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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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When 2016 started, AASP saw a dramatic rise in its membership. Because of the successful attendance in the 2015 Conference in Cebu combined with the new structure of membership fees, the Association's membership numbers are at its highest in a very long time.

The challenge is to sustain this membership numbers, and that challenge requires us to find ways to make sure that the Association is relevant to the needs of the diverse members from different parts of Asia. In this regard, the leadership of the Association is coming to terms with the changing demographic of its membership and the varied needs and expectations of its membership. We are exploring new programs and activities that would enable the Association to meet its vision and mission in more parts of Asia.

One of the main thrusts for this year is to undertake capacity-building activities for social psychologists in different Asian countries, especially those countries that are currently underrepresented in the global social psychology literature. In the past years, Past-President James H. Liu has been very engaged in such capacity building activities among Chinese speaking populations in East Asia. Although we still have not appointed the Chair of Education and Training Committee, we are following his lead. In the past months, we have worked with our Regional Representatives and Representatives-at-Large to consult and plan for capacity building activities.

Understandably, this process is slow and deliberate, but I am happy to report that some activities are already being organized. Susumu Yamaguchi, Editor of the Asian Journal of Social Psychology, will be conducting a workshop on publishing in social psychology journals for social psychologists in Thailand in September. For this workshop we will be collaborating with Chulalongkorn University's Faculty of Psychology through the efforts of our Representative-at-large for Thailand, Watcharaporn Boonyasiriwat.

James Liu will also be conducting a workshop on Asian epistemologies for "auctioning" Asian social psychology for social psychologists in Indonesia in October. For this workshop we will be collaborating with Universitas Indonesia's Faculty of Psychology through the efforts of Hamdi Muluk our Southeast Asia Regional Representative.

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- We are still discussing possible workshops for social psychologists in India, Malaysia, and the Philippines.
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- We are monitoring some of the programs we initiated in the past years.

We are still discussing possible workshops for social psychologists in India, Malaysia, and the Philippines as the Association seeks to broaden the types of programs and activities for its members. In this regard, we would be very happy to receive suggestions for similar capacity building activities from members anytime in the future.

As we explore new programs, we are also sustaining many of our current programs in pursuit of our mission and vision. Under the new editorial leadership of Susumu Yamaguchi, we hope that the gains achieved by the Asian Journal of Social Psychology under the leadership of previous editor Emiko Kashima would be sustained and extended. James Liu and I continue to co-edit a special issue of Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology and anticipate revamping the scope of the special issue to be a more viable venue for the members of the Association.

Plans for the main program of the Association, the Biennial Conference in Auckland, New Zealand in 2017 are already underway. Our new Treasurer, Takeshi Hamamura is studying ways to improve the oversight over the management of the Association's financial accounts. Late last year, the new website of the Association was launched and soon more of the functions of website that would help improve the online communication and interactions among members would hopefully be active later this year. All of these efforts are in line with attempts to strengthen the organization and to ensure that its functions are sustained over the many years to come.

In this regard, we are monitoring some of the programs we initiated in the past years. For example, many alumni of the 2015 AASP Summer School are now implementing the research projects they proposed during the school. Four groups of summer school alumni were given grants of US\$500 to subsidize some of the expenses related to their research projects. These projects are:

- "Extending Emotions in Mobilizing Collective Action: Comparing Anger, Shame, and Hope in Japan, the Philippines, and Australia," and "Anticipated Stigma and Ally Collective Action in Japan, the Philippines, and New Zealand" by one group from Winnifred Louis' collective social action cluster;
- "Social Representations of Elections and Voting, Cognitive Processing Types, and Framing Effects on Voting Behavior" by one group from Fathali Moghaddam's psychology of democracy cluster;
- "The three-part study of the Money and Freedom Cluster" by one group from Stuart Carr's money and freedom cluster; and
- "Social Change, Collective and Personal Futures: Actions Supporting Social Change in Macau and the Philippines" by one group from Jungsik Kim's psychology social change cluster.

