



# Newsletter

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## *Message from the President*



It is said that time passes more quickly as we age. I can certainly attest to this! It is difficult to believe that the end of the year is nigh and we have had an other successful APSR Congress. The 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR/2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Congress of the APSR/ACCP held on the Gold Coast in Australia was an outstanding success by any measure. The extraordinary quality of the presentations by the invited speakers, the increasingly high standard of the oral and poster presentations and the well-planned workshops with a high level of participation by the registrants, were all indicative of an excellent Congress and a reflection of a maturing Society. For this we have to thank Dr. Paul Reynolds and Dr. Mark Rosen from the ACCP, Co-Convenors of the Programme Committee, Dr. Christine Jenkins, Congress President and the TSANZ who hosted the Congress, as well as the Assembly chairs who contributed to the programme development. Last but not least, Elisabeth

Eaton from Festival City Conventions ensured that the organisation was flawless. Feedback suggests that registrants also enjoyed the Gold Coast environs and the informality of the Australian-themed social events.

There are a number of specific points to make about the Congress. In addition to an excellent faculty provided by our Congress partners, the ACCP, there was also active participation by senior officers of our international sister societies, the ATS and ERS. For this we are very grateful. It was good to see significant contributions from the Australian and New Zealand Society of Respiratory Science and I look forward to further collaboration, not only with respiratory scientists but also other health professionals such as nurses, physiotherapists, respiratory therapists, respiratory health educators and others who contribute to the respiratory health of the people in the Asia Pacific region. There were 80 travel grants given to young investigators to facilitate their attendance at the Congress. This represents a substantial investment in the future of respirology in the region, and should be further increased over time. Winners of poster and presentation awards are listed below.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Congress for 2008 had already been awarded to Bangkok, Thailand and at the Executive meeting on the Gold Coast bids for the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Congresses were reviewed. I am delighted to report that these Congresses will be held in Seoul and Manila in 2009 and 2010, respectively. The next three Congress venues are very attractive, have excellent facilities, are centrally located in the region and so will hopefully attract large numbers of registrants. The Congress programmes will henceforth be planned by the newly appointed Central Congress Committee, with substantial responsibility being given to Assemblies. I again urge all members to join one or more Assemblies so that your preferences for the Congress programme can be heard and acted on.

The ATS Travel Grants were announced at the Congress dinner and it is my hope that these reciprocal awards can soon be extended to other international societies as well. The Executive also made the decision, on the recommendation of the Research Committee, to provide funding for grants to support young investigators or clinicians wishing to visit other groups or institutions within the region for training purposes, developing collaborations or familiarisation with new technologies. The details will be announced soon and it is the intention to provide two grants per annum, commencing in 2008.

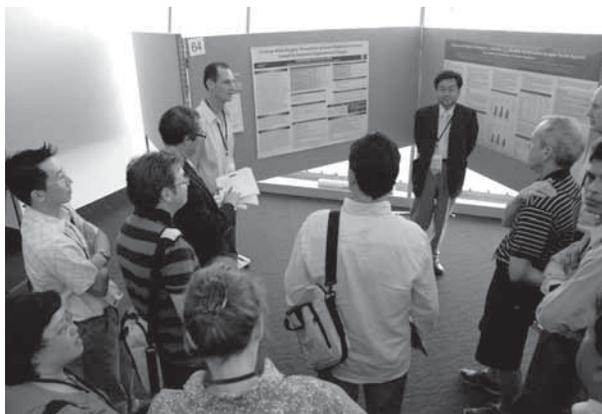
I am very pleased that the new membership fee structure was endorsed at the recent Executive

meeting. These fees will provide a framework for discussion of en bloc membership by National Societies. The individual and en bloc fees are based on national GDP and therefore reflect members' capacity to pay. We have also come to an agreement with the ATS to discount respective membership fees by 15% for individuals who are full members of both Societies. This is in line with the arrangement which exists between the ATS and ERS. The new Council structure and succession plan for Presidents were also endorsed and will now be enshrined in the APSR Charter and Bylaws.

