

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF THE  
PACIFIC RIM COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS  
NEW ORLEANS, MONDAY 7 MAY 2001**

**Present:**

C Chung, KH Lee, F Lu, Y Nakane, M Nishizono, E Pi, B Singh, ES Tan.

**1. Apologies**

J Gold

**2. Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

There was discussion of:

- a. Relocation of PRCP to Melbourne, Australia
- b. Formation of subgroups
- c. Alterations to PRCP Constitution in accordance with circumstances in Australia
- d. Increase of Board from 12 to 15 members – this proposal was not supported
- e. Dr Alan Tasman – there was general support from the Committee for Dr Tasman to be accepted as Fellow and invited to stand as Board Member at the next Board Meeting
- f. Contact with Board Members:
  - E-mail present members to ascertain if they will stand for the next Board of the PRCP
  - E-mail present members to seek suggestions for sponsorship and donation
- g. PRCP Journal
  - Dr Lee suggested seeking sponsorship and donation to support PRCP Journal

**3. President's Report**

Dr Lee expressed his eagerness for the success of the 10<sup>th</sup> PRCP Congress

**4. Secretary General's Report**

A/Prof Tan reported that the relocation of the office to Melbourne is going well.

- a. The PRCP website has been established: <http://www.icms.com.au/10prcp/>  
New office stationery has been printed and carries the addresses of the Secretary General and the new PRCP office these are:

*Associate Professor Eng-Seong Tan, Secretary General, Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists, The Collaborating Centre, 12 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia 3065, Ph: +61 3 9419 3001, Fax: +61 3 9419 3306, E-mail: [tanese@svhm.org.au](mailto:tanese@svhm.org.au)*

Secretariat located at:  
*University of Melbourne Department of Psychiatry, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Charles Connibere Building, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria, Australia 3050, Ph: +61 3 9342 8715 or 8344 5509, Fax: +61 3 9347 3457, E-mail: [alis@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:alis@unimelb.edu.au)*

- b. Other matters are in the process of being finalized such as:
  1. Application for tax-exempt status in Australia
  2. Opening a bank account in US\$ for foreign currency payments
  3. Contact with Celia Brown

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

Dr Lu reported that as at 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 the PRCP bank account balance was US\$ 14,810.78. This excludes:

a. Relocation costs, estimated at	\$1,100.71
b. Ex-gratia payment to C Brown	\$1,000.00
c. APA meeting breakfast, estimated at	\$200.00
d. Newsletter	\$7,500.00

## **6. PRCP Congress**

Prof Singh reported on the progress of the organisation of the general conference program and of individual sessions.

It was decided that the deadline for submission of abstracts be extended until 15 June 2001 (and has since been extended until 30 June 2001). This new deadline will be communicated to all members via e-mail.

## **7. Aims and Roles of the PRCP**

Dr Lu has prepared a draft of the changes that need to be made to the PRCP By-Laws. The By-Laws will need to be further scrutinized and adapted to the Australian legal requirement, but they are now in electronic form for easy modification.

## **8. Membership**

- a. Dr Chung reported that as of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2001 there were 208 members of the PRCP which includes:
  - 4 resignations
  - 11 members dropped for non-payment of dues. Correspondence has gone out to some other members regarding fees owing, these members have not yet replied
  - 11 new members recruited

- b. There was a designation of Category 'D' countries (in accordance with World Bank classification) for reduced subscription rates. This category includes these countries
- Bangladesh
  - Cambodia
  - India
  - Pakistan
  - Indonesia
  - Korea (Dem. Rep.)
  - Nepal
  - Vietnam
- c. Dr Tan will communicate with Prof Yeh regarding Taiwan's possible interest in hosting the next PRCP congress. He will also contact Dr Yan regarding representation from China.
- d. New application forms are to be sent to Dr Lee and Dr Chung.

**9. New Business**

None

**10. Other Business**

None

**11. Next Meeting**