



# Ifpra Circular

International Federation of Park and Recreation Administration  
Asia Pacific Regional Newsletter

## Thanks for the Memories

Melbourne 1998

Successful Congresses don't just happen. They take a lot of time, commitment, and dedication. Particular thanks are due to John Senior from Parks Victoria, Dr Anne Binkley (Australian Commissioner), John Brandenburg (Secretary, IFPRA Asia-Pacific), and the other members of the Organising Committee that made things work.

A thank you must also be extended to the trade exhibitors and of course the sponsors, the City of Melbourne, Parks Victoria, and the Department of Conservation and Land Management, all of whom gave generously of their time and finances which enabled the Congress to be such a success.

There were 513 delegates with 117 coming from 23 other countries. One hundred and sixteen speakers (36 from overseas) were included in the program of plenary and concurrent presentations, workshops and technical tours. Proceedings of the Congress are now being compiled onto a CD. Copies will be mailed free to all delegates and will be available for purchase from the National Office of Parks and Leisure Australia.

Your Secretary was also responsible for the Post Congress Study Tour which had 46 participants representing 13 countries. Due to the generous support and assistance he received a surplus was generated and A\$3,660 has now been transferred to the IFPRA Asia-Pacific Savings Account.



Post Congress Study Tour at  
Albury Botanic Gardens



IFPRA Asia Pacific Regional Representatives  
at the Congress Dinner  
(from left) Dr. Kanzo Hirano,  
Mrs. Zheng Shuling, Dr. Anne Binkley,  
Mrs Hirano, John Brandenburg.

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## Chairmans Message

Figures made available at the IFPRA World General Assembly showed a modest increase in membership in both the European and Asia-Pacific regions over 1996-98. Recently we have welcomed the following members to the Region - D Backhouse from Australia, Y Boey, W Fung, H Kong, L Ong, G Tan and K Tan from Singapore, G Porteous from New Zealand and the Hamamatsu City Green Park Association from Japan. To all our members thank you for your support and may I wish you all the very best for 1999 - Robert Small, Chairman IFPRA Asia-Pacific.



## Commissioners News

### New Commissioner for Japan

At the recent World Commission meeting in Melbourne, the nomination of Dr Mariko Handa as the IFPRA Commissioner for Japan, was accepted. Dr Handa was nominated by the Parks and Open Space Association of Japan and the Parks and Recreation Foundation. She is currently the Director, Environment Department, Public Research Institute with the Ministry of Construction. Dr Hando replaces former Commissioner Dr Yoritaka Tashiro who has stood down to concentrate on IFPRA World matters.

### Education and Training in Parks, Recreation and Tourism

As the peak international body for park professionals we need to have a document in place that provides advice to students wishing to pursue diploma, baccaluretaute, and postgraduate training in parks, recreation, leisure, and tourism. I would like to hear from members who would like to develop this initiative with me - David Aldous, E-mail d.aldous@landfood.unimelb.edu.au

### 1999 Congress

Further details on the 1999 IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress to be held in Hangzhou, China, are now available. The Congress will commence with a conference connection on Wednesday, 6 October with meetings from the 7 through to 10 October. A tour of the West Lake scenic area will be arranged and site seeing and shopping tours will be available for accompanying persons.

Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang province, is one of China's important cities with tourist attractions. As one of the seven ancient capitals, this 2000-year-old city has been described as, 'paradise on earth'. Lying close to the city is the West

Lake one of China's National Parks. With an area of 60 square kilometres, the lake is surrounded by misty mountains except on one side where the city is situated. It has pretty scenery and a rich variety of cultural relics and is a well known local and international tourist resort. The venues and hotels selected for the 1999 Congress are also located on West Lake.

Located in China's most fertile Yangtze Delta, Hangzhou is known for its abundant products, economic prosperity and hospitable people. The area also boasts the titles of 'land of tea', 'home of silk' and 'capital of culture heritage'.

Hangzhou is only 150 kilometres to Shanghai and enjoys convenient transport facilities with air services to Hong Kong and Singapore. A Post Congress Tour through to Beijing of 11 days 10 nights (October 11 - 21) has also been planned.



### The Congress Registration Fee is US\$480

#### Accommodation:

Jinxi Hotel: US\$55 per room/per night (double)  
Zhejiang Hotel: US\$48 per room/per night (double)

#### Post Congress Tour:

Hangzhou-Shanghai-Gulin-Kumming-Xi'an-Beijing  
(11 days 10 nights)

US\$1100 (double), US\$1320 (single)

Congress details available from:

#### The Congress Secretariat,

Department of Hangzhou Landscapes and Cultural  
Relics Bureau  
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## Regional Snapshots

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**HAMAMATSU, JAPAN** - also the home of Yamaha and Kawai, Japan's two most distinguished music manufactures, will host the IFPRA World Congress in 2004. The Mayor of Hamamatsu City, Mr Masaru Kurihara, has extended an invitation to all members and their friends to attend the Congress. A city of 570,000 people, it is located halfway between Tokyo and Osaka. In 2004 it will also host an international garden and horticulture exhibition.

