

NEWSLETTER

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PHILIP MORRIS, EDITOR

HELEN CHIU, PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



During the World Psychiatric Association Conference in Cairo, a Board meeting of the PRCP was held on 13 September 2005. I would like to report a number of issues to our Fellows and Members.

With the generous donation from an anonymous Fellow, the Board had previously agreed to invite a number of senior psychiatrists from China to become our Fellows. We had asked for nominations from various institutions in China through the help of Professor Xiao Zeping, our Board member, and had received 19 nominations. In the Board meeting, it was decided that all 19 Chinese psychiatrists would be invited to become our Fellows.

It was also agreed that a Special Interest Group on Old Age Psychiatry would be established and Professor Edmond Chiu from Melbourne was appointed as chair. This is the second Special Interest Group in PRCP after the Psychotherapy Interest

Group. Members who are interested to join the Old Age Psychiatry Special Interest Group please indicate your interest to Ms Fiona Kelly at e-mail address: info@prcp.org

Thirdly, the Board agreed that PRCP would work in partnership with the Asia Pacific Mental Health Network for Emergencies (APMNE). The APMNE was established earlier this year after the tsunami in South Asia, when Asia Australia Mental Health (AAMH) was asked by WHO Western Pacific Regional Office to develop a network to complement and support existing and other proposed networks in the Asia Pacific region. The vision of APMNE is: An identifiable, sustainable and accessible resource to protect and restore the mental health of communities during and after emergencies in the Asian and Western Pacific region. One of the main activities of the APMNE would be to develop a website, and PRCP could contribute expertise and advice.

On another front, the Board had discussed about how to expand our membership and to restructure our

membership. This issue will be further examined and reported by Professor Allan Tasman, President-Elect.

I am very pleased to announce that we have a very good surplus from the 11th Scientific Meeting of PRCP in Hong Kong -- Hong Kong \$998,774, which is approximately US\$128,047. Two-thirds of this amount will go into the accounts of PRCP and one-third to the local organizers as previously agreed.

Finally, the preparation of the 12th Congress of the PRCP is now in good progress under the able leadership of Professor Ming-Been Lee, Vice President. The main theme is "From Suicide Prevention to Mental Health Promotion" and the conference venue is in a very attractive hotel in Taipei. We are confident that the meeting will be an exciting forum for learning all the scientific advances and sharing views and challenges in our region. So please mark your diary for this important event.

Prof Helen Chiu



EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Colleagues, nearly a year has passed since the south Asia tsunami on December 26, 2004. Since this horrific disaster we have seen the devastating power of nature again in three hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and a severe earthquake in the Pakistan-Kashmir region, among other tragedies. In this environment it is important the PRCP provides leadership in the mental health response to disaster. From the early days after the tsunami the

PRCP executive has been active in assisting the disaster response where possible. A description of this work is covered in this and earlier newsletters. Over the last few months the PRCP has engaged with the World Psychiatric Association and other Asian regional psychiatric associations to coordinate mental health disaster response across the Asian region. Our President, Prof Helen Chiu, describes this initiative in her report. This newsletter also includes a proposal by President Elect, Prof Allan Tasman, to modify the membership structure of the PRCP to encourage more members. The next

PRCP scientific meeting will be held in 2006 in Taiwan. This is a most important meeting of our College and provides an unparalleled opportunity for members and fellows to meet and discuss the field of psychiatry across the Asia - Pacific region. Prof Ming Been Lee provides an update on this meeting in the newsletter. As this will be the final newsletter for 2005, I would like to thank Fiona Kelly, editorial assistant, for her valuable work getting the newsletter out each time, and to wish you all best wishes for the holiday season.

Philip Morris

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT

The PRCP has been considering ways of expanding its membership Prof Tasman (President Elect) has proposed a three tier membership of Members, Fellows and Distinguished Fellows. This proposal will be discussed by the Board of the PRCP and then raised at the next general meeting in Taipei.

Following the December 26 2004 tsunami the administration circulated to its membership a document asking for volunteers to assist and to indicate their language ability. Six responses were returned and forwarded to relevant agencies.

The Secretary General has indicated that his term of office will come to an end in October 2006 and he will not be seeking re appointment. The PRCP will therefore have to consider appointing a replacement.

The PRCP has agreed to work in partnership with the Asia Pacific Mental Health Network

for Emergencies (APMNE) in emergency situations. A web site will be established to indicate the activities of the APMNE. The inaugural meeting of this organisation will take place under the sponsorship of Asia Link organised jointly by Julia Fraser and Dr Chee Ng in Phuket Thailand on 28 November 2005.

