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MESSAGE FROM THE AASP PRESIDENT



Dear AASP
colleagues and
friends:

The year of 2012
is coming. Let's
pray together for
another productive and
prosperous year in 2012.

When we look back upon the
year of 2011, the 9th biennial
conference of AASP being
held in July in Kunming,
China stood out immediately
in front of us. In terms of the
number of participants (over
800) and the number of
papers (more than 1000)
submitted to the conference,
the conference should
unquestionably be a heavy
mark in the history of AASP.

Another great event
happened in 2011 is that
AASP have made a favorable
agreement with Wiley press
to expand our journal AJSP
by increasing its page number
in a reasonable price. We all
definitely know that AJSP is a
very important window for
Asian-Pacific social
psychologists to show the
research outcomes related

with their own culture and
social reality to the other
parts of the world.

I believe that with full
support from all of you,
further progresses will be
made with AASP in the year of
2012.

Wish all of you a Happy New
Year!

Zhang Jianxin
President AASP

**Next Conference: AASP 2013,
August 20-23, 2013,
Yogyakarta, Indonesia**

The AASP 2013 Conference will
be held at Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
The theme of the conference is
"Enhancing Quality of Life
through Community Integrity and
Cultural Diversity: Promoting
Indigenous, Social and Cultural
Psychology". More information is
available [at the conference
website](#) or on this promotional
flyer ([PDF, 3 MB](#)).

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT



It is with great pleasure and a profound sense of responsibility that I write this first message to AASP members as the

new President Elect of the association. I'd like to express my thanks to our President & Scientific Committee Chair Jianxin Zhang, China Regional Representative & Organizing Chair Li Liu, Chinese Association of Social Psychology President Yiyin Yang and all their supporters for hosting our latest (and largest) conference to date in Kunming China. I'd also like to express appreciation to Fanny Cheung and her new team for taking on the important duties of editing Asian Journal of Social Psychology. I would also like to thank all the AASP members who participated in the Presidential election as well as to indicate my respect and admiration for Hamdi Muluk who also stood for election in Kunming.

As someone who has served as an informal historian for the association, I am proud of the progress AASP has made, particularly in the core function of holding conferences and publishing a journal. Both of these are very healthy and growing, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Jogjakarta, Indonesia for our next conference August 20-23, 2013.

But in terms of organizational commitment and membership, we have not done quite as well. We always see a surge in membership after a conference, and a decline following this. Our membership lags behind that of major associations in the USA or Europe, perhaps because we do not have enough activities or communications to motivate membership in the association between conferences. Therefore, I would like to use this opportunity to invite each and every member to revisit what I consider to be a foundational statement for AASP by first AJSP Editor Uichol Kim:

"AASP [Asian Association of Social Psychology] was formed out of the need to create a "third force" in social psychology (the first being represented by the United States, the second represented by Europe). The main goals of AASP are (1) to explore, address, and advance the unique contribution that could be made by Asian psychologists in investigating issues that are relevant and of interest to them; (2) to expand the boundary, substance and direction of social psychology beyond its initial Euro-American base; (3) to move away from the narrow focus on intra-individual and move towards an integration of various areas of psychology as well as sister disciplines; (4) to promote research on Asian traditions, philosophies, and ideas that have psychological contents and/or implications; (5) to encourage links between Asian and Western facts and principles of social psychology; and (6) to provide Asian-Pacific scholars with a scientific forum for discussion,

I invite you to assist the Executive Committee shaping this into a Mission Statement for AASP with implications for organizational identity and strategic action. A Mission Statement is defined as "The contribution that characterizes a group or an organization's identity" by Cardona & Rey (2008).

What I would like to hear from members is (1) How well does this statement serve as a mission statement for AASP? Is there anything you would like to add or subtract or seek consideration as an alternative? (if you are happy with this, we can move on quickly to the last two questions) (2) What strategic actions should AASP undertake to fulfil its mission and be helpful to you as individual members? These may include items for the journal, website, conferences, online activities, inter-associational activities, professional development, newsletter, summer school, scholarships, constitution, or membership services. They may include expressions of interest for contributing your efforts. (3) How should we measure progress towards fulfilling this mission? There should be accountability of the organization to the wishes expressed by members, and so concrete measures for assessing progress are important.

It is my hope that by engaging members in a dialogue around these questions, we can produce a mission statement for AASP that will provide strategic direction and foster organizational development and commitment for the future.

