

**PACIFIC RIM COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS
BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 7 October 2006

5.20-6.30pm

Room 201BC, TICC

Taipei, Taiwan

MINUTES

Present: Prof Helen Chiu (President), Prof Allan Tasman (President Elect), Assoc Prof Eng Seong Tan (Secretary General), Prof Francis Lu (Treasurer), Prof Fumitaka Noda, Dr Phillip Morris, Prof Kyu Hang Lee, Prof Ming Been Lee, Prof Chu Chang Chen, Prof Sung Kil Min, Assoc Prof Paul Leung, Prof Keh Ming Lin, Prof Shinfuku Naotaka, Prof Min Soo Lee, Assoc Prof Chee Ng, Prof Christopher Chung, Dr Tsuyoshi Akiyama

Administration – Fiona Kelly

Apologies: Prof Bruce Singh

- 1. Call to order by the President (Prof Helen Chiu)**
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the Biennial General Meeting of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists held in Hong Kong in 2004 were proposed to be accurate by Assoc Prof Eng-Seong Tan (Secretary General). Prof Francis Lu second these minutes. There was no objection.

- 3. Presidents report (Prof Helen Chiu)**

Prof Helen Chiu explained that the PRCP is currently in a very good position financially and membership has increased in the last 2 years. She congratulated Prof Ming Been Lee for organising the 12th PRCP Scientific Meeting. Prof Ming Been Lee apologised for being unable to attend the PRCP Board Meeting on 5 Oct 2006, he explained that a total of 13 countries are represented at the 12th Scientific Meeting, approximately 130 local Taiwanese and 140 visitors. The organising committee will prepare a report presenting the financial details of the conference in the near future.

Prof Helen Chiu presented Assoc Prof Eng-Seong Tan and Prof Christopher Chung with a certificate of appreciation.

Report on Tsunami response of PRCP

The PRCP has been working with the World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

following the Tsunami. Representatives of the PRCP attended the National Meeting in Kobe in February 2005. Prof Helen Chiu thanked Prof Shinfuku for his work at this time. The PRCP Secretariat contacted all members asking for members to indicate what resources are available to assist following the tsunami. A number of responses were received. A website was developed to provide information regarding disaster response and the PRCP is supporting the Asia Pacific Network for Emergencies (APMNE).

Research Awards

Research awards in the categories of schizophrenia, mood disorders and dementia have been offered at this Scientific Meeting. The research awards were very competitive and a high quality of work was received. This year there is 4 recipients as there was a tie for the mood disorders award. The recipients will be presented their award at the gala dinner and will present their work on Sunday at the Research Awards symposium. The recipients will receive USD\$3500.00.

Report on other activities of PRCP

The PRCP membership has increased and this can partly be credited to an anonymous donation to invite 19 Chinese senior psychiatrists to join the PRCP and fund their first year membership dues. The 11th Scientific Meeting in Hong Kong generated a large profit with USD128,000 being transferred to the PRCP Account.

Nomination for Board of Directors and Editor

Prof Helen Chiu explained that 4 Board members will be standing down, they are Prof Judith Gold, Assoc Prof Eng Seong Tan, Prof Edmond Pi and Prof Christopher Chung. Prof Helen Chiu thanked these Board members for their support. Prof Helen Chiu also explained that at the Meeting of the Board on 5 October 2006 the Board supported a motion to create an additional Vice President role to increase the number of officers and allow better representation and involvement. The Vice President term is for 2 years. The Board of the PRCP elected the following officers of the Board.

President	Prof Allan Tasman
President Elect	Prof Fumitaka Noda
Secretary General	Assoc Prof Chee Ng
Vice President	Prof Zeping Xiao
Vice President	Prof Ee Heok Kua, Singapore
Treasurer	Prof Francis Lu

Prof Allan Tasman proposed the following members for the Board of Directors

Prof Shimpei Inoue	Japan
Prof Kyu Hang Lee	Korea
Prof Sung Kil Min	Korea
Prof Yoshiyumi Nakane	Japan
Prof Bruce Singh	Australia
Prof Helen Chiu	Hong Kong
Prof Ming Been Lee	Taiwan

Prof Pichet Udomratn	Thailand
Prof Michelle Riba	USA
Prof Li Ling-Jiang	China
Dr Philip Morris	Australia
Assoc Prof Paul Leong	USA

Prof Christopher Chung second this motion, all members were in favour.

