

Newsletter

November-December 2002

Philip Morris, Editor

Bruce Singh, President

President's Report



Professor Bruce Singh

Since the last newsletter the Board of Directors has had an opportunity to meet in Yokohama in association with the WPA meeting, held there on 25 September 2002. It was pleasing to see that so many of the Directors, both old and new, were able to attend. Present were: B. Singh, F. Lu, A. Tasman, H.Q. Yan, M. Nishizono, K.Y. Lee, H. Chiu, R. Menninger, S.K. Min, Y. Nakane, E.K. Yeh, and E.S. Tan.

Many important issues were discussed including ways in which the College could be made more relevant to younger psychiatrists in the region. One contentious issue discussed was the extent to which the College should be encouraging other mental health professionals to attend its meetings and perhaps even offering them some form of affiliate membership. The pros and cons were discussed vigorously, some suggesting that such egalitarianism was essential for progressing mental health in

the region, others that this would further dilute an organization set up to involve the leaders in psychiatry around the Pacific Rim. Further discussion will take place at the next board meeting in San Francisco held in association with the APA.

Additional discussion also took place regarding Professor Singh's query as to whether the Presidency of the College should necessarily be linked with the location of the next meeting. This is not specified in the articles of association, but has grown up as a tradition. Again no final decision was reached.

The new working groups are getting off to a good start. Prof Nishizono is to be congratulated on organising two seminars on undergraduate and postgraduate education respectively at the WPA meeting which he reports on in this issue of the newsletter (see p.6). Country editors were nominated for our six major countries of membership to work with Prof Morris in order to make the newsletter more relevant. Prof Morris is also commencing a PRCP "chat group".

It was decided that the PRCP would organize a symposium on transcultural issues for the next APA in San Francisco and Dr F. Lu took responsibility for this. Authority was given to Prof. J. Gold to set up a psychotherapy

interest group of PRCP and we hope she will publicise this in future newsletters.

Plans are proceeding for an excellent XIth meeting in Hong Kong in October next year. Taiwan is expressing considerable interest in hosting the conference in 2005. The full minutes of the meeting are available on the website. Prof H.Q. Yan announced his intention to resign from the Board but nominated incoming Fellow Dr Z. Xiao to take his place following her election to Fellowship.

It was agreed, in line with the Board's decision that no Director may serve more than five two-year terms (in addition to any period spent as an officer), that we would publicise what positions on the Board are available in the newsletter and call for nominations (see p.7).

At the end of the meeting a reception was held which was attended by approximately 40 members and their spouses together with special guests, including senior representatives of the organizing committee for the WPA Conference and Dr Mel Shabshin, former Medical Director of APA and a great PRCP supporter. If the attendance and enthusiasm of the Director and the guests at the reception were anything to go by, our organization is in good shape.

Secretary-General's Report



**Associate Professor Eng-Seong
Tan**

The Meeting of the Board of the PRCP at the World Psychiatric Association Congress in Yokohama, Japan, on Sunday 25 August 2002 was attended by all but two of the Board members, which is something of a record. The deliberations went very smoothly and the meeting terminated with a successful reception that was attended by other Fellows and friends of the PRCP.

The Board agreed to the recommendation of the President and Secretary-General that the US Dollar bank account in Melbourne should be closed as it

is costing a lot of money just to maintain the account. The funds will be kept in Australian dollars. Fellows and Members of the PRCP are asked to pay subscription dues in Australian dollars (double the US\$ figure, see bottom of p.8), though we will still accept payments in US\$. Conversion will cost a fee but the total annually will be less than what it would cost to maintain the account in US dollars.

There are still a large number of Members and Fellows whose subscription dues are outstanding. The Board discussed various approaches the Secretariat could take as a means to collect these outstanding dues.

The PRCP website is now well established at the address: www.prcp.org The latest newsletter has been posted on the website for Members and Fellows with internet access to read. Hard copies are still mailed out to those without e-mail addresses on our database. An

internet chat group has also been established at the website: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/prcp> simply click on the "join this group" prompt then click on the "sign up now" prompt and fill out the form to register.

Our very able administrative secretary, Ms Dominique Weigand, has left, we hope temporarily, to take another challenging job. We hope she will return in the coming year. Meanwhile Ms Alis Gordon has come back to help us as a temporary measure.

At the last Board meeting six correspondents from the PRCP regions have been appointed to keep the Editor of the Newsletter informed of events and developments in each region. We hope to include regular reports from these Regional Editors in the newsletter. The first such report appears on page 4.