In terms of process, I have asked our Regional and

Country Representatives to lead discussions with their fellow AASP members in their country or region in their language of convenience about the three big questions above, as well as any more specific concerns members may have for the organization. So in the near future, members should expect to hear from your regional or country representative asking for your input on these issues. Your AASP Regional and Country Representatives are as follows:

Taekyun Hur (South Korea), Noraini Noor (Malaysia), Manalastas (Philippines), Linda Skitka (The Americas), Paul Bain (Australia, NZ, and Europe), Purnima Singh (India), Li-Li Huang (Taiwan), Sylvia Chen (Hong Kong), Kwararini Yuniarti & Hamdi Muluk (Indonesia), Li Liu (China), Masaki Yuki & Tasuku Igarashi (Japan), Nadari Habibollah (Iran & the Middle East), Catherine Wan (Singapore), Eric Manalastas (Philippines), Linda Skitka (The Americas), Paul Bain (Australia, NZ, and Europe). You should be receiving contact (probably via email) from them seeking your engagement soon.

The Regional and Country representatives will be tasked to write a short 1-2 page English language summary report back to the Executive Committee (including participants and method of participation by members) by May-2012. I will lead an effort to gather together the information from these reports and refine a Mis-

sion Statement and agenda for the organization that will be presented in a newsletter and posted on our website in late 2012 for comment. A fuller discussion of issues arising from the report will take place at AASP's next conference in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. If all goes well, we should have a new mission statement for the organization and a set of organizational practices and measures to fulfil its vision following the conference.

AASP is well into its second decade of existence, and we are well past simple survival issues and entering into an era of hopeful maturity and global and regional influence. I invite all AASP members to join together to create a vision statement about our identity and activities that will shape our collective future as an organization.

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James Liu

President-Elect

SECRETARY- GENERAL'S REPORT



The Secretary-General presented the following report on membership:

VERY GOOD NEWS:

114.4% increase in AASP membership from 2010 to 2011

238 members as of July 22 2011:(compare to 2010 Dec 31: 111) □ 164 Regular members (compare to 2010: 80) □ Regular members include 33 from JGDA □ 74 Student members (compare to 2010: 31). Membership numbers reflect similar range from 2007-2008

Increase in countries represented from 21 in 2010 to 25 in 2011

□ **Most well represented countries:**

Japan: 33 (9 in 2010)

USA: 17 (10)

China: 28 (5)

Taiwan: 14 (7)

South Korea: 28 (20)

Australia: 13 (8)

Indonesia: 25 (4)

Malaysia: 10 (7)

Hong Kong: 18 (6)

Philippines: 10 (6)

ISSUES ON MEMBERSHIP

- Increase in membership is associated with participation in conferences
- Renewal rate continues to be very low
- Membership fees have remained constant; members have been shielded from increases in subscription fees to AJSP, which have been limited to institutional subscriptions

AASP regular members continue to receive free online subscriptions/access to *Social Psychological & Personality Science* (Sage) of which AASP is a sponsor

- Note: Those who joined only in 2011, will start their subscription in 2012 (Vol 3)
- Note: starting 2011, the journal is published bi-monthly (used to be quarterly)

We continue to find ways of improving the processing and record keeping of JGDA members who wish to be AASP members. Should be a continuing collaborative concern addressed by both AASP & JGDA

- Communication with membership has been sporadic (rather than constant); would be addressed by appointment of a Membership Communications Chair

Because the processing of AASP membership continues to be tied to subscription to the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, prospective members

in some countries have constraints regarding the requirement of using a credit card.

- Wiley (AJSP Publisher) continues to be accommodating regarding requests for alternative modes of processing membership.

Finally, thank you for giving the opportunity to serve as your General Secretary for the past four years and as member of the Executive Committee for the past ten years!

Allan B.I. Bernardo

From the Editor of Asian Journal of Social Psychology



It is my honor and privilege to follow the footsteps of my predecessors, James Liu, Yoshihisa Kashima, Kwok Leung, and Uichol Kim, in taking up the editorship of Asian Journal of Social Psychology (AJSP) in August this year. I thank the outgoing Editor, James Liu, for his guidance and selfless support in the extending his term during this transition.