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Aside from the summer school projects, several projects are now on-going as an offshoot of the Collaborations Evening sponsored by Massey University and Victoria University of Wellington's Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research during the 2015 Conference in Cebu. I am optimistic several of these projects and of the summer school projects will be ready for presentation during the next AASP Conference in Auckland, New Zealand.

This year, the AASP was invited to be part of the Asia-Pacific Psychology Leadership Forum to be held during the International Union of Psychological Sciences' (IUPsyS) International Congress of Psychology in Yokohama, Japan, July 24-30, 2016. The Association is one of the few organizations that are not affiliated with the IUPsyS that is invited to be part of the forum. I hope that this forum will create new opportunities for our Association to grow further and in collaboration with other Asian psychologists.

I look forward to reporting to all of you about this forum when we hold our Annual General Meeting during the Conference of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology in Nagoya, Japan, July 30 to August 3. You will receive details about this meeting from our Secretary-General, Li Liu in due time.

I would like to end this message by echoing my previous message at the end of last year. I hope that all you members of the Association will find ways of engaging and supporting the Association's programs and activities, especially as the Association's leadership works to find ways to reach out to more social psychologists in more Asian countries in the coming years.



AASP 2017 IN AUCKLAND

“Making a Difference with Social Science: Teaching and Research that Addresses Social Issues and Cultivates Self Refinement”

When: August 26-28, 2017

Where: Auckland, New Zealand

Call for paper: July 2016

AASP 2017 in Auckland, New Zealand August 26-28

The theme of the 12th biennial AASP conference in Auckland, New Zealand, 26-28 August 2017 is “Making a Difference with Social Science: Teaching and Research that Addresses Social Issues and Cultivates Self Refinement”. Building from dialogues opened up by AASP’s Special Issues on Action-oriented and Applied Social Psychology in the *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology*, AASP President Allan Bernardo and Past-President James Liu aim to provide a conference that promotes social science for social good, and enables teachers and researchers to build collaborative relationships across disciplines and topics that enhance lifelong learning. Scholars steeped in Asian and other philosophical traditions are invited to join in a spirited dialogue envisioning how social scientists can help co-create global futures in collaboration with communities, governing bodies, global institutions, and non-government/non-profit agencies.

Featured keynote speakers include Guy Standing, author of *The Precariat: The New Dangerous Class* and advocate for universal basic income; Chi-Yue Chiu, the new Dean of Social Science at Chinese University of Hong Kong and a world leading expert in the areas of globalization, creativity, and polyculturalism; YingYi Hong, winner of the 2015 Ursula Gielen Global Psychology Book Award for *The Oxford Handbook of Multicultural Identity*; Linda Waimarie Nikora, Director of the Māori & Psychology Research Unit at the University of Waikato, dedicated to fulfilling the psychological needs, aspirations, and priorities of Māori people, through indigenous psychology and through community-engaged research; and Emiko Kashima of LaTrobe University, AASP’s incoming President and current President-Elect, former Editor in Chief of the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, an active researcher in the area of immigrant adaptation under different conditions of threat.



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The conference will be held on the North Shore of Auckland, at Massey University’s attractive campus in Albany. The main hotel for the conference is the The Spencer on Byron Hotel, Takapuna Beach. The conference website will be opened early, with a Call for Papers to take place in July 2016 to allow delegates who need this early confirmation of paper or poster acceptances, and to allow delegates with innovative plans for workshops or symposia that match the conference theme to work with conference organizers to develop these to the fullest extent for 2017. As usual, a Summer School will take place just prior to the main conference, on Massey’s Albany Village campus close by the main campus in the School of Psychology.



Going beyond prior conferences, an expanded 2-day Collaborations Forum (previously billed as a “Collaborations Evening”) is planned to parallel the Summer School as an appetizer for the main conference. Delegates will be invited to arrive a few days early to enjoy the fabulous City of Sails (and perhaps visit Hobbiton, two hours drive South of Auckland, or Waitangi in the Bay of Island 3 hours North), and engage in a collaborative forum hosted by Massey University. Researchers, community representatives, and non-governmental organizations will share ideas and practices designed to promote social science for social good. Anticipated events include a workshop on the virtuous interplay of teaching, research, and self-refinement.

