

Dear AsCNP Members:

I would like to express my sincere condolences to anyone whose loved ones have succumbed to COVID-19 and my heartfelt sympathy to all who have been affected. I am thankful for the people who are combating this infectious disease in accordance with regulations. It is important to face the seriousness of this global crisis while maintaining a healthy mind. I believe neuropsychopharmacology can contribute to alleviating COVID-19-related mental health problems.

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

#### Congresses and meetings

AsCNP 2021 in Singapore will be held on October 22-24, 2021, as originally planned. However, we are unsure if we can hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> AsCNP-ASEAN International Congress in 2020. This will depend on the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Because of COVID-19, many other congresses and meetings have been cancelled or postponed. The CINP 2020 World Congress in Taipei, originally planned for June 25-28, 2020, is now postponed until February 25-28, 2021. I appreciate the many members of the Taiwanese Society of Biological Psychiatry (TSBPN), especially Shih-Ku Lin (Taiwan; Vice-President of AsCNP and Vice-President of CINP), and CINP President Siegfried Kasper (Austria) for their commendable efforts in coordinating the postponement. I hope many AsCNP members can participate in the CINP World Congress in Taipei in 2021 (<https://www.cinp2020.org/>).

#### New CINP Board members

Past-AsCNP Councilor Jun Soo Kwon (Korea) has served as a CINP Councilor for 10 years and will step down from the board at the next CINP World Congress. He showed great leadership as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee of the CINP 2016 World Congress in Seoul, and his efforts made the congress incredibly successful. I sincerely appreciate his significant contributions to the Asian presence in CINP. During the CINP elections, three AsCNP members, Tianmei Si (China; Vice-President of AsCNP), Ming-Chyi Huang (Taiwan; Council Member of AsCNP), and Noboru Hiroi (USA; Corresponding Member of AsCNP), were elected as CINP Board members (Photo 1, <https://cinp.org/>). The relationship between AsCNP and CINP will be further strengthened by their appointments.

#### Bulletin of the AFPA

The Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations (AFPA) has published one or two bulletins annually since 2014. The editor is Winston Shen (Taiwan; Advisor of AsCNP). Various activities of AsCNP are highlighted in these bulletins, and I encourage AsCNP members to visit the bulletin website (<http://www.afpa.asia/en/bulletin.html>) to stay abreast of all related Asian activities.

I also encourage you to visit the AsCNP website (<http://ascnp.org/index.html>), which is frequently updated.

Keep healthy and stay safe as we continue to combat and learn from this virulent virus.

Sincerely,

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AsCNP President (2019, 2020)  
April 2020



**Tian Mei Si, China**  
CINP Councilor (2020 -  
2024)



**Ming-Chyi Huang,  
Taiwan**  
CINP Councilor (2020 -  
2024)



**Noboru Hiroi, USA**  
CINP Councilor (2020 -  
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**Photo 1. ACNP members elected as CINP Council members in 2020.**