The new team of Associate Editors, Allan Benedict I. Bernardo, Cecilia Cheng, Hoon-Seok Choi, Luo Lu, Ronald Fischer, Toshi Sasao, and Catherine S. K. Tang., bring a broad spectrum of experience, expertise, and epistemological orientations. We have been getting an increase in manuscript submissions. We have already reaching last year's submission statistics with the year-to-date submissions of 198 regular articles, 1 special issue and 28 short notes. We are hoping to increase the pages of AJSP by 16 pages starting from 2012, and another 16 pages in 2014, which will speed up the backlog of accepted papers.

Our acceptance rate last year was 23.3%. The impact factor for AJSP is 0.897, and its relative ranking among social psychology journals is 39/56. I like to thank the former editors for this achievement.

We are proud that we provide an important SSCI publication venue for our Asian colleagues. Our publisher is now circulating the Table of Contents of the new issue of AJSP to all members of the Asian Association of Social Psychology. We hope this will encourage members to read and cite the articles, and refer these articles to their colleagues. We also encourage our members to submit their original works to AJSP. To uphold best practice in publication ethics and promote research integrity, we will strengthen our checking on intellectual property and copyright, including the use of psychological tests that are under copyright in the studies.

AJSP provides a major forum for promoting the study of social psychology in culture with a strong Asian voice. In addition to our regular articles and special issues, we also plan to initiate platforms for discourse on state-of-the-art issues in social psychology with invited lead articles and responses from international colleagues. Discussion of important issues in Asian social psychology serves to inform mainstream psychology of cultural perspectives that may be ignored, and cross-cultural differences that further our understanding of existing psychological theories.

On the other hand, AJSP generally does not accept articles that merely report the development or adaptation of a psychological measure. These manuscripts are typically rejected without being sent out for external reviews. Even though we expect high standards of test translation, adaptation, and cross-cultural

validation of psychological measures to be used in research, the articles we publish in AJSP should be able to advance our knowledge on the psychological phenomena being studied.

During the AASP Conference in Kunming, members of the AJSP editorial team in cooperation with Wiley-Blackwell presented the publishing seminar "From constructing a paper to constructing a research program". The video link to the seminar is posted on the AJSP homepage:

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1467-839X/homepage/publishing_seminar_from_the_aasp_conference_in_kunming_china_2831_july_2011.htm](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1467-839X/homepage/publishing_seminar_from_the_aasp_conference_in_kunming_china_2831_july_2011.htm). The team shared useful experience and practical advice with the audience on getting their research published. Even if you did not attend the seminar, I hope you will find the video useful. I also take this opportunity to appeal to AASP members to support our journal as authors and reviewers. We count on our colleagues to provide timely and constructive comments to improve the quality and impact of our journal

Fanny M. Cheung

SOME UPCOMING

INTERNATIONAL

CONFERENCES 2012

30th International Congress of Psychology Cape Town

22–27 July 2012

Abstract submission deadline extended to 27 January 2012

International Conference of Cross-cultural Psychology, July 17-21, 2012, Stellenbosch, South Africa

New abstract submission date 30th January 2012

Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) 2012

July 6th–9th, 2012 in Chicago, USA



Asian Journal of Social Psychology Publisher's Overview 2010

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Summary

Wiley-Blackwell is pleased to provide you with the 2010 *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* Publisher's Overview. Significant achievements in 2010 included:

The number of *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* full-text downloads increased by 42% on the prior year.

Issue 13:2 (June 2010) featured a special forum on 'Culture and Brain: Opportunities for and Challenges to Asian Social Psychology', and a special section on the 'Psychological Ramifications of the 2008 Beijing Olympics'. The publication of this issue and its related marketing activities produced a significant spike in online usage of the journal. Five of the top ten downloaded articles in 2010 were published in this issue.

Readership was also helped by the improved discoverability of Wiley's new web platform, [Wiley Online Library](#), which was released in August 2010.

