

APOCP/APJCP Report

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Historical Report

The APOCP has its roots in early 1999, with Malcolm Moore, Kazuo Tajima, Shinkan Tokudome, Shoji Fukushima and Hiroyuki Tsuda as its prime movers. The basic idea was to provide an equivalent in the Asian Pacific of the European Cancer Prevention Organisation/European Journal of Cancer Prevention and the American Association for Cancer Research (Prevention Section)/Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Control. A core group of individuals active in the cancer prevention field were then persuaded to join and published an Introductory Volume: Cancer Prevention in Tables and Figures, with the help of a donation by Nobuyuki Ito. In line with the vision for the APOCP formulated in the first editorial (Moore, 2000), we here provide an overview of the financial history of the APOCP until the end of 2002 (see Table 1). It is envisaged that this transparency will consistently be maintained in the future. If there are any questions from the members regarding any of the details, they can be sent to apocp2000@yahoo.com for the attention of the responsible individual, Malcolm Moore.

The first Editorial Office was set up in the Department of Public Health, Nagoya City University at the end of 1999 and publication of the Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention (APJCP) was commenced. Great thanks are due to Prof Shinkan Tokudome for his great support in providing facilities at this crucial period. Four issues ensued in 2000, together with a supplement, the Proceedings of the XV Asian Pacific Cancer Conference (APCC), Chennai.

In November of 2000, the Founding Conference of the APOCP was staged in Pattaya, Thailand, with 49 speakers from 13 countries. This was partly supported by the UICC National Committee, Japan. Somyos Deerasamee of the National Cancer Institute of Thailand kindly acted as President and the theme of the meeting was 'The APOCP and Regional Collaboration for Cancer Prevention'. At the inaugural session Kazuo Tajima was elected as Chairperson, Malcolm Moore as Secretary-General and Petcharin Srivatanakul as Treasurer, and a constitution was drawn up.

At the end of the year the Editorial Office was moved to Bangkok, Thailand, with the opening of an APOCP Training Centre. The idea was to increase efficiency of publishing the journal and included were the office itself and a teaching room which could be used for small meetings. In addition to the standard issues of the APJCP a second supplement was published, the Proceedings of the 22nd Annual Meeting of the International Association of Cancer Registries, Khon Kaen - Cancer Registration in Asia in the Year 2000: Past,

Table 1. Financial Report

	Income	(in 10,000 yen)	Outlay
1999			
N Ito	100	Publication	60
Reprints	112	Postage	22
	<u>211</u>	Soft/Hard	<u>42</u>
			<u>120</u>
2000	+91		
General			
K Aoki	50	Secretary	96
K Tajima	50	Publication	230
MA Moore	30	Postage	156
Reprints	62	Soft/Hard	<u>38</u>
APCC	100		<u>520</u>
Membership	49		
Ind Sponsors	<u>95</u>		
	<u>527</u>		
Meeting			
UICC Japan	50	Invited	65
Donations	4	Entertainment	<u>27</u>
Registration	<u>5</u>		<u>92</u>
	<u>59</u>		
2001	-26		
General			
Membership	75	Secretary	72
Reprints	31	Rent	120
IACR	35	Soft/Hard	96
Donations	<u>15</u>	Publication	126
	<u>130</u>	Postage	<u>107</u>
			<u>521</u>
Meeting			
SanEiGen FFI	30	Invited	30
2002	-389		
General			
Membership	147	Publication	96
Reprints	15	Postage	<u>82</u>
Donations	<u>87</u>		<u>178</u>
	<u>249</u>		
Meeting			
UICC Japan	50	Invited	254
Ind Sponsors	500	Entertainment	253
K Aoki	30	Incidentals	<u>101</u>
S Tominaga	30		<u>608</u>
K Tajima	30		
M Moore	20		
Registration	<u>81</u>		
	<u>741</u>		
2003	-85		

Table 2. Regional Contributions of Publications in the APJCP, 2000-2002

	N.Am	Europe	West Asia	South Asia	SE Asia	NE Asia	Australasia	Total
Number (%)	1 (1)	1 (0)	12 (15)	17 (17)	15 (15)	48 (48)	3 (2)	100

Present and Future. Moreover, a website was established (www.apocp.org).