Prof Allan Tasman proposed Dr Tsuyoshi Akiyama of Japan for the Editor of the PRCP Newsletter. Dr Philip Morris seconded this motion, all members were in favour.

Prof Helen Chiu officially handed over the presidency to Prof Allan Tasman.

4. Incoming Presidents report

Prof Allan Tasman thanked Prof Helen Chiu and the members of the Board especially Prof Bruce Singh.

Prof Tasman spoke of the positive future for the PRCP with the new journal which will be a collaboration of 3 psychiatric associations working with Oxford University Press. The first issue is anticipated to be in Dec 2007 or Jan 2008.

The PRCP Board approved the introduction of a new membership category of 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 strong track record of accomplishment. All present fellows will automatically become distinguished fellows, the membership committee of the PRCP will review all current members to establish if they should remain a member or become a fellow.

Prof Tasman spoke of his aims as president to expand the PRCP to include South America and to begin an international collaboration of academic projects.

5. Secretary General (Assoc Prof Eng-Seong Tan)

Assoc Prof Eng-Seong Tan thanked the Board of the PRCP for their support. He spoke of starting as Secretary General in January 2000 in Seoul, Korea and the Secretariat moving from the USA to Melbourne, Australia at a difficult time financially and for membership. He spoke of the Secretariat running smoothly now and the improved membership (129 in Hong Kong in 2004 to 186 currently) and encouraged members to pay their dues as a significant amount is currently outstanding. Assoc Prof Tan expressed his honour to act as an officer of the PRCP Board and thanked Prof Bruce Singh and Prof Helen Chiu for their support as President during his time as Secretary General.

Prof Allan Tasman thanked Assoc Prof Tan for an outstanding effort and

welcomed Assoc Prof Chee Ng as Secretary General.

6. Treasurer's Report (Prof Francis Lu)

Prof Francis Lu reported that the PRCP finances are in a favourable position, this can be attributed to both the success of the 11th PRCP Scientific Meeting in Hong Kong and the efficient running of the secretariat in Melbourne, Australia. Prof Lu thanked Prof Bruce Singh for his support of the PRCP Secretariat, Prof Singh will continue to support the secretariat while he is the Chair of Psychiatry at the University of Melbourne. Prof Lu explained that the PRCP funds are to be moved to an interest bearing account with less bank fees.

Prof Lu explained that a number of members are in arrears. A special working group of the Board of Directors met on Friday 6 October to discuss the outstanding bad debts. A letter will be sent to all members in arrears. The Board considered reducing the dues.

Prof Allan Tasman thanked Prof Francis Lu.

7. Membership Committee Report (Prof Chung)

Prof Christopher Chung did not have anything in addition to the membership issues raised earlier in the meeting.

8. Location of 13th PRCP Scientific Meeting and future PRCP Congresses

Prof Noda explained that the 13th PRCP Scientific Meeting will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 30 October to 2 of November 2008. The venue will be in central Tokyo. The organising committee will arrange accommodation options, the conference has been planned to make the most of the Japanese autumn. Prof Noda extended an invitation to all members to attend the 13th PRCP Scientific Meeting in 2008.

Prof Allan Tasman explained that the PRCP is looking at holding the 2010 Scientific Meeting in Shanghai, China. The PRCP Board will need to confirm this.

9. Other Business

Prof Allan Tasman thanked Prof Ming Been Lee for a very enjoyable Scientific Meeting in Taipei.

Prof Allan Tasman thanked Prof Helen Chiu for her outstanding work as President of the PRCP.

10. Next Meeting

To be advised.