

Dear AsCNP Members:

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

6th AsCNP Congress

The 6th Asian College of Neuropsychopharmacology (AsCNP) Congress was held in Fukuoka, Japan, on October 11-13, 2019, together with the 49th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neuropsychopharmacology (JSNP), 29th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Clinical Neuropsychopharmacology (JSCNP), Fall Meeting of the Korean College of Neuropsychopharmacology (KCNP), Fall Meeting of the Taiwanese Society of Biological Psychiatry and Neuropsychopharmacology (TSBPN), and 2nd ASEAN-AsCNP Meeting (<https://www2.aeplan.co.jp/ascnp/index.html>). The main theme of the AsCNP 2019 Congress was “Neuropsychopharmacology to the Next Generation: New Wave from Asia.” Although Typhoon Hagibis descended on Japan during the congress, the meeting concluded successfully with over 2,200 participants (approximately 1,500 for AsCNP 2019). Among 85 oral sessions, including Special Lectures and symposia and three poster sessions for the AsCNP 2019 congress, 84 oral sessions and three poster sessions were held (Photos 1-4). On behalf of the AsCNP/JSNP/JSCNP 2019 Executive Committee, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your attendance and contributions to the congress while overcoming many difficulties. The growing need for central nervous system medications that are especially targeted to Asians and recent advances in neuropsychopharmacology in both academia and industry prompted many neuropsychopharmacologists, researchers, and clinicians in related medical fields to participate in the congress from all over the world.

AsCNP Board Meeting

On October 12, the AsCNP Board Meeting was held in Fukuoka with 31 attendees (Photo 5). The current status of AsCNP, which includes 3200 members from 17 countries/regions and has funds in the amount of JPY 8,000,000, was reported by Atsumi Nitta (Japan), Secretary of AsCNP. She announced that the company that assists with AsCNP management will be changed from Convention Linkage to AE Planning on January 1, 2020. Shih-Ku Lin (Taiwan), Chair of the Award Committee, reported the AsCNP Lundbeck Science Award. Andi J. Tanra (Indonesia), Chair of the Education Committee, proposed the 3rd ASEAN-AsCNP Meeting in Fall 2020. Gavin S. Dawe (Singapore), Chair of the 7th AsCNP Congress in Singapore in 2021, discussed preparations for the congress and mentioned fascinating aspects of Singapore (Photo 6). Our Korean AsCNP Board Members preferred hosting the 10th AsCNP Congress in 2027 in Korea rather than hosting the 8th AsCNP Congress in 2023. Tianmei Si and Zhong Chen, Chinese AsCNP Board Members, agreed to consider hosting the 8th AsCNP Congress in 2023.

AsCNP Lundbeck Science Award

The AsCNP Lundbeck Science Award was launched, with special thanks to Lundbeck and our Award Committee for the generous support and hard work, respectively. The awardees were Brian Dean (Australia) for basic research and Toshiaki A. Furukawa (Japan) for clinical research. The award ceremony and award lectures were held during the AsCNP 2019 Congress (Photos 7, 8).

CINP

The International College of Neuropsychopharmacology (CINP) is an important partner of AsCNP. The CINP World Congress will be held in Taipei on June 25-28, 2020 (<https://www.cinp2020.org/>) (Photo 9). The CINP 2020 Committee includes the Local Organizing Committee, South Asia and South-East Asia Committee, and AsCNP Committee. Registration and the Call for Abstracts will begin in November 2019. The Dragon Boat Festival will also occur during the CINP congress in Taipei (<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3692086>).

The CINP World Congress will be held in Tokyo on May 25-28, 2024. After AsCNP 2019 in Fukuoka, CINP President Siegfried Kasper (Austria), President-Elect Pierre Blier (Canada), Vice-President Shih-Ku Lin (Taiwan), four CINP Councillors (Atsumi Nitta (Japan), Jun Soo Kwon (Korea), Ryota Hashimoto (Japan), and Allan H. Young (United Kingdom)), and other distinguished neuropsychopharmacologists visited Tokyo, and CINP decided that Tokyo will be the host city for the CINP 2024 World Congress (Photo 10).

Please mark your schedule.

I encourage you to visit the AsCNP website, which is frequently updated:

<http://ascnp.org/index.html>.

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AsCNP President (2019, 2020)
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Photo 1. AsCNP/JSNP/JSCNP 2019 Opening Ceremony



Photo 2. AsCNP/JSNP/JSCNP 2019 Joint Social Gathering



Photo 3. Japanese Culture Experience at AsCNP 2019

(From left) Ilhamuddin Azis, Andi Fatimah, Andi J. Tantra, Ekachaeryanti Zain, Yuliana Azis, Ilham Jaya



Photo 4. AsCNP/JSNP/JSCNP 2019 Chairs and Secretaries
 (From left) Takahiro Shinkai, Fumitoshi Kodaka, Kazutaka Ikeda, Reiji Yoshimura,
 Hisatsugu Miyata, Shinya Kasai



Photo 5. AsCNP Board Meeting
 (From left, back) Shinya Kasai, Kiyofumi Yamada, Ming-Chyi Huang, Eric Y.H. Chen, Ya-Mei Bai,
 Hiroyuki Uchida, Lih-Chu Chiou, Manit Srisurapanont, Kazutaka Shimoda, Naren Rao,
 Hisatsugu Miyata, Toshikazu Saito, Gavin S. Dawe, Young-Chul Chung, Kristian Liaury,
 Kyung Joon Min, Melissa Mariano, Zhong Chen, Winston W. Shen, Roger Ho
 (From left, front) Atsumi Nitta, Shigeto Yamawaki, Tianmei Si, Shih-Ku Lin, Kazutaka Ikeda,
 Andi J. Tanra, Chay Hoon Tan, Chan Hyung Kim



Photo 6. Poster of 7th AsCNP Congress in Singapore in 2021



Photos 7, 8. Lundbeck Science Award
Awardee: Brian Dean (left), Toshiaki A Furukawa (right)
Presenter: Shih-Ku Lin



Photo 9. CINP 2020

(From left) Chia-Min Huang, Ming-Chyi Huang, Wan-Chun Tseng



Photo 10. Tokyo site visit for CINP 2024 World Congress

(From left, back) Shih-Ku Lin, Atsumi Nitta, Bernhard Baune, Tianmei Si, Andrea Cipriani,
 Chay Hoon Tan, Ryota Hashimoto, Yuki Moriya, Soichiro Ide, Katsuko Shimizu,
 Elena Bychenkova-Maliouguina, Rina Suzuki, Naoko Omura
 (From left, front) Herbert Y. Meltzer, Hisao Masai, Siegfried Kasper, Hidehiro Mizusawa,
 Pierre Blier, Kazutaka Ikeda, Jun Soo Kwon, Ming-Chyi Huang