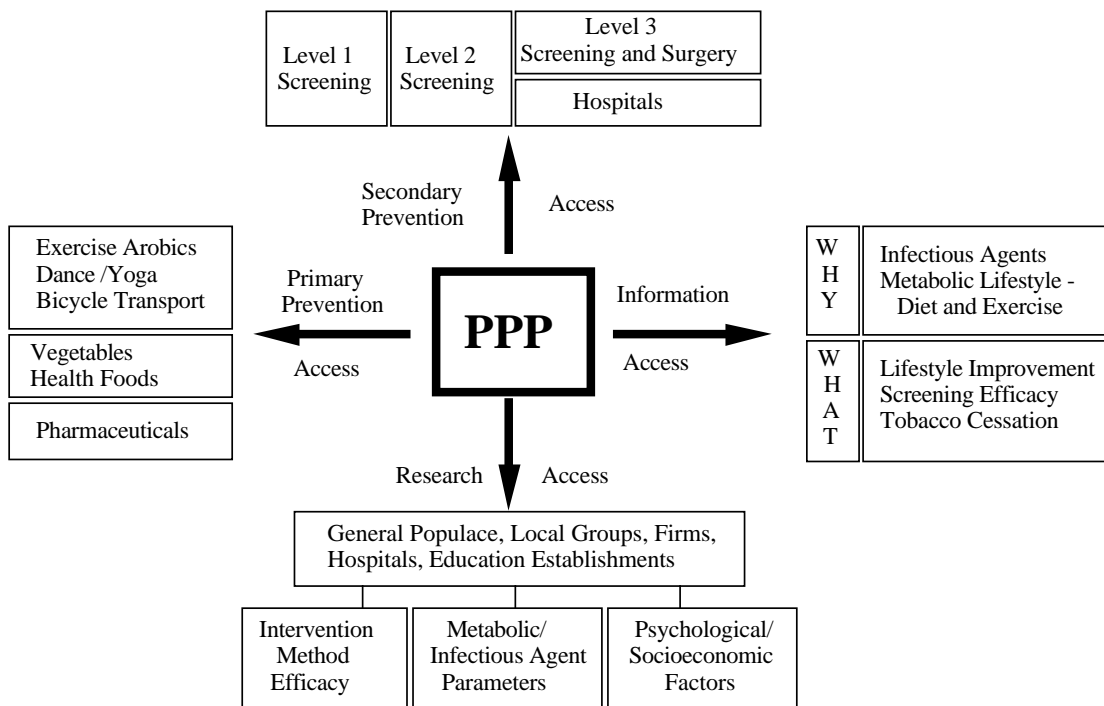
In lieu of the present Conference originally planned for 2001, a mini-symposium was also held in the APOCP Training Centre in November with support from SanEiGen FFI Co Ltd., with the theme 'Nutrition and Cancer in Asia'.

In order to expand the activity of the APOCP a new concept of the Practical Prevention Program was developed in the course of 2001 and introduced into the APOCP Training Centre in the first instance. This project (see the Figure) was funded by a grant from Pfizer Ltd., Japan, and focuses on the marriage of practical means to cancer prevention, both primary and secondary, in a community based approach. It is hoped that further research projects can now be launched and discussion have already commenced with scientists in Khon Kaen University with a view to collaboration.

The APJCP has now completed its third year and approaches to have the journal indexed on Medline look like being successful, providing we can master the system of tagging that is required. The journal has now established itself within the Asian Pacific area, offering a new outlet for

work conducted in the region. As shown in Table 2, countries of Western Asia, South Asia and South-east Asia provided significant numbers of papers, in clear contrast to the situation with other journals specialising in the cancer prevention field (Tajima et al., 2002).

In preparation for the First General Assembly Conference, a number of moves were made to stimulate debate as to what the APOCP should aim for in the future. In Vol 3 No 2 a proposal was made regarding the possibility of the APOCP, perhaps through the UICC/APFOCC establishing a new Training/Coordination Centre for the Asian Pacific (Moore, 2002). The idea of more comprehensive cancer control responsibility was mooted and a questionnaire was included with items on the present state of the APJCP, editorial policy and how what responsibilities members wished to share. In the September issue of the journal we further published two articles in a Policy and Practice section to stimulate debate as to what official relationship the APOCP should have with other International bodies such as the UICC and the IARC (Moore and Tajima, 2002; Tajima and Moore, 2002). From the results of a questionnaire survey conducted at the APOCP First general



