

# NEWSLETTER

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HELEN CHIU, PRESIDENT



## 12th PRCP Scientific Meeting Taipei, Taiwan 6-8 October 2006

The 12<sup>th</sup> Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Scientific Meeting will be hosted in Taipei, Taiwan. Taipei is the capital city of Taiwan and spans an area of 270 square km and has a population of 3,000,000. Taipei as a lively vibrant city. It was not to long ago that the Danshui River was home to rice and vegetable farmers and today it is the city of commerce, government and culture. Taiwan has a very rich and colourful history which goes back several

hundred years. The island of Taiwan itself has many tourist attractions for delegates to visit. All tourist attractions are within easy reach from the city of Taipei, which makes it an attractive central location for delegates from overseas. The scientific meeting being offered is of a high quality consistent with the excellent standards of past PRCP meetings. Prof Ming Been Lee and Dr Yuan-Hwa Chou lead an experienced conference organising committee

dedicated to the success of the meeting.

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# EDITOR'S REPORT

The March edition of the Newsletter is the first for 2006. As we enter into a New Year let me wish you all the best for 2006 both professionally and personally. 2006 shapes up to be an important time for the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists. The 12<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting will be held from 6-8 October this year. The venue will be Taipei in Taiwan and the preparations for the meeting are well in hand under the supervision of Prof Ming Been Lee and his team. See more details about the meeting in the Newsletter. I intend to attend this meeting and look forward to meeting many of you there.

Prof Helen Chiu has been an active and inspiring President of our College. She oversaw a successful

11<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting in Hong Kong in 2004 that also resulted in the injection of substantial new funds into the PRCP. The College is now in a financially advantaged position. Prof Chiu has been instrumental in the establishment of the PRCP Research Awards in Schizophrenia, Mood Disorders and Dementia as well as the new travelling scholarships for young psychiatrists to attend scientific meetings of the College. Under her presidency the membership of the College has grown apace. Membership growth has also been advanced with the considerable energy of President Elect, Prof Alan Tasman, who has revised the membership categories of the College to facilitate the entry of colleagues into the College from different levels of professional seniority. The 13<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting of the PRCP has now been secured with the meeting to be held in Japan in 2008 (see details in the

Newsletter). A/Prof Eng-Seong Tan, Secretary-General, has been actively engaged in supporting all these initiatives.

It is now over a year since the devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean. This disaster was followed by the earthquake in Pakistan and, more recently, the landslide disaster in the Philippines. The PRCP is assisting with the mental health recovery efforts in these situations and with the building of mental health disaster resources for the future, primarily through the Asia Pacific Mental Health Network for Emergencies. A report on this network is provided in the Newsletter by Prof Pichet Udomratn from Thailand.

This Newsletter also contains the usual reports and financial statement. I hope you find it informative.

**Philip Morris**

## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT

The great news for this issue of the Newsletter is the growth in the membership of the PRCP. After a number of years of slow and even negative growth, the membership of the College has steadily increases over the last few years. This growth includes a number of Senior Psychiatrists from the People's Republic of China. This reflects the energy and enthusiasm of the new leadership of the College since the beginning of this millennium. It also reflects the increase level of activity which the College has initiated. The Research Awards mentioned in this edition of the Newsletter is an example.

We regret the passing of Professor J. Ananth of Harbor Hospital, UCLA. There is an obituary on Professor Ananth in this

issue of the Newsletter. He was an active Fellow of the College.

We are looking forward to the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the PRCP to be held in Taipei, Taiwan, 6 -8 October 2006. With the activity sponsored by the College we can look forward to a very exciting series of papers to be presented. The PRCP have also agreed to hold the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress in the year 2008 in Tokyo, Japan under the leadership of Professor Fumitaka Noda.

There have been a number of other organizations in the area of mental health which have come into existence in the Asia-Pacific area in the last few years which share membership, and we hope, activities, with the PRCP. These include the Indo-Australian Psychiatric Association

(IAPA) President: Professor Bruce Singh, Secretary: Dr; Russell D'Souza, the Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations, Convenor: Professor M. Parameshvara Deva, and the Asia-Pacific Network for Mental Health Emergencies, which was established to provide a mental health response to the victims of the Asian tsunami of December 2004. We hope the increase in the number of organizations working in the mental health field in this part of the world will generate the growth of scientific knowledge in this field and provide more and better channels for the dissemination and sharing of this knowledge, and more essentially provide for a prompt and adequate response in the provision of service in times of need.