11th Congress of the PRCP
Hong Kong 28 – 30 October 2003
Sheraton Hotel, Hong Kong
*"Innovations and Development in
 Mental Health in the Pacific Rim"*

Editor's Report



Professor Philip Morris

Dear Colleagues, this is the third newsletter for year 2002. Little did we know that this newsletter would be sent out in the shadow of the terrorist bombings in Bali, Indonesia. This terrible act has again dampened the spirits of peace loving peoples of the Pacific Rim, as did the shocking events in the United States just over a year ago. Many local Indonesians as well as visitors from other countries in the Pacific Rim and worldwide were hurt or killed in the tragedy. I am sure we all offer our support, prayers and sincere thoughts for all the victims who survived the bombings and for the families and friends who lost loved ones in the disaster.

From the mental health perspective, psychiatric services in all the Australian states and territories are involved in providing counseling, support and follow up at this time to the many Australian victims and families. Professor Bruce Singh, President of the PRCP, has offered assistance from our College to Professor Sasanto Wibisono, our colleague in

Indonesia. I am less aware of the responses of mental health services in other Pacific Rim countries that sustained casualties from the Bali bombings. I would be grateful for information about these responses from College members so that I can report on this issue in the next newsletter.

The proposal to have regional correspondents to contribute short articles to our newsletter was endorsed by a recent board meeting of the PRCP in Yokohama. The newsletter correspondents nominated from that meeting are:

Japan: Prof Masahisa Nishizono

South Korea: Dr Kyu Hang Lee

USA: Prof Francis Lu

Taiwan: the successor to Dr Eng Kung Yeh

China: Dr Zeping Xiao

Hong Kong: A/Prof Gabor Ungvari.

This is a great start and I am sure we will get correspondents from many other Pacific Rim countries in the PRCP in due course. Prof Gabor Ungvari has been quick in making a contribution! His report on a psychogeriatric conference in Hong Kong is included in this newsletter (see p.4).

The e-mail chat list is up and running. I have not seen a lot of contributions yet, but it is a new service and I am sure members of our College will gradually take up the opportunity to discuss topics in such a convenient open forum.

You can join the e-mail list by visiting the yahoo website:

<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/prcp>.

I would like to remind you of some important meetings of the PRCP coming in 2003. The first is a day symposium at the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting in San Francisco entitled: "The Meaning of the Pacific Rim for World and American Psychiatry". The symposium will be held on the morning of Thursday 22 May 2003. The second is our College biennial Congress in Hong Kong 27-30 October 2003 at the Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel. Please put these dates in your calendar.

Finally I would encourage you to send me items or short articles you would like published in the newsletter. Any topic will be considered.

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As this is likely to be the final newsletter of 2002, let me wish you a happy holiday season and all the best for the New Year.

President-Elect's Report



Professor Helen Chiu

The 11th Scientific meeting of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists will be held on 27-30 October 2003 in the Sheraton Hotel of Hong Kong. The theme of the Conference is "Innovation and Development in Mental Health in the Pacific Rim". Renowned speakers from all over the world will be invited to speak at this conference. So far, we are very privileged and honored that our confirmed speakers include:

Professor B. Saraceno (Head, Mental Health Division, WHO)

Professor N. Sartorius (Switzerland)

Professor B. Singh (President of PRCP)

Professor P. McGorry (Australia)

Associate Professor H. Minas (Australia)

Professor N. Shinfuku (Japan)

Professor K.M. Lin (USA)

Professor A. Tasman (USA)

Professor S. K. Min (S Korea)

Professor Yu Xin (China)

Associate Professor E. Chen (Hong Kong, China)

It is anticipated that we will have more speakers from various countries. We are now developing the topics of the symposia. Preliminary topics include:

The legal framework of psychiatric practice

Depressive and anxiety disorders in primary care

Advances in ethno-psychopharmacology

International Mental Health Programme: The Melbourne - Harvard initiative

Prescription patterns for schizophrenia

Pharmacoeconomics

Early psychosis programmes in the Pacific Rim region

Psychotherapeutic aspects of psychiatric practice: routinely preached yet neglected?

Issues in Psychogeriatrics

We hope Fellows and Members can give us further suggestions on the topics of the symposia. In addition, there will be free communications including oral and poster presentations. Updated information on the conference will be found at the web address:

www.prcp.org/hk/index.html

Our scientific program will be a very rich one and I am sure participants will enjoy the lively exchange of minds and experiences. Late October is the perfect time to visit Hong Kong. The weather is pleasant and the city has much excitement to offer. We look forward to welcoming you to this meeting.

