



# PRCP Newsletter April 2023

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### 1. From the Editor

Dear Colleagues, we are all getting excited about the upcoming 20th PRCP Congress to be held from 13-15 October in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Details of this meeting are showcased in this newsletter.

We hope all PRCP members will attend this face-to-face meeting to hear of new developments in our profession from across the Pacific Rim - East Asia region and to meet up with colleagues to develop new collaborations and partnerships and renew old friendships. The meeting has been designed to provide accredited Continuing Professional Development and Continuing Medical education credits.

In addition to the information on the Congress, this newsletter contains reports from our President, Prof Chee Ng, our Secretary-General Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama, and our President-Elect Prof Yong Chon Park. New members' biographies are in this newsletter.

Please send this newsletter to your colleagues and encourage them to attend the Congress. At the same time please recommend they join PRCP. We are welcoming new members! Joining is easy – just go to the PRCP website at:

<https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/LdhnC2xZLrck8Lk39s10msk?domain=prcp.org>

To rejoin go to the following section of the website:

<https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/Ir0qC3Q8MvCm2jmKEs2cHLw?domain=prcp.org>

I look forward to meeting you in Kuala Lumpur later this year!

Prof. Philip Morris AM

### 2. 20th PRCP Congress in Kuala Lumpur on 13-15 October 2023

‘Building Mental Health Resilience Across the Lifespan’

The theme of the PRCP 2023 congress is ‘Building Mental Health Resilience Across the Lifespan.’ The main objectives of the PRCP Congress are to enhance continuing medical education. The scientific committee has selected a wide range of topics participants can choose to present, sharing their know-how



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with their colleagues across the Pacific Rim. Moreover, the conference will be about mental health professionals sharing ideas about their experience helping the community work to restore stability while strengthening one's resilience.

During the three days, world-class invited eminent speakers will share their expertise. These eminent speakers will add value to the conference providing delegates with up-to-date knowledge in their field of expertise.

Kuala Lumpur, in short, KL, is a vibrant capital city of Malaysia. Since its humble beginning in the 1800s, the city has undergone tremendous development since its discovery. The city of almost 2 million people has a good infrastructure and offers everything from modern to ancient sites and food! Kuala Lumpur is a city with a mixture of many cultures, typical of the diversity of Malaysia. The various tasty cuisines will undoubtedly be one of the best reasons to visit Kuala Lumpur!

It will be an excellent opportunity for the delegates to attend the conference while exploring the sights, sounds, and flavors of Kuala Lumpur. So, make a date with us:

**PRCP 2023, 13-15 OCTOBER 2023**

**HILTON KUALA LUMPUR**

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Scientific Program Outline

Social Activities – Dinner, Welcome Reception, Visits etc.

Accommodation availability and location from the venue

Registration fees (various fees depending on country income standing, full meeting, day only, early bird, dinner, accompanying partner etc.)

Professor Dr Ahmad Hatim Sulaiman

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Organising Chairman,

20th PRCP 2023

Photos of Congress venue, KL and Malaysia – see PowerPoint presentation attached

Kuala Lumpur



Sipadan Island





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### 3. President's Message

In less than 6 months, we would like to personally welcome each of you to the 20<sup>th</sup> PRCP Congress in Kuala Lumpur. It's an important time for the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists to re-connect with our academic and professional colleagues as we continue to respond to the current challenges of mental health in the post-pandemic era. In order to grow and adapt to a time of country-wide and global changes, we need to be opened to new knowledge, fresh ideas, and innovative approaches to improve the practice of psychiatry and meet the mental health needs of the community. Participation in this key regional congress will not only help to achieve this but also bring inspiration to the congress participants as we gather to enjoy a cutting-edge academic program, dynamic peer exchange and rich cultural activities. The congress will also showcase an Inter-Organisation Symposium with eminent speakers from PRCP, World Psychiatric Association, Malaysian Psychiatric Association, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, and Indonesian Psychiatric Association. On behalf of the PRCP Board, I invite you to join us, and we look forward to meeting you in Kuala Lumpur in October!

Prof. Chee Ng, PRCP President

### 4. Secretary-General's message

Under the tenure of Prof Chee Ng, the Executive Committee and the Board have met regularly, and the secretariat has supported the meetings and follow-ups.

Since November 2022, the Executive Committee has met:

January 12, 2023

April 20, 2023

The board has met:

April 20, 2023

The principal agenda of these meetings included:

The 20th PRCP Congress in 2023, 13-15 Oct in Kuala Lumpur

The 21st PRCP Congress in 2025, in Tokyo

APRE 2023 Training

Asia-Pacific Psychiatry Journal

PRCP website

April 20, 2023 Board meeting approved the proposal from Dr. Itsuo Asai and Dr. Tsuyoshi Akiyama, co-conveners of the 2025 PRCP congress, that the congress will be a co-congress between PRCP and the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry. So this congress will have even richer scientific programs.



