

NEWSLETTER

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PHILIP MORRIS, EDITOR

BRUCE SINGH, PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Professor Bruce Singh

I am pleased to be able to report that the College has successfully made the transition from its original base in Los Angeles, California to Melbourne, Australia and is financially and structurally viable. I want to emphasise this point, because many members and fellows may have been skeptical that such a transition could occur and perhaps have been withholding their support for the College by not paying their dues because of uncertainty about the College's future. This is not the case and in fact I believe we are on the verge of a new burst of energy to take the College forward as an important and viable organization in the Asia Pacific Region over the next decade.

In this regard I regret to inform that you that Ms Alis Gordon who was Administrative Secretary for the PRCP Secretariat has resigned, but an excellent substitute in Ms Dominique Wiegand has taken her place and many of you would have had communications with her already.

Acknowledgment of the importance of the College has been reinforced by it having been granted affiliate status by the WPA since my last report, for the first time in its history. I can also report that the last biennial meeting of the College

held in Melbourne was one of the few in its history to actually make a profit, despite a drop in the numbers attending due to the September 11 crisis. I particularly give credit to the Organising Committee chaired by one of our fellows the Deputy Head of the Department of Psychiatry, The University of Melbourne, Professor Graham Burrows without whose excellent organizing skills the meeting would have been in significant financial difficulty. We made approximately AU\$25,000 profit as a result of support from a number of loyal organizations, in particular the pharmaceutical companies who were key sponsors of the meeting as well as supporting significant numbers of delegates to attend. This gives the college a financial base to continue its activities. Nonetheless it is a cause of some distress to find that a significant number of members have not paid their 2001 dues and if this trend continues, will leave us in a parlous state for the future. Details are given in the treasurer's report, but essentially as of 15 May 2002 approximately 109 members have paid for 2001 but 95 members were outstanding (Japan 21, China 10, Hawaii 2, Hong Kong 3, Korea 27, Taiwan 3, Thailand 1 and USA 16). There is certainly a challenge to both retain our membership and recruit new members for the College. It has been agreed that the 2002 subscription notices are being sent to Members with this Newsletter and in future the notices will be issued in April every year.

The three working groups set up at the last biannual meeting have been convened. Professor Nishizono's Education Working Group has been particularly active in putting forward two symposia for the WPA meeting in Yokohama. We

look forward to Prof Chiu's Research Group and Dr Lee's Service Development Group to be similarly pro-active.

Professor Philip Morris the editor of the newsletter is very enthusiastic about the future of the newsletter and you can read about his new ideas in his column. He also believes that an internet chat group for the PRCP where members can share information is also a worthwhile initiative.

I have recently returned from the Board of Directors meeting held on Tuesday 21 May 2002 in association with the meeting of the APA in Philadelphia. Five members of the board, Doctors Lee, Lu and Chung and Professors Nishizono and Tasman, attended and I also invited Prof Morris as newsletter editor to attend as an observer. We were particularly pleased to welcome to this meeting incoming Director Professor Alan Tasman, former president of the APA, who I am sure will make a great contribution to the work of the College. The Directors are very keen to publicise the College at the WPA meeting in Yokohama and our Japanese colleagues are looking at the feasibility of having a booth with flyers and poster highlighting the next meeting scheduled for 27-30 October 2003 in Hong Kong (put these dates in your diary now). There may be an opportunity to recruit new members as well.

The Board of Directors itself is very functional. Professor Yeh has signaled his intention to resign in 2003 and the board will be willing to accept the nomination of Dr Winston Chen as his replacement.

Although Professor Helen Chiu was not present at the meeting

I know from her that planning is well under way for the 11th PCRCP Meeting in Hong Kong and you can read about it in her report in this newsletter. At the Board meeting it was agreed that this meeting in 2003 would be jointly sponsored by the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists at their request with profit, if any, shared in a 2/3 -1/3 basis between the PRCP and H.K. College respectively.

At the joint APA/WPA Leaders in Mental Health dinner I made contact with the President of the APA, Professor Richard Harding, the current President Elect Professor Paul Appelbaum and the newly elected President Elect Dr Marcia Goin. To all of them I reinforced the importance of the college and its links with the APA. I was also able to brief Dr Norman Sartorius, former President of WPA and both candidates for President Elect, Professors Mezzich and Moussaoui about the College. Professor Tasman informed us that the APA had created a Commission on Global Psychiatry and that it may well be useful that I inform Dr Harold Eist who is chair of it about the College. I have since written to him. I attended a seminar at APA run by the Commission convened by Prof Arthur Klineman, involving Dr Bernadetta Saraceno, head of the Mental Health Branch of WHO, Dr Vickram Patel, and the current President Elect of WPA Prof Ahmed Okasha. I also attended Dr

Saraceno's keynote lecture on the future of global psychiatry.

