

The First ACCE Commission Meeting

Jakarta, Indonesia, June 4–6, 2012

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Certification

The Colombo Plan Asian Commission for Certification and Education (ACCE) aims to professionalize the addiction treatment providers of the Asia–Pacific region through training, examination and credentialing and thereby address the growing concerns of substance use and high relapse rate which is largely due to lack of trained staff and dearth of evidence based practices in the region. In order to ensure the high quality and standard of this initiative, it was imperative that the ACCE established a policy making body.

The ACCE Commission was thus established on June 4, 2012, through a meeting held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The Commission is composed of ten members representing nine member countries of the Colombo Plan. H.E.

Mr. Ahwil Lutan of Indonesia is elected as the Chair, Dr. Shanti Ranganathan of India as the Secretary and

Mr. Edgar Galvante of the Philippines as the Treasurer of the ACCE Commission for a term of two years.

The other Commission members are Mr. Khandker Mohammad Ali (Bangladesh), Dr. Benny Ardjil

(Indonesia), Dr. Rushidi Ramly (Malaysia), Hon. Minister Uza Lubna Mohamed Zahir Hussain

(Maldives), Mr. Edgar Galvante (Philippines), Ms. Bhadradevi Leisha Chandrasena De Silva (Sri

Lanka), Mr. Anggoon Patarakorn (Thailand), and Dr. Mohammad Raza Stanikzai

(Afghanistan).

Following the establishment of the ACCE Commission, the First ACCE Commission meeting was held June 4–6, 2012, in Jakarta in collaboration with the National

Narcotics Board (BNN), Indonesia. The meeting was attended by all ten

Commissioners. Ms. Shirley Beckett Mikell, Director of Certification, NAADAC, Dr.

Sallyan Henry, President of Professional Testing Corporation, New York, Mr. Tay

Bian How and five ACCE staff were also present in the meeting. In the course of

the meeting three Sub-Committees were set up: training, ethics, and examina-

tion and certification. Each sub-committee is represented by three ACCE com-

missioners and the Chairman H.E Ahwil Lutan is the ex-officio member of all

three sub-committees.

The newly elected Commission reviewed, finalized and adopted the ACCE

Commission policies and procedures, the Code of Ethics for the Commis-

sioners and the Code of Ethics for the treatment professionals who would be

credentialed through ACCE. The eligibility criteria for the three levels of ACCE

Credentials were also finalized. The Commission members signed the “Code

of Ethics for the ACCE Commissioners” and took an oath to abide by the eth-

ical guidelines.

Subsequent to the meeting, the ACCE Commissioners electronically ap-

proved the names of the ACCE Examination and Credentials. The Credentials

have been titled “International Certified Addictions Counsellor” with the acro-

nym ICAC. It was decided that the Basic Level Examination would be known

as ACCE I and the credentials as ICAC I. The Clinical Level Examination would

be known as ACCE II and the credentials as ICAC II.

The Advanced Level Examination would be known as

ACCE III and the credentials as ICAC III.

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(L to R) Sitting: Mr. Tay Bian How, Dr. Sallyan Henry (Resource Person, USA), Dr. Shanti Ranganathan (India), H.E. Mr. Ahwil Lutan (Indonesia), Mr. Edgar Galvante (Philippines), Hon. Minister Uza Lubna Mohamed Zahir Hussain (Maldives), Ms. Shirley Beckett Mikell (Resource Person, USA). Standing: Mr. Anggoon Patarakorn (Thailand), Mr. Khandker Mohammad Ali (Bangladesh), Dr. Benny Ardjil (Indonesia), Dr. Mohammad Raza Stanikzai (Afghanistan), Dr. Rushidi Ramly (Malaysia), Ms. Bhadradevi Leisha Chandrasena De Silva (Sri Lanka).