The most downloaded article in 2010 was 'Culture and the brain:

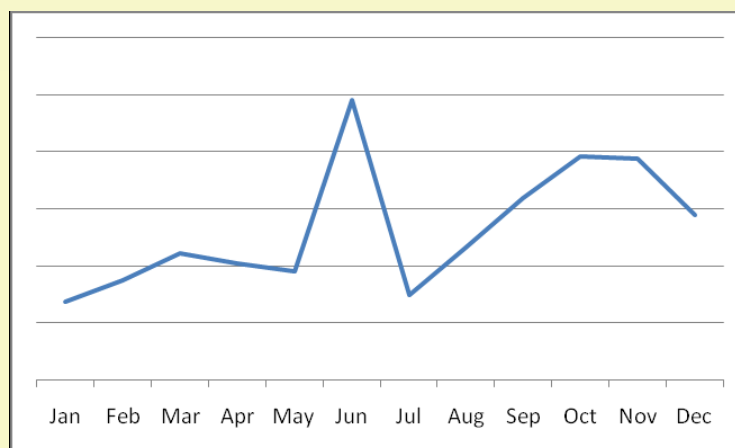
Opportunities and obstacles' by Haotian Zhou and John Cacioppo, published in the June 2010 special issue.

Impact Factor The 2010 Impact Factor was released on 28 June 2011. *AJSP*'s new Impact Factor is 0.897, which represents a third straight year of growth.

The Editors James Liu and Fanny Cheung, and Wiley-Blackwell, would like to extend their deep thanks to the Editorial Board, reviewers and authors for their contribution to

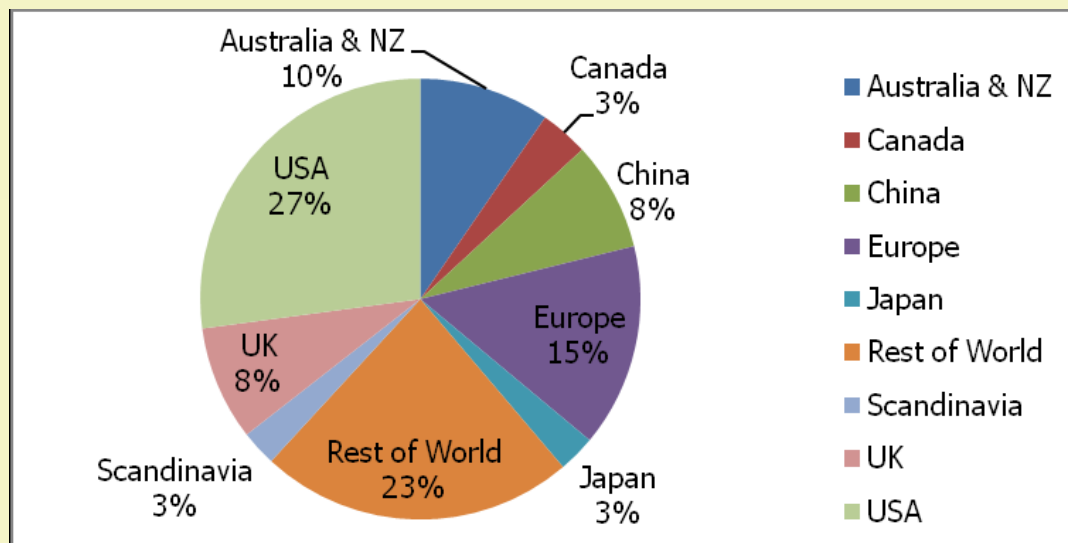
Online usage of *AJSP*

This chart shows online usage of the journal during 2010.



The Regional Breakdown

This chart shows a regional breakdown of readership of *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* via Wiley Online Library.



Top Accessed Articles

Article Title	Author(s)	Volume	Issue
Culture and the brain: Opportunities and obstacles	Haotian Zhou, John Cacioppo	13	2
Role identities versus social identities: Masculinity, femininity, instrumentality and communality	Agustin Echebarria Echabe	13	1
Cultural neuroscience	Daniel L. Ames, Susan T. Fiske	13	2
Social Cognitive Theory: An Agentic Perspective	Albert Bandura	2	1
Dynamic bicultural brains: fMRI study of their flexible neural representation of self and significant others in response to culture primes	Sik Hung Ng, Shihui Han, Lihua Mao, Julian C. L. Lai	13	2
Envisioning the future of cultural neuroscience	Shinobu Kitayama, Steve Thompson	13	2
Social network analysis: A methodological introduction	Carter T. Butts	11	1
One World, Just a Dream? Effects of the Beijing Olympic icon on perceived differences between Eastern and Western culture	Jennifer L. Rosner, Yanmei Li, Melody Manchi Chao, Ying-yi Hong	13	2
Consumption experience of impulse buying in Indonesia: Emotional arousal and hedonistic considerations	Astrid G. Herabadi, Bas Verplanken, Ad van Knippenberg	12	1
Culture, trust, and social networks	Tasuku Igarashi, Yoshihisa Kashima, Emiko S. Kashima, Tomas Farsides, Uichol Kim, Fritz Strack, Lioba Werth, Masaki Yuki	11	1

Bibliometrics

Journal Citation Rank (JCR) Metrics

Data relating to the latest [JCR metrics](#), including Impact Factor, are presented below.