**Assoc Prof Eng-Seong Tan**

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT



As we enter the year 2006, preparation for the 12<sup>th</sup> PRCP Meeting in Taipei is gathering pace and momentum. From the report in this Newsletter by Prof. Ming-Been Lee, Vice President and Convenor of the Conference, we know that the Scientific program would be very rich. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our Fellows and Members to attend the conference, present a paper and exchange views with each other. Apart from the high quality of the scientific program, Taipei is a very lively and vibrant city, with excellent food and a nice ambience and is a very attractive venue for the meeting.

A new feature in this conference is the setting up of the 3 PRCP Research Awards on Schizophrenia, Mood Disorders and Dementia. We hope that by recognizing academic excellence in junior researchers, we could promote research in our region. Each award amounts to US\$3,500 and waived registration at the PRCP Conference. The winners will be invited to present their paper in the Taipei conference. The details of these research awards could be found in this Newsletter.

It is my pleasure to report to our Fellows and Members that the Board has decided on Japan to be the venue of the next PRCP meeting in 2008. Prof. Fumitaka Noda, our Board member, would be the Convenor for this meeting. We are also grateful for the support to hold this meeting from other senior Japanese psychiatrists, including, Prof. Masahisa Nishizono, Prof. Yoshihumi Nakane and Prof. Shimpei Inoue. The Board is confident that this will be a very well-organized and an exciting meeting under the excellent leadership of Prof. Noda.

I would also like to report on our follow up action on the South Asia tsunami. PRCP is now working in partnership with the Asia Pacific Mental Health Network for Emergencies (APNMHE). The APMNE was established in 2005 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. One of the main activities of APMNE would be to

develop a website, and PRCP could contribute expertise and advice. The inauguration meeting of APNMHE was held in Phuket on Nov 28, 2005. The report by Prof. Pichet Udomratn of Thailand in this Newsletter summarized very well the meeting and the development of the network. Our next meeting will be in May 2005 in Perth.

Lastly, the third meeting of the Consensus program on Quality of Life for Asian People with Dementia (QOLDEM) will be held in Osaka in the latter part of May this year. This program has been endorsed by PRCP. We have already published one consensus statement previously and the second consensus statement resulting from last year's meeting in Hong Kong will be published soon in the journal *International Psychogeriatrics*. We expect to produce a third consensus statement after this year's meeting in Osaka. Prof Edmond Chiu and I will be attending this meeting.

**Prof Helen Chiu  
President PRCP**

## *PRCP Research Awards*

There are 3 PRCP Research Awards, namely Research Awards on Schizophrenia, Mood Disorders and Dementia. These are biennial awards starting from the Taipei Conference.

The purpose of setting up the Research Awards is to recognize and reward academic excellence in junior researchers so as to promote research in Schizophrenia/ Mood Disorders/ Dementia in our region. The Research Award will be given to the best original scientific paper on Schizophrenia/ Mood Disorders/ Dementia research respectively submitted to us. Every 2 years, there will be a call for papers for this Award. The paper will be reviewed

by a panel of international experts and the award given to the best paper. The winner of the award will present the paper during the PRCP Conference. Each award amounts to US\$3,500, and waived registration at the PRCP Conference.

The Research Awards on Schizophrenia, Mood Disorders and Dementia are sponsored by Janssen, Lundbeck and Eisai respectively for the coming conference.

This award is open to psychiatrists working in countries in the Pacific Rim Region, within 10 years of completion of their psychiatric training.

Candidates should submit their original research paper by e-mail to Ms Fiona Kelly at email: [info@prcp.org](mailto:info@prcp.org) The article should not exceed 5,000 words, including references and tables. Only unpublished work or work that has been published within 2 years will be accepted.

**Submission deadline is 30 June 2006.**

Winners will be informed in early August, and they will be invited to present their papers in the PRCP Conference in Taipei on October 6 to 8, 2006.