Regional Editor's Report

Report from Hong Kong

By Professor Gabor Ungvari

The Asia-Pacific Meeting of the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) took place in Hong Kong 23-26 October, 2002. Keynote speeches, plenary lectures and symposia and poster sessions addressed the main theme of the conference which was:

"Dementia, depression and suicide in the elderly: Cultural and clinical aspects."

Leading experts in the field including, among others, T. Arie (UK), A. Burns, current President of the IPA (UK), E. Caine (USA), E. Chiu (Australia) H. Chiu (Hong Kong SAR, China), D. O'Connor (Australia),

J. Cummings (USA), S. Finkel (USA) J. Sadavoy (Canada), M.Y. Zhang (China) contributed to the success of the conference.

The exciting, well-organized meeting was attended by local policy makers as well as nearly 500 mental health professionals from more than a dozen countries around the world.

Treasurer's Report

Dr Francis G. Lu

The financial status of the College at this time remains sound through the efforts of the President and the Secretariat at the University of Melbourne. The 2001 meeting realized a net profit, which has helped greatly. The cost of the Secretariat's operations has remained low. Cost-efficient approaches such

as consolidating our bank accounts into one in Australian dollars will be instituted.

The College, however, urgently needs every Member and Fellow to remit their membership dues promptly to the Secretariat. Also, Fellows may wish to consider becoming a Life-Time Fellow by making a one-time dues payment of \$2,000 AUD. We also need

new members so please nominate colleagues, especially those who will carry on the work of the College for the next generation.

Lastly, any thoughts about income generation for the College are welcome and would be much appreciated.

Financial Summary

Expenditure & Income Statement

A: US Account PACRMUSDO1

Opening balance 1/09/01	\$5400
Income from subscriptions	\$3980
Interest	\$28.25
Bank charges	\$160.18
Balance 30/8/02	\$9248.07 USD
Account will be closed and funds transferred to AUD Account.	

B: National Bank 083-53-288-7167

Balance 12/06/01 statement no:1	\$0
Income from subscriptions	\$61146.95
Expenditure	
postage	1094.95
printer	1468.00
software	368.00
printing	6580.87
am express	251.00
website	1338.00
bank charges	935.60
tax	14.00
entertainment/dinners	3991.00
stationary	109.67
salary	8660.11
gst on salaries	865.36
website	40.00
consumables	223.81
gst	208.07
salary to Sept 2002	2080.71
total	28229.15
Balance as of 14/11/02	\$32917.80

PLEASE NOTE the below list of PRCP members cannot be contacted by the Secretariat as their addresses have changed and they have not notified us. If anyone knows the current contact details for any of the below people the Secretariat would greatly appreciate it if you could you forward the details to us.

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4. Dr Kang-Kyu Park (Korea)
5. Dr Ton-That Niem (USA)

Education and Training Working Group's Report

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Psychiatric Education in Asian countries

By Professor Masahisa Nishizono

At the XII World Congress of Psychiatry, Yokohama, two symposia on psychiatric education in Asian countries were held on 28 August 2002. The first of these was "Undergraduate Psychiatric Education in East Asian Countries", chaired by E.H. Kua (Singapore) and co-chaired by M. Nishizono (Japan)

The topics presented on in this symposium were:

Undergraduate Psychiatric Education – New Challenges and New Perspective. By E.H. Kua (Singapore)

Relevance of the Undergrad Psychiatric Curriculum for Primary Care Doctors - The Malaysian Experience. By P. Deva (Malaysia)

De-stigmatisation Campaign Strategy in Undergraduate Psychiatric Teaching - The Indonesia Experience. Presented by S. Wibisono (Indonesia)

Improving Teaching Skills: Training the Trainers – The Japanese Experience. By M. Nishizono (Japan)

The second Symposium was "Postgraduate Psychiatric Education in Asian Countries" Chaired by M. Nishizono (Japan) Co-Chaired by E.H. Kua (Singapore). The topics presented on in this symposium were:

A Questionnaire Survey in the Eleven Asian Countries. By M. Nishizono (Japan), N. Sartorius, N. Shinfuku, K. Maeda, A. Maruyama

Development and some Problems in Postgraduate Psychiatric Education and Certification System in Korea. By B.K. Min (Korea, Rep.)

Recent Situation of Postgraduate Psychiatric Education in the Modernization Process of China. By D. Young (China)

Education in Japan. By T. Kojima (Japan), T. Hosaka (Japan)

Closing Remarks. By E.H. Kua (Singapore)

Medical and psychiatric education needs radical reforms in order to meet the social needs of each society. There are, however, obstacles to such reforms. We need to know the social context in which undergraduate and postgraduate psychiatric education is being conducted so that the appropriate steps can be taken to allow social needs to be met.