There has been an influx of members from Indonesia and Bangladesh and it was very pleasing to see them represented at the Gold Coast Congress. I recently had meetings with our colleagues from Vietnam and attended the KATRD meeting in Seoul as well as the NAPCON meeting in Chandigarh, India. I am hopeful that further membership will be attracted from those countries.

It is pleasing to see clinicians and researchers in this rapidly developing region getting to know one another through the APSR. I take the opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe 2008.

Norbert Berend  
President/APSR



**Awardees for their outstanding work achievements at the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR/2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Congress of the APSR/ACCP**

**TSANZ Young Investigator Award for APSR 2007**

Masatsugu Yamamoto

**APSR Oral Sessions**

Melanie Matheson  
Yuben Moodley  
Md. Solaman Bhuiyan  
Collette Menadue

Sumiko Yoshikawa  
Merci Kusel  
Jane Ward  
Yuanming Luo  
Jin-Ping Zheng  
Rachel Thomson  
S P Low

**APSR Poster Sessions**

Theerasuk Kawamatawong  
Mohamed Hadzri Hasmoni  
Bradley Shelton  
Claude Farah  
Anjali Vinocha  
Fathiyah Isbaniah  
Hanako Miyazaki  
Tae-Won Jang  
Jae Cheol Lee  
Myung-Goo Lee  
Keisaku Fujimoto  
Hwang Yong Il

**APSR Travel Awards to attend the ATS International Conference in Toronto**

Bronwyn Levvey  
Hiroshi Ohnishi



**Message from the Secretary General**

The year 2008 has arrived and the start of the year is a good time for us to review the past year.

With great leadership by the President, Dr. Norbert Berend, and excellent organization by Drs. Christine Jenkins, Paul Reynolds and Mark Rosen from the ACCP, the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR/2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Congress of the APSR/ACCP held on the Gold Coast in Australia was a great success! Everyone must have noticed that there are more members joining APSR meetings, and more academic activities and educational programmes involving every aspect of respiratory medicine. In fact, I am delighted to say that the APSR is now one of the largest respirology organizations in the world. I really appreciate everyone who has

joined the APSR; it is with your participation that the APSR has grown and developed. A couple of modifications have been made to keep up with the progress.

To begin with, we have established a new APSR membership fee structure, which applies to both individual and en bloc membership. There is now a 3-tier system based on GDP, as used by the ATS. Hence, from the next renewal, the individual membership fee will be \$120, \$90 and \$70 according to a country's classification. For en bloc membership, the fees will begin at \$50, \$35 and \$25 per member, depending on the country, for the first 1,000 members, and for more members, the fee will decrease.

We have also adjusted the Council structure to match the growing number of members and Member Societies. The new formula is: for 11 to 100 APSR members in a country, one Council member representing that country; for 101 to 1,000 members, two Council members; for more than 1,000 members, three Council members; and an extra Councilor to represent a Society which has become a Member Society.

Lastly, the succession plan of the APSR Presidency has been altered to ensure a spread of workload and to allow experience to be acquired over a number of years. With the new formula, the President shall be involved over a five-year term consisting of two years as Secretary General (becoming President-Elect during the second year), two years as active President and one year as Past President.

The APSR is now undergoing transformation; it is exigent to remodel its regulations to suit the new APSR. It is most delightful that these alterations have been approved by the Executive, and I believe these reforms will make the administration more efficient and the APSR a better organization.

Pan-Chyr Yang  
Secretary General/APSR

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Respirology* Annual Report 2007

We are pleased to report another very successful year for *Respirology*. There have been an average of 59 manuscripts submitted per month mainly from Japan, Turkey, Taiwan, Australia and China, and our acceptance rate was about 20% with an average turnaround time of 31 days from submission to first decision. We published 6 issues and 4 supplements in 2007. There will be 7 issues

in 2008 and 3 supplements have already been accepted. After the success of last year's review series on lung cancer, Dr. Grant Waterer and Dr. Ken Tsang are now coordinating the next review series on infectious diseases. Two new publication categories have been introduced: Case Reviews and Audits. Case Reviews are predominantly descriptive and based upon a cohort of patients with a specific condition. Audits represent scientific assessment of standard procedures or guidelines, to assess their implementation.