The earthquake in covering areas of Afghanistan, Pakistan and India is noted. The hardship created by this natural disaster is considered very serious it is hoped that aid can get to the victims very soon including psychiatric help.

The secretariat has been encouraged by a more prompt response to the call for the payment of subscriptions, there is none the less a sizable portion of the membership who are still outstanding in their subs since the amnesty that was declared for subscriptions two years ago

Assoc Prof Eng-Seong Tan

NEW APPROACH TO MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

It has been a great pleasure serving as your president elect, and working with President Helen Chiu and the other board members. One of Helen's major initiatives for her term has been the expansion of our membership. She asked me to chair this initiative, and we have been considering various approaches to membership enhancement. At our recent board meeting in Cairo we discussed a proposal I developed to establish a new approach to membership categories. The board members present agreed we should circulate this proposal to the board and general membership.

The Purpose for a new Categorization:

We are exploring new ways of interacting with the national societies in the PRCP region, including consideration of ways to establish standing PRCP membership for the leadership of the national societies. In addition, we wish to align membership categories appropriately so new members will have the membership status in PRCP which is consistent with their standing in their home country and national psychiatric society. Further, we wish to

expand our membership at all levels of professional experience and accomplishment, while preserving recognition of those who have a track record of significant accomplishment.

The recommended changes involve moving to a three category system of membership as follows:

Member: This category is proposed for junior psychiatrists who have completed prescribed training in their home country and have become a member of their national society. The only other criterion would be a recommendation from a source in the home country meeting the standards set by the PRCP.

Fellow: This category is proposed for early career psychiatrists with at least five years of post training psychiatric experience and successful completion of the specialty board certification processes, or the equivalent if there is no national process. Membership in the home national society and a p p r o p r i a t e recommendation is also required.

Distinguished Fellow: This category is proposed for those who presently

qualify for the status of fellow in the PRCP, and is expected to include primarily senior psychiatrists with a track record of accomplishments.

If this proposal is approved by the PRCP, all present fellows would become distinguished fellows. The membership committee of PRCP would also review the present list of members to assess their appropriate status in the new classification. For new members, the review process will consider the criteria in effect at the time and make appropriate recommendations.

The PRCP board has endorsed this approach, and is interested in receiving member feedback about this proposal. We look forward to hearing from our colleagues so that any needed modifications to the proposal can be made before presenting this proposal for ratification. This change will be the first step in a multi-focal membership expansion program.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Allan Tasman, MD
PRCP President Elect

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REPORT FROM WPA CAIRO

Report on the 13th World Congress of the World Psychiatric Association, 10 - 13 September, 2005.

The theme of the Congress adopted by the WPA and the Egyptian Psychiatric Association was "5000 Years of Science and Care: Building the Future of Psychiatry". This underscored the antiquity of science in the host country, Egypt, and the perspective of the profession of Psychiatry as a whole to the future.

The congress was opened by various dignitaries from the government of Egypt and the WPA and guided ably by the outgoing President, Professor Ahmed Okasha. His son Professor Tarek Okasha conducted the Opening Ceremony and was active in running the Congress

The Congress was a successful international meeting which attracted the

attendance of about 6,000 delegates from all over the world. Various formats of communication were used, including plenary sessions, master case conferences, debates, workshops on various topics, courses in current topics, video teleconferences with professionals in various parts of the world who were unable to attend. The topics presented ranged over a very wide scope covering most areas of current interest in Psychiatry. There were presentations of new research and special scientific programs for young participants. The video and film sessions were very interesting. There were poster sessions and art exhibitions.

The historic setting and the various tourist attractions added a very special flavour to the essence of this landmark Congress.

Assoc Prof Eng-Seong Tan

2006 PRCP SCIENTIFIC MEETING 6 - 8 OCTOBER 2006

Invitation from PRCP Vice President

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the colleagues of Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry, we cordially invite you to attend the 12th Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Scientific Meeting, which will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, October 6th to 8th, 2006.

An independent Scientific Program Committee has been established in order to compose a high level, well-balanced scientific program. As a rule, it will consist plenary sessions, limited number of symposia, an educational track consisting of workshops and educational updates, and not to miss, the poster session with guided poster tours. Proposals, and/or free paper submissions and further information, please visit our website at www.prcp2006.org.

Venue of the congress, Grand Hyatt Taipei, is one of the world class hotels with high standard for international congress in Taipei. It is located close to our landmark, **Taipei 101**, the tallest building in the world. Many of the exciting social activities are also tailored made for the participants. Taipei, with the genuine Chinese culture, is waiting for you to explore.

