

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the PRCP**  
**Sunday, 25 August 2002**  
**Yokohama Intercontinental Hotel**

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**1. Attendance**

B. Singh, F. Lu, A Tasman, H.Q. Yan, M Nishizono, K.Y.Lee, H. Chiu, R Menninger, S K Min, Y Nakane, E.K. Yeh, E.S. Tan.

**2. Apologies**

J. Gold.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

F Lu proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 21 May 2002, held in Philadelphia, be adopted. A. Tasman seconded this motion.

**4. Matters Arising:**

**4a. Membership**

A list of the 96 members who have outstanding dues was presented to the Board. The Board agreed that the secretariat would send a statement of outstanding dues to these members and that Members of the Board would contact the relevant unfinancial PRCP members in their own countries by the end of 2002. The Board was generally sympathetic to Prof Tasman's suggestion of an amnesty but felt that the individual approach was the best one to take in order to explore the possibility with each person.

The Board also agreed that Prof Tan will write to Dr Dasananjali of Thailand asking him to pay his dues. It was confirmed that the PRCP will waive the initial joining fee for people who submit an application to join the College whilst attending the Hong Kong Congress in 2003 as was done in Melbourne in 2001.

**4b. Newsletter**

The Board was advised that the July 2002 Newsletter has been circulated to all members either electronically or by mail. Following a suggestion by Prof Morris, the Board discussed appointing PRCP Members as correspondents for each country who can submit relevant news items to the Editor of the Newsletter. The following names have been suggested for the countries indicated:

Japan	Prof M Nishizono
S. Korea	Prof K.Y. Lee
U.S.A.	Prof F. Lu
Taiwan	successor to E.K. Yeh
China	Dr Xiao (pending her election to Fellowship)
Hong Kong	Dr G Ungvari

The President also informed the Board that there will be two more Newsletters produced by the end of 2002.

#### **4c. PRCP Journal**

No further information.

#### **4d History of PRCP**

No further information

#### **4e. Working Groups**

- Education: Prof Nishizono will run two seminars at the meeting in Yokohama. They will focus on undergraduate and postgraduate medical education in the Asian context and report on them.
- Service delivery: Dr Lee will report on the activities of this group at the next Board meeting.
- Research: Prof Edmond Chiu will also present a report at the next Board meeting (to be followed up by Dr Tan).

#### **4f. Board of Directors**

Dr Yan advised that he will shortly be retiring from the Board and suggested that he should be replaced by Dr. Xiao, also from Shanghai, who has applied to join the PRCP.

Prof Yeh is stepping down from his position on the Board in 2003 and suggested two possible candidates for his replacement: Winston Chen and Lee Min Pin.

It was agreed the membership of the Board be restricted to 5 terms apart from the time a member serves as an officer of the Board. It was also agreed that notice of retirement of Directors of the Board will be inserted in the next Newsletter. The length of time of all directors is clear except for that of Prof Nishizono who will clarify this with Prof Singh.

#### **4g. Correspondence with Dr Eist**

Prof Singh advised the Board that he has suggested to Dr Eist that the PRCP run a joint symposium with the APA in San Francisco in May 2003. There has been no response from Dr Eist to date, therefore, the PRCP will run its own seminar. Prof Lu agreed to coordinate the submission.

#### **5. PRCP Congress in Hong Kong 27 – 30 October 2003.**

Prof Helen Chiu reported that she is sending brochures of the Congress to Dr Lee and Prof Min for circulation to non-PRCP members. The Board was advised that Eli Lilly will sponsor a Neuroscience symposium the day before the conference begins.

The Board discussed whether the registration fee for the Congress should be lowered to attract non-psychiatrist mental health workers, and whether all future meetings should be opened to non-psychiatrists considerable discussion ensued. No final decision was reached and the issue will be raised again in San Francisco.

## **6. President's report**

The Board discussed who would be an appropriate candidate for the next President-Elect and where would be the best the location for the biennial congress in 2005. Currently the only suggestion was Taiwan from Prof Yeh. Prof Singh raised the possibility of whether the position of President-Elect should continue to be linked to the location of the meeting. The Board agreed that these matters will be discussed further at the meeting in San Francisco.

## **7. President-Elect's Report**

Prof Helen Chiu raised the issue of expanding the membership of the PRCP and suggested that a widening of the benefits of membership such as assistance to travel or to do research may provide incentives. The Board asked Prof Helen Chiu to prepare a paper to support these recommendations.

## **8. Secretary-General Report**

The PRCP account in US dollars in the National Australia Bank has been closed due to the high charges imposed by the bank. As a result the money from this account was converted to Australian dollars and deposited into the Australian Dollar account.

Although all members will be asked to pay their subscriptions in Australian Dollar cheques or by credit card in future, any cheques that are received in US dollars will have to be converted to Australian dollars and a conversion fee will apply.

## **9. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the PRCP funds in Los Angeles are sound, and will be transferred to Melbourne as soon as the tax-free status of the PRCP in Australia is confirmed.

## **10. Membership Report:**

Dr Sato's resignation was tabled and the Board agreed that Dr Chung will make a decision as to whether he will be offered Emeritus status.

## **11. PRCP Website**

The July edition of the Newsletter has now been published on the PRCP website as will the minutes of this Board Meeting.

## **12. PRCP Psychotherapy Interest Group**

The Board concurred that the establishment of this group, proposed by Judith Gold, is to be promoted on the PRCP website. Discussion as to the terms of reference and activities will be left up to her to submit for the next Board Meeting.

## **13. Other Business**

None raised.

## **14. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PRCP Board will be held at the APA in San Francisco in May 2003. The meeting concluded with a reception for Directors, Members, Fellows and spouses which was attended by approximately 50 participants.