Articles of particular interest or exceptional quality are listed on the journal's cover and in the Editorial. Statistics detailing manuscript submission volume, turn-around time and acceptance rate, are published in every issue. We are more actively looking to issue press releases about articles published.

Blackwell reports another successful year for *Respirology* with a 9.4% increase in circulation and a 31% increase in whole articles downloaded. They have introduced a new service called Online Early whereby fully edited, fully web-functional and complete articles, which can be cited by DOI, are published online as and when they are ready, prior to their publication in a regular issue. This service offers significant benefits to authors.

I would like to formally acknowledge the hard work of the team behind *Respirology*:

Editor-in-Chief Elect: G Y C Lee

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Invited Review Series Editors: WK Lam and DN Watkins

Philip J. Thompson  
Editor-in-Chief/APSR

## Message from the Head of Assembly Group-1

The constitution of Assemblies to support the Executive Committee in formulating the scientific activities of the APSR is a landmark in the history of the Society. I had the privilege to be elected as the Head of the Group 1 Assemblies consisting of Clinical Respiratory Medicine, Cell and Molecular Biology, Clinical Allergy & Immunology, Environmental and Occupational Health, Respiratory Infections (non-tuberculosis), Tuberculosis, COPD and Lung Cancer. I am sure that the APSR will emerge as the apex scientific body of Respiriologists in the region soon, as we have talented and highly respectable scientists and physicians in all countries of the region. I do hope that the Society would make efforts to enroll all young Respiriologists of the countries of the region as members of the Society for which all members of the Assemblies have to play a proactive role. These young scientists and physicians will be the future of the Society. As the specialty in respirology has not developed uniformly in all countries of the region, the Society can play an active role in educational activities to develop respirology at world class level. One of the main thrust areas of the APSR can be encouragement of young respirologists to choose academic research career by providing them support to work in advanced centres in this region. These trainees should then return to their respective countries to continue research so that the specialty of respirology flourishes. Members of the Assemblies should actively be involved in the educational activities by contributing to the development of guidelines for common respiratory diseases of the region and acting as mentors to young scientists. The Information Technology should be maximally utilized for the educational and academic activities of the Society. Another important area in which the APSR can play a

leading role is the promotion of lung health focusing especially on the harmful effects of tobacco consumption and environmental issues which are of grave concern in the Asia-Pacific region; and education of the public on preventive aspects of respiratory diseases. In this endeavour, we can work in collaboration with other NGOs and pharmaceutical concerns. The Society should also engage the political leadership of the countries to provide necessary governmental support to its activities. During the last 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR/2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Congress of the APSR/ACCP, many members of the Assemblies had actively participated in the development of scientific programme of the Congress. More members of the APSR should wholeheartedly be involved in the activities of the Assemblies for the advancement of the science of respirology in this region. This is not a difficult task in this era of Internet facilities.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Christine Jenkins, Congress President and Dr. Paul Reynolds, local Organising Chair for organising a highly successful and memorable Congress. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Dr. Norbert Berend, President of the APSR, other members of the Executive Committee and Assembly members for their kind suggestions and support. I am extremely thankful to Mrs Hideko Sato Cochrane, Executive Manager of the APSR for her advice and prompt on line communications with regard to the APSR activities and scientific programme development for the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress. We should now work hard to make the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR from 19-22 November 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand a grand success. All of us should join together to make the APSR the leading respirology society of the world. Finally, I extend a very happy and prosperous New Year to all members of the APSR.

V K Vijayan



## Message from the Head of Assembly Group-2

The Assembly structure has been created within the APSR to enable greater involvement of the membership and to strengthen the Society in its educational ambition. To make the Assembly structure successful we need increased involvement of the APSR membership. Each Assembly is involved in the scientific programme development of the Congress and also participates in the selection of submissions for presentation.