# REPORT FROM ASIA PACIFIC MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK FOR EMERGENCIES

Last November, Prof Bruce Singh and Prof Helen Chiu requested I attend the meeting of the Asia – Pacific Network for Mental Health Emergencies (APNMHE) to represent the PRCP. The meeting was held at the Merlin Beach Resort Hotel, Phuket, Thailand on 28 November 2005. Twenty participants attended the meeting including Ms. Julia Fraser (Director, Leadership and Community Programs, The Asialink Centre, University of Melbourne) Professor Helen Herrman (Director of Academic Programs, Australian Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health Melbourne, Secretary for Publications, World Psychiatric Association WPA) Dr. Chee Ng (Director, International Programs, St Vincent's Mental Health Service), and many participants from Australia, Korea, Malaysia, China, and Thailand.

Julia Fraser welcomed participants and noted apologies from, Dr. Wang Xiangdong, Dr. Shekhar Saxena, Dr. Mark Van Ommeren, Associate Professor Harry Minas, representatives from Indonesia and Japan.

Dr. Chee Ng presented an overview of the project and concluded by noting that APNMHE could become a “virtual arm” of existing networks and groups.

Professor Herrman thanked Dr. Ng on behalf of WHO and WPA for his presentation and reiterated the importance of the initiative. Professor Herrman also introduced AIMS-E, the WHO's current work on “disaster mental Health”.

There were many recommendations from this meeting as following :

- The involvement of Asia Australia Mental Health (AAMH) should be time-limited, and responsibility for the ongoing life of the network needs to be resolved.
- Development of APNMHE Network and Website
- The Network's title needs further consideration.
- WHO and/or WPA assistance to disseminate and promote best practice.
- Promoting of AIMS-E on the website.
- APNMHE Website “to provide an evidence based, culturally appropriate resource for an effective and ethical mental health and psychosocial response to disasters, at the preparation, readiness, recovery and development phases”.
- Countries within the WHO's Western Pacific Region (including the Pacific Island states) as well as the SEARO countries should be included.

• A steering committee be established for the network with representation from all key stakeholders.

• Dr. Wang Xiangdong be requested to initiate the network by writing to appropriate government authorities and or other jurisdictions in these countries inviting them to participate.

• Establishment of a secretariat which will rotate every three years between WHO collaborating centre's or member countries. For the first three years the secretariat will be located with AAMH in Australia.

• Establishment of a series of working groups (perhaps led by different WHO collaborating centre's) which would report to the steering committee. Mental health professionals, researchers, government officials, donors, service providers would be users and contributors.

The next meeting of this committee will be held in Perth, Western Australia in May 2005.

**Prof. Pichet Udomratn  
Thailand**

## PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE 12TH PRCP SCIENTIFIC MEETING 6–8 OCTOBER 2006

The Second Scientific Meeting was held on the 12th of January 2006. We had a lot of discussions regarding the scientific program, such as keynote speeches, speakers to invite, symposium proposals, topics and satellite symposia. Throughout the meeting we settled the free paper submission guidelines and topics of interest.

Immediately afterwards we held the second organizing committee meeting on 18th January to elaborate on conclusions and action plans from the Scientific Committee Meeting. From the two meetings we have settled the contents of the 2nd announcement which has been printed and mailed and the launch of the website. We are expecting online

registrations and abstract submissions to flow soon.

**Prof Ming Been Lee  
Chairman, Organizing Committee  
Yuan-Hwa Chou  
Secretary General**

# THE 13TH PRCP SCIENTIFIC MEETING IN 2008

**OCTOBER 30—NOVEMBER 2, 2008  
TOKYO, JAPAN**

I am very pleased to inform you that the 13<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists in 2008 will be held from October 30 to November 2 in Tokyo, Japan. This meeting will be conducted under the presidency of Professor Allan Tasman. I will assume the role of vice president and convener of the meeting.