Metric	2008	2009	Change
Impact Factor	0.714	0.847	18.6%
IF Ranking for Psychology, Social	38 of 50	37 of 50	↑1 rank
# Papers Published	29	29	0.0%
Immediacy Index	0.172	0.069	-59.9%
Cited Half Life	6.6	6.5	-1.5%
Total Citations	246	376	52.8%
Article Influence	0.405	0.451	11.4%
Five Year Impact Factor	0.963	1.429	48.4%

2009-11 Report on Education and Training



The Asian Association of Social Psychology organized the 3rd Asian Summer School at the Yunnan Normal University, Kunming, China during July 24 through 28, 2011.

The Resource Persons were

Professor Chi-yue Chiu, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore;

Professor Ying Yi Hong, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore;

Professor Sik Hung Ng from the City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, SAR, China;

Professor Noraini Noor, International Islamic University, KL, Malaysia;

Professor Ramadhar Singh, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India

I was the Principal of the School.

There were five streams, with number of students ranging from 7 to 14. Of the 63 applicants, 53 finally attended the school [Australia (1), China (47), Hong Kong (1) Japan (1), Indonesia (1), and The Philippines (2).]

Students were happy and satisfied, and they made commendable progress in developing research proposals for their respective streams within a short span of 3 days.

Professor Yanmei Li and her assistants, namely, Sheng Xiao Wei, Li Yuan Yuan, and Shi Jun Yang. The credits for the success of the School also go to Professors Jainxin Zhang, Yiyin Yong, Li Liu, Jinsong Li, and Hong Chen of China. We thank them and appreciate the efforts they had put in.

Without the encouragement and support of Professor Uichol Kim, President, and Professor Allan Bernardo, General Secretary of the Asian Association of Social Psychology, it would not have been possible to run the School. We thank them for their active role and advice.

Recommendations

1. We have had three schools since 2007. We need to make a webpage for the three schools held so far. In particular, it should list the names of the resource persons and the alumni. [Two alumni of the first School have agreed to help me compile a list of names and addresses of the alumni. I will appreciate having a list of students from the 2007 and 2009 schools.]
2. In our schools so far, most of the students come from the host and neighbouring countries. For the future Asian Schools, marketing of the School has to be done by regional representatives. Further, the Association should sponsor at least 5 students from countries which have not sponsored any student so far.

Ramadhar Singh
Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India



Asian Association of Social Psychology Financial Report
(July 2010 to June 2011, complied by Yukiko Muramoto,
Treasurer)

1. AASP GENERAL FUND

Total carryover from the previous term (2009-2010) 42,339.73 AUD

(1) Australian accounts (in Australian Dollars: AUD)

Revenue

Carryover from the Previous Term	3,082.90
Transder from Japanese account	11,447.24
Interest	193.44
Revenue Subtotal	14,723.58 AUD

Expenditure

Bank Fees	7.50
Expenditure Subtotal	7.50 AUD

Australian Account Balance (Revenue – Expenditure) 14,716.08 AUD

(2) Japanese account (in Japanese Yen: JPY)

Revenue

Carryover from the Previous Term	2,914,722
AJSP royalty 2010 (USD 8,898)	729,369
Membership (USD 1,165.00)	95,495
Interest	600
Revenue Subtotal	3,740,186 JPY

Expenditure

2010 AJSP Royalty Share with JGDA	97,313
2011 AJSP Editorial Assistance Fee (NZD 7,200)	478,871
2010 AJSP Web-Based Editorial System Fee (USD 1,800)	146,700
AASP 2011 Conference Seed Money (USD 3,000)	253,860
Transfer to Australian account	1,011,874
Bank Fees	18,420
Expenditure Subtotal	2,007,038 JPY

Japanese Account Balance (Revenue – Expenditure) 1,733,148 JPY
20,075.85 AUD

Note: Exchange Rate AUD 1.00 = JPY 86.33 (June 30, 2011)

Total carryover to the next term (2011-2012) 34,791.93 AUD

2. AWARD FUND

KS Yang Travel Award (in Australian Dollars)