I would therefore urge all members to take advantage of the opportunity to influence the direction of educational events within the Society. You can do this by enrolling as an Assembly Member and becoming part of the process in developing scientific programmes and reviewing presentations. We look forward to hearing from you.

Richard Ruffin

## Councillor's Report

### Indonesian Association of Pulmonologists (ISR)

ISR members participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR in Kyoto. Of the 11 papers submitted from Indonesia, 3 received travel awards, 3 received best poster presentation awards and one received a best oral presentation award. ISR members sent 13 papers to the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR in Gold Coast, 4 of which received travel awards. In December 2006 the APSR President opened an ESAP in Jakarta on interventional pulmonary: bronchoscopy and thoracoscopy. Speakers came from Japan, Singapore and Australia, and the ESAP was attended by 75 ISR members. The 2007 annual Congress of ISR was held in Denpasar Bali in July 2007 and included speakers from Singapore, United States and Japan. In 2007 the ISR committee successfully encouraged ISR members to become APSR members, increasing from 12 to 77 members. The next ISR annual congress will be held in Bandung, West Java on 3-5 July 2008.

Faisal Yunus

### Korean Academy of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (KATRD)

KATRD has published the official journal *Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases* since 1954, and published an English language *Journal of Lung Diseases* in December 2006 and June 2007. In addition to regular spring and

autumn scientific meetings, KATRD last year held a Lung Cancer Symposium for the best management of lung cancer patients which have increased rapidly, organized an Airway Symposium in conjunction with Korean Society of Allergy, and opened a COPD School for young physicians. In September a very successful 12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Lung Cancer was held in Seoul with about 4,700 international attendees from all over the world. For public awareness of COPD, KATRD participated in Seoul Health Expo and organized the 5<sup>th</sup> Lung Day held in 6 cities. KATRD has carried out nationwide surveys on sarcoidosis, Acute Respiratory Difficulty Syndrome, Pulmonary Embolism, COPD, lung cancer and asthma, and is planning a survey on idiopathic interstitial pneumonia in 2008.

Young Whan Kim

### The Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS)

In November 2006, the MTS celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by holding a Respiratory Seminar and a charity dinner to raise funds for the Lung Foundation of Malaysia. In conjunction with the World Asthma Day 2006, the MTS together with the Asthma Council of Malaysia organised a jogathon in Kuala Lumpur and there were a record number of 1,300 participants including people with asthma. The MTS and the Malaysian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis (MAPTB) co-organised the First International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases – Asia Pacific Region Conference in Kuala Lumpur. This conference was considered as the annual scientific meeting of the Society. The MTS also held an Interventional Bronchoscopy and Pleuroscopy course at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The course director was Dr. Jamalul Azizi and the faculty of speakers included Drs. Hidetoshi Honda, Pyng Lee and Jeswant Dillon.

Chong-Kin Liam

### The Philippine College of Chest Physicians (PCCP)

Aside from the flagship Annual Chest Convention, the PCCP has held Midyear Conventions in key cities outside Metro Manila. Its eleven Councils have laid down Consensus and Guidelines in the management of pulmonary diseases. Other worthwhile projects include; interhospital conferences, lectures for disseminating Guidelines, accreditation of training hospitals for Training Fellows, and medical missions. August is the nationwide 'Lung Month' which includes amongst its diverse activities a Lakad Lung marathon walk, a fun and effective way

to educate and advocate. It is the PCCP's goal to promote greater involvement, collaborative partnership and strategic alliance with Asian and international organizations relating to academe, clinical and policy-making activities. With our successes and increasing maturity, we are now in a position to significantly contribute to the universal body of knowledge and skills in pulmonology. Very importantly, unique perspectives coming from different countries bring in wider and better options in handling pulmonary health and diseases. With the increasing breadth of our activities such as making guidelines and evaluating new procedures, we need to interact proactively, with the sources of new information and cutting edge technology. Thus, the PCCP will have a lot to gain from symbiotic international partnerships.