Practical Prevention Program Scheme for Development

Table 3. Results of the Questionnaire Survey of Members Attending the APOCP First General Assembly Conference

1) It was decided that the APJCP should:

a) Be yellow in background colour

b) Have at its the logo:  with the Central Map +APJCP



c) Contents or advertisement on the back page (depending on demand)

2) It was decided that the APOCP should:

Have bases in: Japan (Nagoya) and SE Asia (Bangkok)

Publish the APJCP Quarterly

Have FULL INDIVIDUAL and RESEARCH GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Have INDUSTRIAL MEMBERSHIP

Have a General Assembly every Two Years

Have APOCP Country Committees

Have a President (P), Chairperson (C) and Cooperation/Coordination Director (CD)

Have an Executive Committee (EC) of Country Representatives + P + C + CD

Have a Coordination Centre:

- For Publication of the APJCP
- For Publication of other materials
- For Training in Language
- For Provision of Technical Courses
- For Specialist Symposia

Promote Organ/Theme Specific Research Groups

Initiate Research Projects

3) It remained undecided whether the APOCP should:

Be Independent or Affiliated with the Asian Pacific Federation of Organizations for Cancer Control

Become the Asian Pacific Organization for Cancer Control and also Publish an Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Treatment

Assembly Conference, clear majorities were obtained for the majority of items (see Table 3). However, this question of affiliation for the APOCP remained unresolved, approximately 50% being in favour of an official link and the other 50% voting against. It was therefore decided to shelve this issue until the next General Assembly. Opinion will be canvassed at the Asian Pacific Cancer Congress to be held in Bali, Indonesia in 2003, but related correspondence is welcome at any time for publication in the APJCP.

The discussion of how the APOCP should function has necessitated a number of changes to the Constitution which is here provided in full (see Table 4). Once again, comments from the readership of the APJCP will be taken into account

in any future alterations. The major changes made now are essentially in order to facilitate setting up a coordination center and initiate new collaborative research projects. With thanks to all those who have supported the APOCP in the past - a start has been made. However, we still have a long way to go before the APOCP can really fulfill its promise!

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Table 4. NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE APOCP

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS AND HEADQUARTERS

- 1 The name of the organization shall be the Asian Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention (hereinafter called the APOCP).
- 2 The APOCP is a non-political and non-profit organization duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the collaborative and co-operative participation of scientists in the Asian Pacific region countries, engaged in the common effort to prevent cancer development.
- 3 The objective of the APOCP is to promote all aspects of cancer prevention in the Asian Pacific region countries and collaborate with other organizations for this purpose.
- 4 The headquarters of the APOCP will be located, in the first instance, in Centres, in Nagoya, Japan and Bangkok, Thailand.

ARTICLE II - ACTIVITIES

- 1 Publish the official journal, the Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention (APJCP), quarterly in the first instance.
- 2 Facilitate in the exchange of scientists and other workers in the field of cancer prevention between Asian Pacific region countries.
- 3 Assist in the sharing of information and collaboration by APOCP members.
- 4 Act as a publisher of books and other means of information transfer in areas relevant to cancer prevention and fellowship across the z Asian Pacific region.
- 5 Coordinate establishment of subsidiary associations which will be responsible for organizing meetings to discuss particular problems and promote collaborative research in their areas.
 - Branch of Cancer Education
 - Branch of Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention
 - Branch of Cancer Screening and Intervention
 - Branch of Cancer Toxicological Pathology
- 6 Organize training courses in response to the proposals of the member scientists.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- 1 FULL INDIVIDUAL or RESEARCH GROUP MEMBERSHIP shall be open to bonafide workers/research groups active in any area of cancer prevention in the countries of the Asian Pacific region. Full individual members will receive one and research group members two copies of each APJCP volume or supplement. one for distribution to their University/Research Institute library.
- 2 ASSOCIATE INDIVIDUAL or RESEARCH GROUP MEMBERSHIP shall be open to bonafide workers/research groups active in any area of cancer prevention in the countries outside of the Asian Pacific region. Associate individual members will receive one and research group members two copies of each APJCP volume or supplement. one for distribution to their University/Research Institute library.
- 3 INDUSTRIAL MEMBERSHIP shall be open to commercial enterprises engaged in providing services or manufactures for use in any aspect of cancer prevention in the Asian Pacific region.
- 4 AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to organizations publishing journals in the cancer prevention area, with a view to exchange of publications and advertising opportunities.