I will be investigating the possibility of a joint symposium between the Pacific Rim College and the APA Commission on Global Psychiatry at the next APA meeting in San Francisco, where again the opportunities to try to encourage interest in the college and increase its membership are possible. In that regard I recently met Professor Munoz another former President of APA and also a Fellow of PRCP, who offered support and advice to continue to build links with the APA. The seminar at San Francisco will probably be on some aspect of cross cultural issues in diagnosis and treatment in the Asia Pacific region.

Other information shared at the meeting of the Board of Directors were that I reported on discussions that were occurring in regard to a Global journal of Psychiatry between one of our Fellows, Associate Professor Harry Minas and Dr Vickram Patel and Dr Bernadetta Saraceno of WHO which would provide another opportunity for papers from PRCP Members to be published. Unfortunately no further progress has been made on the history of the PRCP because of Dr Pasnau's other commitments. In addition it was agreed to accept the advice of one of our Directors Prof Judith Gold to establish a PRCP Psychotherapy Working Group which we will ask her to convene and publicise in the newsletter and on the website (where

the full minutes of the Board are posted).

In the secretary General's Report you will see that most of the Administrative aspects that have been necessary to facilitate the transition of the secretariat have occurred and the college is functioning smoothly. The Melbourne secretariat intend to produce 4 newsletters each year. It was agreed that the Board would meet again in Yokohama in association with the WPA meeting there as well as at the APA meeting in San Francisco in May 2003. Future meetings will be decided depending on appropriate international meetings where members of the board might well be present. Obviously one will be held in association with the 11th meeting in Hong Kong when the Biennial meeting of Members will also occur.

This is an exciting time for world Psychiatry with the World Health Report focusing on Mental Health for the first time ever and many new initiatives such as the Melbourne-Harvard program (see previous newsletter), being developed by members and Fellows of our College. I urge all current members to continue their support and to seek out new members and fellows as the college continues to offer the potential to facilitate development of Psychiatry in the Asia Pacific Region.



Doctor Lu, Professor Nishizono, Doctors Chung and Lee, Professors Singh and Tasman at the Board Meeting in Philadelphia, May 2002.***

FROM THE EDITOR



Professor Philip Morris

Dear Pacific Rim Colleague,

This newsletter is the second to be published in 2002. I hope the newsletter will be published on a regular schedule to keep members as up-to-date as possible. As more members of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists become connected electronically, the newsletter will be published in an electronic form, reducing the cost of producing the newsletter and enabling expansion of current space limitations. However, a printed version of the newsletter will be available for all members who are not able to obtain an electronic version. Printed copies will also be available for distribution to interested psychiatrists and potential members of our College.

This newsletter contains articles from the President and the General Secretary. Items also cover the membership status of the College as well as upcoming events. Four exciting meeting opportunities in the near future for Pacific Rim College members will be at (i) the World Psychiatric Association Meeting in Yokohama in August 2002, (ii) the Gold Coast International Mental Health Conference in Australia in October

2002 (iii) the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco in May 2003, and (iv) our next Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Congress in Hong Kong in 2003 (see upcoming events item).

At a recent meeting of our College executive at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, approval in principle was given to the idea of having a national newsletter correspondent for each of the countries represented in the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists. The President and I will be contacting College members in each country in order to recruit a member who could participate as a newsletter correspondent. The newsletter correspondent will be asked to provide a brief update on psychiatric developments and mental health issues in their own country that will be of interest to the wider readership of the newsletter. I hope that we will be able to feature one or more countries in each edition of the newsletter so that over time we will have a chance to review developments in mental health in all the countries that provide membership for our College. Being a newsletter correspondent is an important role but it should not be time consuming. One brief report per year would be required from the correspondent from each country. I look forward to working with the President to compile a list of correspondents who we will be able to draw on for future reports for our newsletter.

The College secretariat has established an email discussion list (or group) service. This electronic 'chat' room allows members to communicate with each other through email, and automatically distributes

these comments around the circle of members who have joined the discussion group list. This provides an opportunity for discussion of items or issues of interest that are important to Pacific Rim members. The discussion list will be moderated by College Secretariat Administrative Officer, Dominique Wiegand. The main purpose of the moderator is to identify that individuals who wish to join the list are members of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists and to facilitate the smooth operating of the chat room.

Issues that are often discussed through these types of discussion list/group services include clinical topics, medico-political concerns, training and education issues, research ideas, and the running of the College itself. I encourage all members who have email connections to join the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists email discussion list. The list can be joined by emailing:

d.wiegand@unimelb.edu.au. After joining, the next thing to do is to make a comment or ask a question and see what your colleagues think!