Around that time, we will be in the midst of autumn, which is one of the most beautiful seasons in Japan. I am sure that you will enjoy both your academic and leisure time here. The tentative main theme of the meeting is 'Multicultural and multidisciplinary collaboration in Pacific Rim Psychiatry'. Under this theme, our organizing committee will extend our welcome to people from over 20 countries. We also plan to invite some young promising psychiatrists who would not otherwise be able to join us because of their national economic conditions. I think that this is a good occasion for us to rethink the idea of 'collaboration' among countries, cultures, professions and people. You may remember that at the time of the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami PRCP, which collaborated with other

international organizations, played a very active role for the crisis.



Tokyo is one of the most modern cities in the world. It has over seven downtowns that each has its own character. Tokyo also has a very unique electric district, Akihabara, and very traditional downtown, Asakusa, where you can see that good old days of Japan are still preserved. One hour

train ride from Tokyo will take you to Kamakura, often called 'little Kyoto', where you can enjoy a visiting lot of shrines and temples, a huge Buddha and beautiful marine beach.

If you want to visit Kyoto, it is less than three hours on the famous bullet train. The time of this meeting will be the best season for you to appreciate Kyoto against a beautiful backdrop of autumn leaves. Mountains and hills will be full of red and yellow colours and quite a few people go and see them. This is a popular Japanese pastime along with happy gatherings under the cherry blossoms in the spring time.

On behalf of the organizing committee for the 2008 PRCP Scientific Meeting in Japan, I would like to cordially invite you to Japan and am looking forward to seeing you then.

**Fumitaka Noda, M.D., PhD**  
**Vice President**  
**A convener of the meeting**  
**13<sup>th</sup> PRCP Scientific Meeting**  
**Professor of Psychiatry**  
**Taisho University**  
**Japan**



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# PRCP BOARD VACANCIES

The PRCP Board will have two vacancies  
when they meet next in Taipei in  
October 2006.

The Board will appoint a  
Secretary General to replace Prof Eng-Seong Tan  
and a  
Board Member to replace Prof Judith Gold

Members of the Board are asked to consider nominations  
so that these can be considered and put up for appointment at the  
meeting of the Board in Taipei in October 2006.

Interest from fellows and members of the PRCP can be expressed by email  
to Fiona Kelly at [info@prcp.org](mailto:info@prcp.org)

The PRCP would like to take is opportunity to thank Prof Judith Gold and  
Assoc Prof Eng-Seong Tan for their contributions to the PRCP Board.

## OBITUARY— PROF JAMBUR ANANTH

The PRCP would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of Prof Jambur Ananth who passed away on the 1 January 2006.

Prof Ananth was an Adjunct Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at Harbor—UCLA Medical Centre. He was the Director of the Psychopharmacology Unit, and served for many years as Director of Adult Services.

Prof Ananth was a valued teacher, kindness, generosity and wisdom will be greatly missed. We thank Prof Ananth for his valuable contributions to the PRCP and his contributions to advancing knowledge in the psychiatry field.

UCLA. A prolific researcher and writer, he published close to four hundred papers and book chapters over his long and distinguished career. His primary concerns were his patients and his colleagues. His

We shall miss him and remember him well.



# EVENTS, NEW MEMBERS FINANCE

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# FINANCE REPORT

## QUARTER 1, 2005-2006

<b>National Australia Bank Account</b>	
Balance 01/07/2005	<b>\$43,867.69</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Subscriptions	\$3945.00
Australian Tax Office	\$336.00
Sub Total	<b>\$48148.69</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Secretary General Travel to WPA	
Website	\$264.00
Printing (Newsletter, Stationary)	
Bank Charges	\$245.32
Board Meeting Expenses Cairo	
Salaries	\$2351.32
Australian Tax Office	\$400.00
Balance 31/12/2005	<b>\$44,888.05</b>

## QUARTER 2, 2005-2006

<b>National Australia Bank Account</b>	
Balance 01/10/2005	<b>\$44,888.05</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Subscriptions	\$1358.50
PRCP Scientific Meeting Hong Kong Profit	\$114,215.49
Sub Total	<b>\$160,462.04</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Secretary General Travel to WPA	\$1430.00
Website	\$88.00
Printing (Newsletter, Stationary)	\$463.04
Bank Charges	\$157.97
Board Meeting Expenses Cairo	\$119.05
Salaries	\$3188.24
Australian Tax Office	\$404.00
Balance 31/12/2005	<b>\$154,611.74</b>

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FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
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