ARTICLE IV - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1 The General Assembly shall be the supreme governing body. It will define the general policy of the APOCP and shall convene during the biennial APOCP general assembly conference for this purpose.
- 2 The General Assembly shall be open to all full individual an research group members. Exercise of voting can only be on the basis of attendance and not proxy, with one vote for each Full Individual and two for each Research Group member.

- 3 The President of the conference shall provide facilities in the program for the yearly meeting of the General Assembly. The Executive Committee, together with the Organizers of the conference, shall specify the time and the place.
4. The voting procedure of the General Assembly shall be as follows:
 - a. The General Assembly shall elect or reelect the following:
 - (i) The President for the next yearly conference
 - (ii) The Chairperson and Coordination Director (Two year periods, re-election possible)
 - (iii) Distribution representatives for individual countries
 - b. Responses to proposals put forward by full individual and research group members

ARTICLE V - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE APOCP

- 1 The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the APOCP in accordance with the policies determined by the General Assembly. It shall maintain a secretariat in the APOCP Training Centre and shall have the power to appoint technical and such other committees as may be required.
- 2 The voting Executive Committee shall be composed of ten members as follows:
 - a. The President
 - b. The Chairman
 - c. The Coordination Director
 - d. Active Advisors (One each APOCP Country Organization of 20 members, one additional for each extra 50 members)
- 3 In addition to the executive Committee, Honorary Advisors, one each from China, India, Japan, Korea and Indonesia and one other country, will be invited to attend each executive committee meeting at their own expense. They will also be entitled to vote. Non-voting representatives from IARC, UICC and WHO will be welcome to attend, along with Ministry of Health officials from countries of the Asian Pacific region.

ARTICLE VI - CHAIRPERSON OF THE APOCP

The Chairperson shall be a volunteer with the following responsibilities:

- 1 Preside at all meetings of the Committee
- 2 Preside at any meetings of the General Assembly in the absence of the President
- 3 Act as Chief Editor of the APJCP

ARTICLE VII - THE COORDINATION DIRECTOR OF THE APOCP

The Coordination Director shall be an employee of the APOCP with the following responsibilities:

- 1 Supervise the activities of the Secretariat and ensure continuity in the implementation of the general policy of the APOCP and its administrative functions.
- 2 Keep under review the policies of the APOCP and initiate and develop proposals for consideration of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.
- 3 Act as Managing Editor of the APJCP and ensure its timely publication and distribution.
- 4 Ensure that members of the APOCP are kept informed of the activities of the organization.
5. Supervise the activities of the Finance Committee and ensure that bookkeeping for the APOCP is maintained in an appropriate fashion.
6. Liaise with the Finance Committee and a duly appointed accountant for this purpose.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES

1. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the the President, the Chairperson and the Coordination Director and Distribution members for individual countries. They shall serve for two-year period and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 2 The expenses of the APOCP shall be met by the annual dues of the members, by grants and donations, and by revenue generated by the APOCP Training Centre.

- 3 Members shall be responsible for payment of annual dues as required by the General Assembly.
- 4 The Finance Committee shall be charged with the task of:
 - a Fund-raising in member countries and determining the financial needs of the APOCP.
 - b Custody of funds, securities and other effects of the APOCP which come into its possession from time to time.
 - c Over-seeing, accounting and auditing of the financial matters and making recommendations to the Executive Committee thereon.
 - d Seeking contributions and donations from member organizations, corporations, individuals and non-member-organizations. However, such activities by the Finance Committee shall not be initiated without the approval of the General Assembly.
 - e Submitting a complete yearly report of the financial status to the General Assembly

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 1 The Constitution may be amended at the General Assembly on a majority vote after due discussion of proposals put forward by Full Individual or Research Group members.
- 2 Emergency meetings of the general Assembly may be held with 60 days notice given to all Full members.

ARTICLE X - RELATIONS

- 1 With the exception of powers delegated by the General Assembly to individuals, instruments should be valid only if signed by the President, Chairperson or Coordination Director of the APOCP.
- 2 The APOCO shall not be committed and instruments executed on its behalf will not be valid without the relevant signatures.
- 3 Members and officials of the APOCP shall incur no personal liability in respect of the commitments of the APOCP/APJCP/APOCP Training Centre.

OFFICIALS FOR 2002/2003

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