On the final page of this newsletter is an application form for membership of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists. Please use this to invite psychiatrists to become new members of our College.

I look forward to your thoughts and comments about this newsletter. Please contact me by mail via the PRCP or email **d.wiegand@unimelb.edu.au**

Best wishes
Philip Morris

LIST OF CURRENT PRCP MEMBERS, FELLOWS AND LIFE MEMBERS

A/Prof David Ames	Australia	Dr Tsunemi Hasegawa	Japan
Prof Jambur Ananth	USA	Dr Shunichiro Hayashi	Japan
Dr Naleen Andrade	USA	Prof Ian Hickie	Australia
A/Prof A Aoba	Japan	Dr Madelyn Hsiao-Rei Hicks	UK
Prof M Aronoff	USA	Prof Tetsuya Hirose	Japan
Dr H Asaba	Japan	Prof Hideo Hosaki	Japan
Dr K Asai	Japan	Prof Hai-Gwo Hwu	Taiwan
Prof M Asai	Japan	Prof Lourdes Ladrido Ignacio	Philippines
A/Prof Geon-Ho Bahn	Korea	Dr Johji Inomata	Japan
Prof Joseph Beumont	Australia	Prof Tetsuya Iwasaki	Japan
Dr Rodney Burgoyne	USA	Dr Kooock Elan Jung	USA
Prof Graham Burrows	Australia	Dr Suk-Hun Kang	Korea
Dr Jean Carlin	USA	A/Prof Osamu Kanno	Japan
Dr Tin Yau Teddy Chan	Hong Kong	A/Prof Rikihachiro Kano	Japan
Dr Christine Chang	USA	Prof Hiroo Kasahara	Japan
Prof Char-Nie Chen	Hong Kong	Prof Haruo Kashima	Japan
Prof Chu-Chang Chen	Taiwan	Dr Nobukatsu Kato	Japan
A/Prof Chwen Chen Chen	Taiwan	Prof Hajime Kazamatsuri	Japan
Dr Jim Chih-Hsien Chen	USA	Prof Abe Kazuhiko	Japan
Dr Yung-Chen Joseph Chen	USA	Dr Baik Seok Kee	Korea
Dr Seung-Douk Cheung	Korea	A/Prof Chan Hyung Kim	Korea
Dr Ching-Piao Chien	Taiwan	Dr Im Yel Kim	Korea
Prof Edmond Chiu	Australia	Prof Luke I C Kim	USA
Dr Helen Fung Kum Chiu	Hong Kong	Dr Peter Kim	USA
Dr Doo Young Cho	Korea	Dr Toshinori Kitamura	Japan
Dr James C-Y Chou	USA	Prof Kenji Kitanishi	Japan
Dr Christopher K Chung	USA	Prof Frank Kline	USA
Dr Eun-Kee Chung	Korea	Dr Grant N Ko	USA
Dr In-Won Chung	Korea	Dr Joyce Kobayashi	USA
Dr Thamrong Dasananjali	Thailand	Prof Takuya Kojima	Japan
Dr Supathana Dejatiwongse	Thailand	Prof Kenji Kosaka	Japan
Dr Peter Eisen	Australia	Prof Tsukasa Koyama	Japan
Prof Shunkichi Endo	Japan	Dr Hisashi Kumashiro	Japan
Dr Joseph T English	USA	Prof Dong Il Kwak	Korea
Prof Armando Favazza	USA	A/Prof Joan M Lawrence	Australia
Dr I Fawzy	USA	Dr Kyu-Hang Lee	Korea
Dr Marvin H Firestone	USA	Dr Chang Hee Lee	USA
Dr Richard J Forde	USA	Dr Chung Kyoon Lee	Korea
Dr Alfred M Freedman	USA	Dr Tsung Yi Lin	Canada
Prof Tetsuo Fukuda	Japan	Dr Choong Koung Lee	Korea
Dr Desmond S Fung	Hong Kong	Prof Man Hong Lee	Korea
Prof Ira D Glick	USA	Dr Min-Soo Lee	Korea
Dr Judith H Gold	Australia	Prof Moo-Suk Lee	Korea
Prof Byron J Good	USA	Dr Wen-Shiuan Lee	Taiwan
Dr Jean-Yves Gosselin	Canada	Dr Ying-Chiao Lee	Taiwan
Dr Thomas A Grieder	USA	Prof Robert L Leon	USA
Prof Niu-fan Gu	China	A/Prof Paul K Leung	USA
Dr Duane Q Hagen	USA	Prof Alan L Levenson	USA
Dr Woonge Hahm	Korea	Prof Felice Lieh-Mak	Hong Kong
Dr Won Sum Hahn	Korea	Prof Keh-Ming Lin	USA
Dr Kazuo Hasegawa	Japan	Dr Francis g Lu	USA
Dr Mikiko Hasegawa	Japan	Prof Hisao Maeda	Japan