Mario Joselito M. Juco

#### **Taiwan Society of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (TSPCCM)**

The 2007 Annual Conference of the TSPCCM was held in December in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The Society currently has 1,186 members, more than 600 of whom participated in the conference. Guest speakers included Dr. Natasha B Leigh, who spoke on angiogenesis inhibitors in NSCLC; Dr. Roman Perez-Soler, on EGFR inhibitors for NSCLC; Dr. Victor Lin-kai Yu, on Legionnaire's disease; Dr. Yu-Chin Tony Huang, on closed loop ventilation and its role in ventilator weaning; and Dr. Anthony D Harries from Malawi, on HIV and TB. There were 138 free papers, including 35 oral and 103 poster presentations. The 2008 Annual Conference of the TSPCCM will be held on December 6-7 at the National Taiwan University College of Medicine, Taipei. Web-site: [www.tspccm.org.tw](http://www.tspccm.org.tw) email: [spccm@mars.seed.net.tw](mailto:spccm@mars.seed.net.tw).

Pan-Chyr Yang

#### **Education Committee Report**

The major initiatives of the APSR Education Committee have been convening the educational seminars (ESAP) and the monthly Respiratory Research Review series.

An ESAP prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR/2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Congress of the APSR/ACCP on the Gold Coast, Australia entitled 'Avian influenza from basic biology to pandemic planning', coordinated by Richard Loh, brought together experts from the WHO, CDC, ACCP and APSR. It reviewed the evolution of avian influenza H5N1 viruses from the perspective of pandemic risk,

address various aspects of human H5N1 disease in relation to its epidemiology, clinical presentation, pathogenesis, diagnosis and medical management, and also provided guidance in terms of pandemic planning and preventive public health measures. A supplement of this ESAP will be published in *Respirology*.

Two further ESAPs are in the planning stage for 2008. The 'Optimal Care for Lung Cancer' ESAP will be convened in Bangkok by the Thoracic Society of Thailand. The 'Tuberculosis in the Asia-Pacific Region in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' ESAP will be convened in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Thoracic Society and ACCP. The Education Committee welcomes approaches from other societies regarding proposed ESAP meetings.

The APSR Respiratory Research Review series has proven popular with APSR members. Each month the Review series selects 10 publications in the field of respiratory medicine from a wide range of international medical journals. It provides both a summary and comment regarding the relevance of the publications to the Asia Pacific region and an electronic link to the abstract.

Richard Beasley/Chairperson

#### **Research Committee Report**

##### **Short-Term Research/Training Fellowship**

The APSR is funding a fellowship programme to support exchanges covering young scientists and clinicians actively involved in respiratory medicine in the APSR region.

Candidates should be members of the APSR and the programme lasts basically one month, with extensions of up to 3 months. The fellowship can be sponsored by industries, and may be operated in collaboration with an existing international training programme in respirology, if approved by the APSR. The host supervisor is required to be located in the APSR region and it is not intended to run concurrently with other awards, even those funded by other agencies. Applications should normally specify only one institution as host unit and candidates may submit applications for only one APSR fellowship proposal in any application round. The decisions of the Selection Committee are final and appeals are not considered. Awards are US\$1,000 per month plus the most economical round trip air fair.

Michiaki Mishima/Chairperson

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

### 2008

Bangladesh Lung Foundation  
20-21 February 2008, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Website: [www.lungbd.org](http://www.lungbd.org)

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Chest Convention  
4-7 March 2008, Manila, Philippines  
Email: [pccp@zpdee.net](mailto:pccp@zpdee.net)  
Website: [www.philchest.org](http://www.philchest.org)

**ESAP Hong Kong 2008**  
**29 March 2008, Hong Kong**  
Email: [meeting.hk@asia.cmpmedica.com](mailto:meeting.hk@asia.cmpmedica.com)  
Website: [www.apsresp.org/education/esap.php](http://www.apsresp.org/education/esap.php)

TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting  
30 March- 2 April 2008, Melbourne, Australia  
Email: [tsanz@fcconventions.com.au](mailto:tsanz@fcconventions.com.au)  
Website: [www.thoracic.org.au](http://www.thoracic.org.au)