The Chair of the Organizing Committee (and Head of the School of Psychology at Massey University) Professor James Liu will be happy to field inquiries and engage in dialogue to shape AASP 2017 in Auckland as a memorable occasion in developing the practice of a practical social psychology.



NEW IMPACT FACTOR FOR AASP'S FLAGSHIP JOURNAL

- *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*'s 2015 impact factor: **1.261**
- *Journal of Pacific-Rim Psychology*'s 2015 impact factor: **0.647**

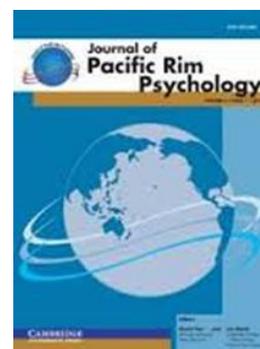
New Impact Factor for AASP's Flagship Journal

Asian Journal of Social Psychology has obtained its highest ever impact factor as indicated in the 2015 Journal Citations Report. The journal's 2015 impact factor is 1.261, double its 2014 impact factor of .62. As a result the journal has risen in the ranks of journal in social psychology.

This milestone in the AJSP's is due to a large extent of the efforts of the journal's editorial team, most especially that of Emiko Kashima, the immediate past Editor-in-Chief of the journal and her team of associate editors. They have undertaken a tremendous coordinated effort to bring the journal to these new heights.

In 2016, Susumu Yamaguchi has taken over the responsibilities as the new Editor-in-Chief at a time when the journal is enjoying remarkable growth and improvement, and the challenge is to sustain the journal's momentum.

In a related development, the other journal supported by AASP, *Journal of Pacific-Rim Psychology* also saw a rise in its impact factor, and it too has obtained its highest impact factor in its history, 0.647. Since 2014, the AASP has contributed a special issue on Asian social psychology of social change to the journal, and will do so until 2018. The special issues are guest co-edited by James H. Liu and Allan B. I. Bernardo, and feature articles authored by AASP members.



WORKSHOP ON
PSYCHOLOGICAL
INTERVENTION AFTER
DISASTERS

When: November 14-17, 2016

Where: Manila, Philippines

Deadline for submission of applications: 15 August 2016

Organized by

- International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)
- ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICSU ROAP)
- Integrated Research on Disaster Risk, International Centre of Excellence (IRDR-ICoE)
- Department of Psychology, University of the Philippines, Diliman
- Center for Applied Developmental Science (CADS), University of Jena

Partners:

- Chinese Psychological Society (CPS)
- United Nations University International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)

5th International Workshop on Psychological Intervention after Disasters

Target group:

The 5th International Workshop on Psychological Intervention after Disasters (PIAD) is intended for:

- Researchers, educators, and practitioners from across the entire Asia-Pacific region, who have an academic background, primarily in psychology and affiliated fields, and who are interested and experienced in research work on psychosocial consequences of disasters and ways of science-based intervention;
- Psychologists who work with particular target groups facing adversities of various kinds, such as families with children and adolescents; and
- Young and early career research scientists from Asian-Pacific countries with interest in research on the impact of disasters.

International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS):

IUPsyS is the internationally recognized umbrella organization of about 90 national scientific organizations of psychology worldwide. It works to promote the development, representation and advancement of psychology as a basic and applied science regionally, nationally, and internationally. The main activities of the IUPsyS focus on fostering the development of the science and practice of psychology. For further information see www.iupsys.net

Location:

The Workshop will be sponsored by the International Research on Disaster Risk International Centre of Excellence (IRDR-ICoE) of The Academy located in Taipei, and organized by IUPsyS, the ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICSU ROAP), with support from the Department of Psychology, University of the Philippines, Diliman, the United Nations University International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH), and the Chinese Psychological Society (CPS). It will be hosted by the University of the Philippines and will take place in the city of Manila. For information about Manila please visit <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines>.