Dr M Mahadevan	Malaysia	Dr Morihiro Sekiyama	Japan
Dr Keisuke Matsui	Japan	Dr Tsuneo Semba	Japan
Dr John McDermott	USA	Prof Mohamed Hatta Shaharom	Malaysia
Dr John S McIntyre	USA	Prof Winston Wi-Dien Shen	Taiwan
Dr Roy W Menninger	USA	Prof Yucun Shen	China
Prof Milton H Miller	USA	Dr Satoshi Shikiba	Japan
Dr Mark J Mills	USA	Dr Aroon Showanasai	Thailand
Prof Sing Kil Min	Korea	Prof Bruce Singh	Australia
Prof Byung-Kun Sin	Korea	Dr Lanny Snodgrass	USA
A/Prof Kyung-Joon	Korea	Dr Eliot Sorel	USA
Dr Kuninao Minakawa	Japan	Dr Sang Kyung Sung	Korea
A/Prof Harry Minas	Australia	Dr Juliana Sustento-Seneriches	USA
Prof Yoshio Mitsuyama	Japan	Prof Masashi Takeichi	Japan
Prof Atsuyoshi Mori	Japan	A/Prof Eng-Seong Tan	Australia
Prof Philip Morris	Australia	Prof Nobutada Tashiro	Japan
Dr Roderigo Munoz	USA	Prof Allan Tasman	USA
Prof Chul Na	Korea	Prof Chris Tennant	Australia
A/Prof Jun Nakamura	Japan	Prof John Tiller	Australia
Prof Yoshibumi Nakane	Japan	Dr Yuichiro Tokunaga	Japan
Dr Michael J Napoliello	USA	Dr Ming-Tze Tsuang	USA
Dr Chee Hong Ng	Australia	A/Prof Satoshi Tsutsumi	Japan
Dr Ton-That Niem	USA	Dr Peter Tucker	Australia
Prof Masahisa Nishizono	Japan	Dr Can Tuncer	Australia
Prof Shin-Ichi Niwa	Japan	A/Prof Gabor Ungvari	China
Prof Fumitaka Noda	Japan	Dr Shan Cheng Wang	China
Prof Yoshimi Nogami	Japan	Dr Zu Cheng Wang	China
Prof Barry Nurcombe	Australia	Dr Sidney Weissman	USA
Prof Chikara Ogura	Japan	Prof Jung-Kwang Wen	Taiwan
Dr Dong-Yul Oh	Korea	Prof Sasanto Wibisono	Indonesia
Prof Tatsuro Ohita	Japan	Dr Lawrence G Wilson	USA
Dr Teruo Okuma	Japan	Dr Jong Inn Woo	Korea
Dr George Ou	Hong Kong	Dr Wenyuan Wu	China
Dr In-Ho Paik	Korea	Prof Zhenyi Xia	China
Dr Myung-Ki Paik	Korea	Prof Tao-Yuan Xu	China
Dr Dong Chul Park	Korea	Dr Masahiko Yagihashi	Japan
Dr Doo Byung Park	Korea	Prof Nariyoshi Yamaguchi	Japan
Dr Kang-Kyu Park	Korea	Prof Joe Yamamoto	USA
Dr Robert O Pasnau	USA	Dr Kenichi Yamamoto	Japan
Dr Jonathon Phillips	Australia	Dr Itaru Yamashita	Japan
Prof Edmond H Pi	USA	Prof Toshio Yamauchi	Japan
Prof Sadanand Rajkumar	Australia	Prof Shigeto Yamawaki	Japan
Dr Baltazar Reyes	Philippines	Dr He-Qin Yan	China
Dr Man Hee Roh	Korea	Prof Wenwei Yan	China
Dr Melvin Sabshin	USA	Dr Chang Soon Yang	Korea
Prof Masami Saito	Japan	Dr Richard M Yarvis	USA
Dr Kenji Sakamoto	Japan	Dr Alayne Yates	USA
Dr Yoshio Sakamoto	Japan	Prof Eng-Kung Yeh	Taiwan
A/Prof Tsutomu Sakuta	Japan	Prof Hiroshi Yoneda	Japan
Dr Isa A Samad	USA	Prof Kae Joon Yoo	Korea
Dr Gerald J Sarwer-Foner	USA	Dr Derson Young	China
Dr Lindbergh S Sata	USA	Dr Mingyuan Zhang	China
A/Prof Takeshi Sato	Japan	Prof Mingdao Zhang	China
Dr Mitsumoto Sato	Japan	Dr Tianxing Zhou	China
Dr George F Schnack	USA		

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT



Associate Professor Eng-Seong Tan

The Secretariat in Melbourne after its transfer from Los Angeles is now fully functional. There were some minor teething problems but thanks to the efficiency of the Administrative Secretaries, Alis Gordon initially, and now Dominique Wiegand, the

administrative machinery is running smoothly.