Revenue	
Carryover from the Previous Term	62,915.20
Interest	3,530.65
Revenue Subtotal	66,445.85
Expenditure	
No Award Year	0.00
Expenditure Subtotal	0.00
Balance (Revenue – Expenditure)	66,445.85 AUD

Michael H. Bond Award for Early Career Contributions to Asian Social Psychology (in Australian Dollars)

Revenue	
Donations (Mar. 11, 2011)	20,590.00
Interest	260.06
Revenue Subtotal	20,850.06
Expenditure	
2011 Michael H. Bond Award (USD 1,500)	1,402.94
Bank Fees	44.30
Expenditure Subtotal	1,447.24
Balance (Revenue – Expenditure)	19,402.82 AUD

AASP Conference 2011

Towards Social Harmony:

The 9th Biennial Conference of Asian Association of Social Psychology took place at Yunnan Convention Resort, Kunming, China, from July 28 to 31, 2011. The conference focused on "Towards Social Harmony: A New Mission of Asian Social Psychology", gave priority to a healthy dialogue between Asian cultural traditions and globalization, and emphasized the dynamics of peaceful interaction among different cultures, society and social groups.

The conference attracted over 1,000 submissions. A total number of 827 delegates from 24 Asian countries/regions and beyond attended; amongst them, there were 490 students participants. The largest delegation came from Mainland China with 398, this

was followed by 117 from Indonesia, 69 from Japan, and 52 from South Korea. It was the AASP's largest ever biennial conference, and the largest conference of social psychology ever held in China, signifying the significant expansion of AASP and the potential growth of social psychology in Asia.

Attendees had more than 130 academic sessions of lively discussion and debate. There were 5 keynote speeches: "Unpackaging the elusive situation for social psychology: AASP's especial task" by Michael Harris Bond (Hong Kong SAR, China), "Applying dynamic constructivist model: Culture, brain, and social harmony" by Ying-yi Hong (Singapore), "Social groups as a basis for explanations: How ordinary perceivers make

sense of other people's behavior" by Minoru Karasawa (Japan), "Culture and happiness: What we know & what needs to be known more" by Eunkook M. Suh (South Korea), "An Empirical study of English learning attitude and motivation of ethnic minority university undergraduates from Yunnan Province, China" by Yichuan Yuan (China).

Kwok Leung, James H. Liu, Fanny Cheung and Ronald Fischer, in cooperation with Wiley-Blackwell, presented the publishing seminar "From constructing a paper to constructing a research program" on 29 July 2011. The panel provided a wealth of practical advice on getting research published. In addition to these, there were also 12 invited speeches, 1 roundtable discussion, a series of symposiums, regular oral sessions and poster sessions. Scholars in Asia and around the world were brought together to present their research, discuss the contributions of Asian social psychology to global knowledge, and strengthen academic and personal networks for future collaboration. The intellectual climate of the conference got along with the elegance, excitement and diversity of the Yunnan's ethnic cultures. The conference also attracted such world leading publishers as Wiley-Blackwell, Springer and McGraw-Hill for exhibition.



The conference opening ceremony

One of the most moving moments of the conference was the announcement of the winners of various AASP awards on the Closing Ceremony. Ching Wan (Singapore) and Keiko Ishii (Japan) won the Michael Harris Bond Award. Saurabh Maheshwari (India) won the K S Yang Travel Award. Fraide Ganotice (Philippines) and Tuhina Mukherjee (India) won the Park Jung-heun and Jung Tae-gon Young Scholar Awards. The winners of the Misumi Award were “Folk theory of social change” (2009) by Yoshihisa Kashima, Paul Bain, Nick Haslam, Kim Peters, Simon Laham, Jennifer Whelan, Brock Bastian, Stephen Loughnan, Leah Kaufmann and Julian Fernando, and “Essentialist theory of ‘hybrids’: From animal kinds to ethnic categories and race”(2010) by Wolfgang Wagner, Nicole Kronberger, Motohiko Nagata, Ragini Sen,

Peter Holtz and Fátima Flores Palacios.

