

Dear AsCNP Members:

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

Humans are still facing various COVID-19-related problems. Prof. Torgny Svensson, a leader in the field of neuropsychopharmacology, succumbed to COVID-19 on June 12, 2020. I would like all AsCNP members to maintain their own health and contribute to alleviating COVID-19-related mental health problems.

AsCNP Congresses

AsCNP 2021 will be held at the Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre on October 22-24, 2021. AsCNP 2023 will be held in China, likely in September, together with the annual meeting of the Chinese Society of Psychiatry. The date and city will be decided in 2021.

Executive Committee Meeting and Board Meeting

The AsCNP Executive Committee meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing on May 31 (Photo 1), and the Board meeting was also held via Zoom on June 12 (Photo 2). AsCNP Executive Committee meetings will be held once every 2 or 3 months, and the next Board meeting will be held in December 2020.

Launching of Guideline Committee

The AsCNP Guideline Committee will be launched soon. The chair of the committee is Prof. Andi J. Tanra. Therapeutic guidelines improve the quality of therapies and have been established in several Asian countries. The Guideline Committee will collect these established guidelines for pharmacotherapies for neuropsychiatric disorders in Asia and discuss newly proposed guidelines.

AsCNP Website

I encourage you to visit the AsCNP website (<http://ascnp.org/index.html>), which is frequently updated. The Executive Committee has started discussions about renewing the website. I would like to hear ideas about the new AsCNP website from AsCNP members.

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

Sincerely,

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AsCNP President (2019, 2020)
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Photo 1. AsCNP Executive Committee meeting via Zoom on May 31, 2020.



Photo 2. AsCNP Board meeting via Zoom on June 12, 2020.