These two symposia were activities of PRCP's working group on education and training.

Upcoming Events

PRCP Workshop Presentation at APA Conference, May 2003

By Dr Francis Lu

The PRCP will be sponsoring a workshop entitled "The Meaning of the Pacific Rim for World and American Psychiatry" at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. It will be held on Thursday 22 May, 2003, 9:00am-10:30am, in Salon 1 & 2, Lower B-2 Level,

Marriott Hotel, San Francisco. The workshop will be co-chaired by Dr Francis Lu and Prof Bruce Singh, President of the PRCP, it will include Dr Ching-Piao Chien, Dr Robert O. Pasnau, and Dr Milton H. Miller.

Drs. Lu, Chien, Pasnau, and Miller have been past awardees of the annual American Psychiatric Association Kun-Po Soo Award, given to an individual that has made a significant contribution to the

integration of Asian issues into psychiatry. The Annual Meeting will take place in San Francisco between 17-22 May, 2003. Details are available at the website: www.psyich.org.

If any members have questions about the meeting, please contact Francis Lu at francis.lu@sfdph.org. About 18,000 people usually attend and it is an outstanding educational meeting. I hope PRCP members will be able to attend.

Report on PRCP Board of Directors

Duration of Board Membership and Board Officers of the PRCP and eligibility for re-election

The PRCP By-Laws state in Article V, Section 2, that:

- Directors shall be elected at each Biennial General Meeting and shall hold office until the next meeting of the members
- The maximum tenure is five terms or ten years (other than as an officer – see below)
- There are twelve Directors and one of these Directors shall be the immediate Past President

Article VI, Section 2, states that:

- Officers of the College shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary-General, and a Treasurer
- Officers shall be elected biennially by the Board of Directors
- Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have been qualified

Thus, at the Biennial Meeting in October 2003 in Hong Kong the status of the current Board will be:

President:	Prof B Singh	Past President 2003-2005, then eligible for further 4 terms
President Elect:	Prof H Chiu	President 2003-2005, then eligible for further 5 terms
Secretary General:	A/Prof E Tan	Eligible for re-election as Secretary General and for further 5 terms
Treasurer:	Prof F Lu	Eligible for re-election as Treasurer and for further 4 terms
Directors:	Dr K Asai	Eligible for further 4 terms
	Dr C Chung	Eligible for further 3 terms
	Dr J Gold	Eligible for further 3 terms
	Dr K H Lee	Eligible for further 3 terms
	Prof A Tasman	Eligible for further 4 terms
	Prof S Min	Eligible for 1 more term
	Prof Y Nakane	Eligible for 1 more term
	Prof M Nishizono	Eligible for 1 more term but retiring.
	Prof E Pi	Eligible for further 2 terms
	Dr H Yan	Eligible for 1 more term but retiring
	Prof E Yeh	No longer eligible, retiring
	Prof R Menninger	No longer eligible, retired

As a result of retirement there will be three vacancies on the Board and nominations should be sent to the Board for consideration at the meeting in May 2003.

PRCP BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Please complete and return to the PRCP Secretariat by fax: +61 3 9347 3457 or post: PRCP, 7th Floor Charles Connibere Bldg, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria, Australia 3050

I.....(Name in block letters) being a Member/ Fellow
of the PRCP nominatewho is a Fellow of
the PRCP for election to the Board of Directors.

Signature Date

Seconded by Member/ Fellow of PRCP.

Signature Date

PRCP Symposium at APA, May 2003

The PRCP's application to hold a half-day symposium at the APA meeting in San Francisco in May 2003 has been confirmed. The symposium is entitled: "The Meaning of the Pacific Rim for World and American Psychiatry" and will be held on Thursday 22 May 9.00am-10.30am in Salons 1 and 2, Lower B-2 Level, Marriott.



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APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE PACIFIC RIM COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

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DATE: _____ NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ COUNTRY: _____ SEX: _____

MEDICAL QUALIFICATION: _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

POST GRADUATE QUALIFICATION: _____

CURRENT INTERESTS:

CLINICAL: _____

TEACHING: _____

TRANS-CULTURAL: _____

CURRENT POSITION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ OFFICE PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF YOUR CURRICULUM VITAE (abbreviated version acceptable) AND ONE PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH. We will also need two letters of recommendation from Members of the College

SIGNATURE X _____

Initiation Fee: AU\$ 400 /US\$200 Annual Subscription: (Member) AU\$ 150 /US\$75 (Fellow) AU\$ 200 /US\$100