Prior to the conference the 3rd Asian Summer School was held at the Yunnan Normal University, Kunming, China during 24 – 28 July, 2011. The Summer School had a galaxy of Professors: Ramadhar Singh, Noraini Noor, Sik Hung Ng, Ying Yi Hong and Chi-Yue Chiu. 53 students (47 from Mainland China, 2 from the Philippines, 1 from Australia, 1 from Hong Kong SAR China, 1 from Japan and 1 from Indonesia) attended the school. Benefitting from the professors’ advices, the students broadened their academic visions beyond the confines of their own nationalities, and made admirable progress in building their research capabilities. Furthermore, the Summer School enhanced the mutual understanding, inclusiveness, friendship, and coopera-

tion amongst next generation of Asian social psychologists.

Needless to say, the AASP 2011 conference was a successfully grand academic gathering for social psychologists and students in Asia and beyond. Meanwhile, we are all looking forward to another successful AASP conference to be held at Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 20-23 August, 2013.

Li Liu

School of Psychology, Beijing Normal University, China



Volunteers on the conference

NEW INITIATIVES

Call for symposium proposals for presentation at the 13th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology

20-23 June, 2012, Ljouwert/Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

As part of the international collaboration agreement between the Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP) and the International Association of Language and Social Psychology (IALSP), each Association sponsors an invited symposium at the partner's conference.

Sik Hung Ng will organize an AASP-sponsored symposium for presentation at the next International Conference on Language and Social Psychology, ICLASP 13, to be held in The Netherlands in conjunction with Mercator, the European Research Center on Multilingualism and Language Learning. Interested AASP members should contact him at [<sikhung.ng@cityu.edu.hk>](mailto:sikhung.ng@cityu.edu.hk) to propose papers for presentation.

Due date: 1st February, 2012.

Free registration: Up to five presenters will be selected for waiver of registration fees.

Decision: 15th March, 2012.

Conference theme and topics: Symposium presentations should be in the area of language and communication with a focus on such aspects as identities, perceptions, attitudes, beliefs, values, motivations, norms, behaviour, and policies in their individual and intergroup contexts.

More information: <http://www.ialsp.org/index.html>



IALSP-Sponsored Symposium at KunMing

AASP-SASP Summer School Exchange Program

Paul Bain, Insular Pacific Representative

AASP has recently formed an in-principle agreement with the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists (SASP) for up to two students from each association to attend the summer school of the partner association. This is a great opportunity for PhD students from both AASP and SASP to be exposed to new ideas and build new networks in the region. It is proposed that this exchange will begin at the next AASP summer school in Indonesia in August 2013, which is soon followed by the SASP summer school in early 2014 - the venue is not confirmed but will most likely be Stradbroke Island, Queensland.

Although this may seem a long way off, there are issues that both the AASP Executive and Members need to consider in the nearer future to ensure this exchange a success. Perhaps the most important is financial support for students. The organization hosting the summer school holds places open, but attendees still need to pay the same attendance fee as local students (SASP funds the summer school to keep fees as low as possible), and need to cover their own travel arrangements.

Other associations with summer school exchange arrangements with SASP (SPSP, EASP) offer financial assistance to help their students attend the SASP Summer School. AASP needs to determine whether it can and will offer financial support to AASP students, and if so, the level of funding and the criteria for accessing support, and consider the implications for the AASP budget. Alternatively, and additionally, members are encouraged to try to identify other sources of financial support for students in their host country from their university, Government, and non-Governmental organizations.

As the students for the SASP summer school are nominated by AASP, we also need to set up a fair and equitable application process. Luckily we have templates from other organizations that have been successfully used. For instance, the criteria considered by EASP include being at least in the second year of the Ph.D. program; a sufficient level of proficiency in English; active in an area sufficiently close to a topic of the SASP Summer School; strength of the supervisor's letter of support (explaining why they feel their student could benefit from and add to the summer school); definitely not more than one student per institution (per Summer School); and a reasonable distribution over countries in the medium-long term. It is proposed that AASP adopt the same criteria.

For more information on SASP Summer Schools past and present, please go to <http://www.sasp.org.au/index.php/summer-school-mainmenu-45.html>. If you have any comments on the Exchange Program in general, funding arrangements or application criteria/processes, please email Paul Bain (p.bain@psy.uq.edu.au) who will collate responses for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Progress in Asian Social Psychology Series 8

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**INDIVIDUAL, GROUP
and
CULTURAL PROCESSES
in
CHANGING SOCIETIES**

Editors

Purnima Singh • Paul Bain • Chan-Hoong Leong
Girishwar Misra • Yohsuke Ohtsubo

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