The PRCP has applied for tax-exempt status in Australia on the grounds that it is a non-profit, educational and professional body. The application has been set in process, but these matters, we are informed by the agents who are working for us, take some time in Australia. We hope to get a favourable decision to our application in the near future.

This edition of the PRCP Newsletter will be published on the PRCP website and hard copies will only be sent to Members and Fellows who do not have an e-mail address according to our records.

In this respect we would still urge Members and Fellows to provide

us with their e-mail addresses if they have one. This will not only save the PRCP the cost of stationery and printing of Newsletters and notices, but it will result in a significant saving on postage costs which to date have been a major item in our annual expenditure.

Finally, the call for Members and Fellows to pay their outstanding subscriptions in the President's report cannot be stressed enough. With sufficient funds, the PRCP will be able to offer greater support to its members via upgrades to the website, assistance for the various working groups in their cross-national activities as well as other activities outside of the biennial congress.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AUD Account balance (Australian Account):	AU \$43,975.49
USD Account balance (Australian Account):	US \$9,297.46
USD Account balance (USA Account):	US \$3,300.96
Total number of PRCP paying Members and Fellows:	191
Number of Outstanding Memberships:	95
Value of outstanding subscription fees (up to and including 2001):	AU \$31,580.00
Income estimated for 2002 Membership subscriptions:	AU \$46,190.00
Costs estimated to be incurred for 2002:	AU \$29,554.00

PROFILE OF NEW MEMBER: PROFESSOR HAROON RASHID CHAUDHRY



Professor Haroon Rashid Chaudhry

Professor Haroon Rashid Chaudhry, following in his

father's footsteps, is the leader of Psychiatry in Pakistan today. After recently receiving a membership application from Professor Chaudhry, the PRCP warmly welcomes him as a new Member of the College. Professor Chaudhry completed his medical training at King Edward Medical College, Lahore in 1980, followed by postgraduate studies at the University of Vienna, Austria, where he achieved his Psychiatric qualification, in 1995 and later in the United Kingdom in 1998. Prof Chaudhry is now Professor and Head

of Psychiatry at Fatima Jinnah Medical College and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan. He specializes in schizophrenia and epilepsy research and also concentrates some of his interest in the psychiatry of drug addiction from both a clinical and research perspective. The PRCP looks forward to a long association with professor Chaudhry and welcomes his Pakistani colleagues to Membership of the PRCP

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet the Board and fellow Members of the PRCP

The Board will be meeting in Yokohama and any PRCP Members who will be attending the WPA conference are invited to meet for a drink from 5-6pm on Sunday 25 August 2002 at Yokohama Grand Inter-Continental Hotel, 1F Pearl Room

Joint Symposium with the APA Commission on Global Psychiatry

The PRCP is organising a half-day symposium to be held jointly with the APA Commission at the APA meeting in San Francisco in May 2003. The symposium will address cross-cultural issues in diagnosis and treatment in Asia-Pacific.

11th Congress of the PRCP Hong Kong 28 – 30 October 2003 Sheraton Hotel, Hong Kong

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mental health in the Pacific Rim"*

**Annual Gold Coast International Mental Health Conference
17th to 20th October 2002**

Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

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PROFILE OF NEW MEMBER: DOCTOR GAIL RICCITELLI

Dr Gail Riccitelli introduced herself to the PRCP at the 2001 conference in Melbourne and the PCRP is pleased to be able to now welcome her as a member of the College. Dr Riccitelli completed her medical training and residency in South Africa in 1994 and now holds a position at the Maori Mental Health Service in Taranaki, New Zealand.

Dr Riccitelli specialises in Women's disorders and is committed to transcultural mental health issues, particularly of the Maori population.

The PRCP looks forward to meeting Dr Riccitelli again at future conferences and also welcoming other colleagues from New Zealand as Members of the college.

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POST GRADUATE QUALIFICATION: _____

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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: US\$ 200.00

Annual Subscription: US\$ 75.00 (Member) US\$ 100.00 (Fellow)