With a warm welcome, we look forward to seeing you in Taipei next October.

Sincerely yours,



Ming-Been Lee, M. D.

Chairman
Organizing Committee
12th Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Scientific Meeting

Organizing Committee

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Ming-Been Lee

Co-Chairman

Ru-Band Lu

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Helen Chiu

Allan Tasman

Keh-Ming Lin

Wei-Tsuen Soong

Char-Nie Chen

Tai-Ann Cheng

Hai-Gwo Hwu

Tom Tung-Ping Su

Important Dates

	Deadline
Call for Symposium Proposal	Jan 31, 2006
Free Paper Submission	Mar 31, 2006
Notification of Paper Acceptance	Jun 15, 2006
Early Registration	Jun 30, 2006

Scientific Program Committee

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Main Theme

From Suicide Prevention to Mental Health Promotion

Cosponsor

Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry

Taiwan Association Against Depression

Taiwanese Society of Biological Psychiatry and
Neuropsychopharmacology

Taiwanese Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Taiwan Center for the Development of Psychoanalysis

Chinese Association for Group Psychotherapy

Taiwan Association of Geriatric Psychiatry



Prof Ming Been Lee

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO NEW PRCP MEMBERS AND FELLOWS

Dr Tack Meng CHEN	HONG KONG
Professor Jin Sook CHEON	SOUTH KOREA
Professor Alexandra COCKRAM	AUSTRALIA
Dr Jesjeet Singh GILL	MALAYSIA
Professor Ian HICKIE	AUSTRALIA
Dr Marhani Binti MIDIN	MALAYSIA
Professor Byoung Hoon OH	KOREA
Professor Witjaksana ROAN	INDONESIA
Dr Zanariah Mat SAHER	MALAYSIA
Associate Professor Vladan STARCEVIC	AUSTRALIA
Dr Paul Mo-shing TAM	HONG KONG
Associate Professor Wai Kwong TANG	HONG KONG
Dr Raymond Chong K WU	AUSTRALIA
Dr Ruzanna ZAMZAM	MALAYSIA

NEW FELLOWS FROM CHINA

Thank you to Prof Xiao Zeping from China for introducing 19 new fellows to the PRCP. We welcome the following fellows

Dr Che Zhiqiang
 Professor Yasong Du
 Professor Jiang Kaida
 Professor Li Lingjiang
 Dr Ming Li
 Dr Ma Xin
 Associate Professor Shi Qijia
 Professor Shen Xun
 Professor Linyan Su
 Professor Sun Xueli
 Professor Gaohua Wang
 Professor Wang Xiangqun
 Professor Yang Yunping
 Professor Shuqiao Yao
 Professor Xin Yu
 Dr Zeng Qifeng
 Professor Zhao Jingping
 Professor Yi Zheng
 Professor Yizhuang Zou

FINANCE REPORT

National Australia Bank Account (AUD)	
Balance 21/08/2004	\$50,055.30
INCOME	
Subscriptions	17504.64
Donation	764.23
Refund from Australian Tax Office	336.00
Sub Total	\$68,660.17
EXPENDITURE	
Postage	550.00
Website	528.00
Printing (Newsletter, Stationary)	4580.94
Bank Charges (Credit Card Facility/ General Bank Fees)	900.41
Scientific Meeting Expenses	2500.00
Salaries (Alis Gordon/Fiona Kelly)	13551.49
Australian Tax Office	1356.00
WPA Dues USD \$125.00	176.73
Domain Registry (Website)	60.00
Balance 17/08/2005	\$44,456.60

THE FIRST WORLD CONGRESS OF CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY (WCCP)

September 23-26 2006
 Beijing, China

More information at:
<http://www.wacp2006congress.org/>

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FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE
PACIFIC RIM COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS**

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DATE: _____

TITLE: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

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MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATED FROM: _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

POST GRADUATE (OR RESIDENCY) TRAINING RECEIVED AT: _____

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A NATIONAL PSYCHIATRY ORGANISATION? (PLEASE SPECIFY)

SPECIALIST BOARD: DATE RECEIVED: _____

PSYCHIATRY _____

NEUROLOGY _____

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____

CURRENT INTERESTS:

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TEACHING _____

RESEARCH _____

CROSS CULTURAL _____

CURRENT POSITION _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE: _____ OFFICE PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE ATTACH CURRICULUM VITAE (abbreviated version acceptable) AND ONE PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH.

SIGNATURE X _____

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Category B - Fellow AUD\$100, Member AUD\$75

Category C - Fellow AUD\$75, Member AUD\$50

Category D - Fellow AUD\$40, Member AUD\$25