WAPOR Regional Seminar in Hong Kong "Public Opinion: East Meets West"

December 8-10, 2005

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

Situated in an international city where East meets West, WAPOR's regional seminar in Hong Kong is dedicated to the discussion of public opinion in a cross-cultural context. It is a logical follow-up to the WAPOR annual conference in Cannes, the theme of which is "Search for a New World Order — the Role of Public Opinion".

Papers on any topic of public opinion are welcome, but especially welcome are papers related to any of the following areas:

- ◆Public opinion and the democratic process
- ◆The development and status of public opinion polling in various countries
- ♦ Opinion polling, media, and civil society
- ◆The role of academia in public opinion polling
- ◆The role of public opinion polling in academia; and cross-cultural considerations in public opinion polling

Please send paper and panel session proposals (one or two pages in length) by **June 1**, **2005** to seminar organizer Robert Chung at <u>robert.chung@hku.hk</u>. To encourage international exchange, papers and presentations in Chinese will also be accepted. Submissions will be translated into English, and simultaneous interpretation will be available throughout the seminar, thanks to the support of conference sponsors.

This regional seminar is organized in collaboration with the Public Opinion Programme at the University of Hong Kong. It will take place at the university venue, which also offers excellent

accommodation for participants at Robert Black College (available on a first-come, first-served basis). Interested parties may want to check its website at http://www.hku.hk/rblack before booking through the organizer. Plenty of downtown hotels are also available; information is available upon request.

Please send paper and panel session proposals to robert.chung@hku.hk by June 1, 2005

December 2005 will be an ideal time to visit Hong

Kong. With the Hong Kong Disneyland having just opened in September, and the World Trade Organization's ministerial meeting also scheduled for December, Hong Kong will attract a lot of international tourists and activists. Professional pollsters should, of course, not miss the show and the intellectual experience. Package tours around Hong Kong, Macau and nearby cities will also be available.