

## PRCP Supported Asian College of Schizophrenia Research to Organize Its Congress in September 2017

The organizing committee of the 5th Asian Congress of Schizophrenia Research, would like to thank PRCP and all of the 5<sup>th</sup> ACSR participants, not only those from Asian region but also those who traveled a long distance from Europe, Africa and USA. The conference was held last September at Asia Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand with great success. We were granted an honored opportunity to welcome more than 300 delegates from 23 countries. I greatly appreciate their interest and participation in the congress. Without their attendance and without the support from PRCP, the congress would not have been as successful.

At the congress, three pre-congress workshops, four plenary lectures, two plenary symposiums, and 18 regular symposiums were successfully carried out. There were in total 72 guest speakers from 19 countries (46 overseas speakers and 26 local (Thai) speakers), making this congress full with diverse and interesting psychiatric topics. The congress also held the poster presentation contest which consisted of 51 contestants. The first prizes were granted to In Won Chung (Republic of Korea) and Taekwan Kim (Republic of Korea). The second and the third prizes went to Tak Hyung Lee (Republic of Korea) and Sohei Kimoto (Japan); and Chun-Hung Chang (Taiwan) and Huai-Hsuan Tseng (Taiwan), respectively.

In addition to the registrants' participation, we would not have achieved our goal without the contribution from key current and past board members of PRCP. I, as the 5<sup>th</sup> ACSR president and also as the president of PRCP would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the collaboration from the PRCP representatives. Professor Mian Yoon Chong, the president elect of PRCP, gave us such a great honor by hosting a pre-congress workshop entitled "*Psychopharmacoepidemiology Research*". Also, Professor Helen Chiu, the past president of PRCP, updated us on the topic of "*Psychotic Symptoms in the Elderly*". In addition, Professor Hai Gwo Hwu, a member of the PRCP board of directors, set aside his valued time to arrange the ACSR presidential lecture entitled "*The Psychopathology and the Proposed Optimal Care for Cases of Prodromal Schizophrenia in the Future*". Not to mention another great support from one of the PRCP vice presidents, Professor Edmond Pi successfully presented his talk on the topic of "*Cross-cultural Psychopharmacology: An Asian Perspective*". The congress would not have reached its objective without the kind involvement from these notable professors.

I deeply wish that ACSR will still receive kind support from PRCP for the 6<sup>th</sup> ACSR which will take place in China in 2019, and look forward to meeting many participants especially from the Asia Pacific region at the upcoming conference.

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