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Please get in touch with the secretariat if the PRCP members have any input about the agenda or other issues.

In response to the reminders of the secretariat staff Toshiko Hano, many members have already paid the membership fee for 2022. Those who have difficulty with payment, please contact Ms. Hano at [hano.toshiko2022@gmail.com](mailto:hano.toshiko2022@gmail.com). The 2023 membership payment link is: <https://www.prcp.org/membership-payment>

Prof. Tsuyoshi Akiyama, PRCP Secretary-General

### 5. President-Elect's message

Dear Colleagues, we are very excited to warmly welcome all of you to the upcoming 2023 Pacific Rim Psychiatric College Conference in Malaysia. I am honored to be part of a gathering of renowned professionals from around the world who are dedicated to advancing the field of psychiatry. As we come together for this important event, we can learn from each other, share our expertise and experiences, and find new ways to solve the challenges we face at work.

I am confident that the program developed for this conference will provide valuable insights and knowledge that will benefit all of us. I encourage each of you to actively participate in discussions, share your point of view, and connect with your peers.

I look forward to new connections, collaborations, and ideas to emerge from this conference, and I look forward to learning from each one of you as we work together to improve the lives of patients and advance the field of psychiatry.

Sincerely,

Prof. Yong Chon Park, PRCP President-Elect

### 6. Welcome Dr. Samantha Loi



Dr. Samantha Loi is PRCP's newest member. She is a Principal Research Fellow at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne and psychiatrist with the RANZCP since 2011. She has clinical expertise in the area of ageing, mental health and dementia with her research complementary to this with respect to clinical and knowledge translation. She is a well-known expert nationally, in the clinical and research field of young-onset dementia, which is the focus of her post-doctoral work, focusing on identification, risk factors, mortality, service provision and well-being for those affected by dementia and their families.

Dr. Loi is currently 1) the Chair of the Victorian branch of the RANZCP Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age, 2) Vice-chair of the Victorian branch of the RANZCP Section of Neuropsychiatry. 3) Chair of the National Health and Medical Research Council National Institute for Dementia Research Young-Onset Dementia



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Special Interest Group, 4) Program Chair of the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) Reserve and Resilience Professional Interest Aware, 5) committee member of the Alliance of Women Alzheimer's Research (AWARE), 6) Assistant Editor of Psychiatry Research Case Reports and on the Advisory Board of the Australian New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, and 7) Vice Chair of the Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age and is convening/organising this year's FPOA conference.

### **7. Dates for upcoming PRCP Executive Committee and Board meetings**

EC meeting: Thursday, **July 27, 2023** at 12:00 (Japan Time)

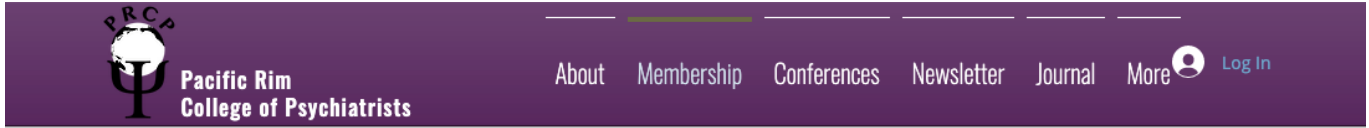
EC/Board meeting: Saturday, **October 14, 2023** in Kuala Lumpur at 17:00 (Malaysia Time)

**2024 January EC meeting and April EC/Board meeting: TBD**



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### 8. Renew your 2023 PRCP Membership through our Website



# MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT

Use this page to pay your annual membership dues. First, scroll to your membership type. Then, select your country's World Bank Economic Category to pay the correct amount.

Distinguished Fellow			
Category A \$150	Category B \$95	Category C \$50	Category D \$25

Visit our membership page (<https://www.prcp.org/membership-payment>). Once there, find your category of membership (Distinguished Fellow, Fellow, or Member). If you are renewing your membership, this information is provided in your reminder email. If you are unsure, email us at [info@prcp.org](mailto:info@prcp.org) and [hano.toshiko2022@gmail.com](mailto:hano.toshiko2022@gmail.com). Then, determine which World Bank economic category your country of residence falls into. If you are unsure, that information is listed here (<https://www.prcp.org/world-bank-economic-categories>). Click on the “Buy Now” icon that matches your category, and complete your payment.

### APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE PACIFIC RIM COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

DATE

TITLE

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

COUNTRY:

GENDER:

CURRENT POSITION

MAILING ADDRESS

HOME PHONE :

FAX:

OFFICE PHONE

E-MAIL

SPECIALIST BOARD: DATE RECEIVED:

PSYCHIATRY



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- NEUROLOGY
- OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

CURRENT INTERESTS:

- CLINICAL
- TEACHING
- RESEARCH
- CROSS CULTURAL

SPECIALIST TRAINING:

QUALIFICATIONS:

YEARS WORKED AS PSYCHIATRISTS:

MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please return this form with your CV and one passport photo to the PRCP Secretariat located at:

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