

Dear AsCNP Members:

This is our eighth AsCNP Presidential Correspondence. Our previous correspondence can be found on our website: <http://ascnp.org/publications/pastPC.html>.

#### AsCNP 2021 Singapore Congress

AsCNP 2021 will be held at the Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre on October 22-24, 2021. I would like to announce that Dr. Gavin Dawe, the chair of the congress and AsCNP Council member, became Head of Department of Pharmacology, National University of Singapore. Following are the Plenary/Keynote speakers (Figure 1):

Prof. Andrea Cipriani, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Prof. Lakshmi N. Yatham, University of British Columbia, Canada

Prof. Roger McIntyre, University of Toronto, Canada

You can watch the AsCNP 2021 Singapore Congress promotional video on our website: <http://ascnp.org/images/AsCNP2021.mp4>

#### CINP 2021 Virtual Congress (32<sup>nd</sup> World Congress)

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CINP 2020 Taipei Congress had been postponed until February 2021. Moreover, the congress that will be held in February was changed from an in-person congress to a virtual congress: <https://www.cinp2020.org/>

Thanks to the rapid spread of teleconferencing technologies, we can stay apprised of progress in the field of neuropsychopharmacology through such virtual congresses. Under the leadership of CINP President Prof. Siegfried Kasper, the CINP 2021 Virtual Congress will be well organized. Two AsCNP members, Prof. Tung-Ping Su and Prof. Noriko Osumi, will be Plenary Speakers. The AsCNP Committee has been launched for this virtual congress. As the committee chair, I hope many AsCNP members will participate in this congress. The CINP World Congress will return to Taipei in June 2022 for the 34th World Congress of Neuropsychopharmacology.

#### AsCNP delegates for ACNP 2020 Annual Meeting

The American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) gives AsCNP six slots for researchers and two slots for young investigators to attend the ACNP Annual Meeting and present posters. This year, the following AsCNP members were selected for these slots:

<Researchers>

Masayo Fujita, PhD

Takatoshi Hikida, MD, PhD

Takahiro A. Kato, MD, PhD

Atsumi Nitta, PhD

Sei Ohka, PhD

Tomiki Sumiyoshi, MD, PhD

<Young Investigators>

Yui Asaoka, PhD student

Yukiko Ochiai, MD

The 59th Annual Meeting of ACNP will also be held virtually in December 2020.

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of JSNP

The Japanese Society of Neuropsychopharmacology (JSNP) is an AsCNP member society. It celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Distinguished neuropsychopharmacologists, including AsCNP members (Jun Soo Kwon, Tianmei Si, Tung-Ping Su, Chay Hoon Tan, and Andi J. Tanra) sent congratulatory messages to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative book, edited by Prof. Naoyuki Hironaka. Messages from outside Japan can be found here:

[https://www.jsnp-org.jp/img/about/JSNP50\\_memorialmagazine\\_02.pdf](https://www.jsnp-org.jp/img/about/JSNP50_memorialmagazine_02.pdf)

#### AsCNP Executive Committee Meeting

The AsCNP Executive Committee meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing on August 6. Preparation of the AsCNP 2021 Singapore Congress was discussed. The congress format (physical, virtual, or hybrid) was discussed after closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in Asia. Regardless of the format, the AsCNP Congress will be held in 2021. A renewal of the AsCNP website has also been discussed. Our Guideline Committee was also launched:

Chair: Andi J. Tanra

Vice-Chair: Young-Chul Chung

Vice-Chair: Ryota Hashimoto

Member: Ming-Chyi Huang

Member: Kristian Liaury

Member: Hisatsugu Miyata

Member: Naren Rao

Member: Hiroyuki Uchida

Member: Shigeto Yamawaki

Member: Yen-Kuang Yang

Several Guideline Committee meetings have already been held via Zoom and by email. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on October 31, 2020, via Zoom.

#### AsCNP website renewal

Since responsive website design becomes popular recently, our website will be renewed soon. As our secretariat announced, there are two candidate versions, blue and orange versions. I hope many AsCNP members vote by October 29 at the website announced.

Stay safe and healthy as we continue to combat COVID-19 and learn from this virulent virus.

Sincerely,



Kazutaka Ikeda

AsCNP President (2019, 2020)

October 2020



# 7th Congress of AsCNP

Asian College of Neuropsychopharmacology

**Advances in Neuropsychopharmacology:  
Spotlights on progress and beacons to the future**

**October 22-24, 2021**

**Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Singapore**

## Plenary/Keynote Speakers



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Figure 1. AsCNP 2021 Flyer.