact Group
 - Real Estate Working Group
 - Sustainable Campus Initiative
 - Technology Transfer/Innovation Network



Students

- IARU's student programs provide opportunities for students that may not otherwise arise outside of IARU

- Examples
 - Global Summer Program/IARU Courses
 - Global Internship Program
 - Global Transformation Field Course (Chiang Mai University, Thailand)
 - Joint-Online Course
 - Novo Nordisk International Talent Program
 - Global Cross-Disciplinary Tournament (2011-2014)

- Ideas for new student programs (discussed at SOM2018)
 - IARU Lifelong Learning
 - IARU Urban Sustainable Development Certificate Program

Research

- IARU's research activities focus on students
- Example:
 - Aging, Longevity & Health Graduate Student Conferences
- New research initiative (discussed at SOM2018)
 - IARU Future Research Scholars Program (presented by ANU)



For Discussion: Looking Back

- Has IARU successfully met its Vision from 2006?
 - Address Global Challenges of our time
 - IARU is not an intellectual leader though its partner universities are leaders
 - IARU Position Paper on the *Value of Research Intensive Universities*:
<http://www.iaruni.org/images/stories/downloads/VRIU/IARU%20Position%20Paper.pdf>
 - Institutional Joint Working
 - Some working groups have been particularly successful: Aging, Longevity & Health, Campus Sustainability
 - Campus Sustainability has developed a *Green Guide for Universities* which includes 23 cases that have made a difference at IARU universities. This is available as a free, downloadable resource on the IARU website: <http://www.iaruni.org/sustainability/green-guide>
 - IARU chose to highlight the work of the Sustainable Campus Initiative for its 10-Year Anniversary:
<http://www.iaruni.org/sustainability/10y-green-campus>
 - Regional Roundup very successful
 - Student Experiences
 - There have been successes and more can be done
 - From 2008-2018, 81 unique GSP courses were developed
 - 3052 IARU students have participated in GSP since its inception



For Discussion: Looking Ahead

- Is the financial commitment for IARU valuable?

- Is it time for a new vision for IARU?
 - What might this vision look like?
 - What areas need a new focus? (operations, students, research)
 - Should this vision be evaluated regularly?