106<sup>th</sup> Meeting of KATRD  
12 April 2008, Kwangju, Korea  
Email: [katrd@lungkorea.com](mailto:katrd@lungkorea.com)  
Website: [www.lungkorea.com](http://www.lungkorea.com)

Annual Meeting of the ALA & ATS  
16-21 May 2008, Toronto, Canada  
Website: [www.thoracic.org](http://www.thoracic.org)

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the JRS  
15-17 June 2008, Kobe, Japan  
Website: [www.jrs.or.jp](http://www.jrs.or.jp)

10<sup>th</sup> MTS Annual Congress  
18-20 July 2008, Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia  
Email: [acadmed@po.jaring.my](mailto:acadmed@po.jaring.my)  
Website: [www.my-mts.org](http://www.my-mts.org)

ERS 2008 Annual Congress  
4-8 October 2008, Berlin, Germany  
Website: [www.ersnet.org](http://www.ersnet.org)

Annual Int'l Scientific Assembly of the ACCP  
25-30 October 2008, Miami, USA  
Website: [www.chestnet.org/CHEST/](http://www.chestnet.org/CHEST/)

107<sup>th</sup> Meeting of KATRD  
13-14 November 2008, Seoul, Korea  
Email: [katrd@lungkorea.com](mailto:katrd@lungkorea.com)  
Website: [www.lungkorea.com](http://www.lungkorea.com)

13<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR  
19-22 November 2008, Bangkok, Thailand  
Email: [secretariat@apsr2008.org](mailto:secretariat@apsr2008.org)  
Website: [www.apsr2008.org](http://www.apsr2008.org)

Annual Meeting of TSPCCM  
6-7 December 2008, Taipei, Taiwan  
Email: [spccm@mars.seed.net.tw](mailto:spccm@mars.seed.net.tw)  
Website: [www.tspccm.org.tw](http://www.tspccm.org.tw)

### 2009

TSANZ ASM  
5-8 April 2009, Darwin, Australia  
Website: [www.thoracic.org.au](http://www.thoracic.org.au)

Annual Meeting of the ALA & ATS  
15-20 May 2009, San Diego, USA  
Website: [www.thoracic.org](http://www.thoracic.org)

49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the JRS  
12-14 June 2009, Tokyo, Japan  
Website: [www.jrs.or.jp](http://www.jrs.or.jp)

ERS 2009 Annual Congress  
12-16 September 2009, Vienna, Austria  
Website: [www.ersnet.org](http://www.ersnet.org)

Annual Int'l Scientific Assembly of the ACCP  
31 October-5 November 2009, San Diego, USA  
Website: [www.chestnet.org/CHEST/](http://www.chestnet.org/CHEST/)

14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APSR  
14-18 November 2009, Seoul, Korea  
Email: [katrd@lungkorea.com](mailto:katrd@lungkorea.com)

### Notice from the Secretariat

#### Congress in 2011

We invite you to make a proposal to host the APSR Congress in 2011. Bids will be considered at the next Executive Meeting. You will be asked to present your thoracic society's plans for the arrangements and infrastructure of the event (Local Organizing Committee, etc.). Please contact the Secretariat in Tokyo for more information. Email: [kyu00671@nifty.com](mailto:kyu00671@nifty.com)

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### Presidents of the Congresses:

1st	1988	Tokyo	Michiyoshi Harasawa	8th	2003	Selangor	Chong-Kin Liam
2nd	1990	Bali	Hood Alsagaff	9th	2004	Hong Kong	Wah Kit Lam
3rd	1993	Singapore	Wan-Cheng Tan	10th	2005	Guangzhou	Nan Shan Zhong
4th	1996	Beijing	Wei-Ci Luo	11th	2006	Kyoto	Yoshinosuke Fukuchi
5th	1998	Sydney	J. Paul Seale	12th	2007	Gold Coast	Christine Jenkins
6th	2000	Florence	Ann J. Woolcock	13th	2008	Bangkok	Arth Nana
7th	2002	Taiwan	Kwen-Tay Luh				

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