**YOKOHAMA, JAPAN** - the Port City has a treasure in the Sankeien Garden which was first opened in 1906. The 19 hectare garden is also the site of temple towers, elegant old homes, teahouses and other buildings of traditional Japanese style, many relocated from other regions of the country. Restored in the 1950's, the garden looks magnificent in each of the four seasons and should be included on the program of visitors who have an interest in gardening, horticultural or architecture.

**ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA** - promoting itself as the rose capital of the Southern Hemisphere, will host the International Rose Festival in the year 2000. The area enjoys an international reputation as one of the great places in the world to grow roses with 50% of the nation's commercial and domestic roses under production.

**SINGAPORE** - The 54 hectare Singapore Botanic Gardens is one of the oldest public gardens on the island. It was founded by an agri-horticultural society in 1859 as a small pleasure park. The garden is well known for the introduction of the Brazilian species of Para-Rubber (*Hevea brasiliensis*) which became the major crop on which the region prospered. The garden is now one of the world's most famous tropical research institutes.

**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA** - One of the major legacies of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2000 will be the development of Millennium Parklands. The parklands will be developed in three stages. The first stage will cover about 420 hectares surrounding Homebush Bay's Olympic facilities and the Sydney Showground, and is to be finished before the Games. The final project will cover 450 hectares and will be Sydney's largest metropolitan park, bigger than New York Central Park. Extensive landscaping will involve putting in two million new plants, including 65,000 Australian native trees and shrubs in Stage 1.

**HOME BUSH BAY, AUSTRALIA** - Australia's most exclusive sporting address, the 1.5km Olympic Boulevard at Homebush Bay has opened. During the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games crowds are expected to reach up to 500,000 and the walkway links facilities worth more than A\$1billion including the stadium, aquatic centre, indoor sports centre, hotel and olympic village. The Boulevard is 1540 metres long, 60 metres wide, 384 advanced hoop pine trees and 84 advanced fig trees have been planted and 2.5 million interlocking bricks were used in its construction.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA** - a recent survey has revealed that Melbourne is one of the world's greenest cities, with more parkland than the tourist meccas of Paris and London. Melbourne has 463 hectares of parks and gardens within a three kilometre radius of the city centre. Montreal was ranked second with 380 hectares and Copenhagen was third with 376 hectares. The Lord Mayor, Councillor Ivan Deveson, released the survey findings at the opening of the IFPRA World Congress.

**FLINDERS PARK, AUSTRALIA** - (Renamed to "Melbourne Park"). The Victorian Government has recently awarded a contract to construct a A\$54million multipurpose stadium adjacent to the Flinders Park Tennis Centre. A retracting roof system and mechanically operable seating arrangements will ensure that the stadium will be quickly converted from a 10,000 seat open air tennis court for the Australian Open to a 5,000 seat enclosed velodrome for international cycling events. Other uses will include basketball and concerts.

### Something Interesting Happening in Your Area?

If so, we'd like to know about it! The "**Regional Snapshots**" section of the circular will be a regular column, providing you with the opportunity to share local snippets of information with other members in the region. Whether it be a newspaper clipping or event organised in your part of the region, share it with us all. Email it to [ipcs@zip.com.au](mailto:ipcs@zip.com.au) or fax it to John Brandenburg (+61 2 9562 1888)

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# Regional Noticeboard

## 1999

26 - 28 May

Active '99 Sport and Recreation Industry Conference  
Venue: Perth, Western Australia  
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18 - 21 July

4th National Turfgrass Seminar  
Australia Golf Course Superintendant's Association  
Venue: Perth, Western Australia  
Contact: Education Convenor, Peter Schumacher  
Tel. +61 3 9886 6200, Fax. +613 9886 6400

27 - 29 September

2nd Parks & Leisure National Conference  
Venue: Adelaide, South Australia  
Contact: Conference Secretariat, Jackie Thompson,  
Adelaide Events, PO Box 800,  
Glenelg, South Australia. 5045  
Tel. +61 8 8296 9610, Fax. +61 8 8296 8188  
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7 - 10 October

IFPRA Asia / Pacific Congress  
Venue: Hangzhou, China  
Contact: The Congress Secretariat  
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## 2001

24 - 27 September

19th IFPRA World Congress  
Venue: Cape Town, South Africa.  
Contact: The Congress Secretariat  
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## 2002

IFPRA Asia / Pacific Congress

Venue: Singapore.

Contact: Secretary, IPR. c/- Parks and Recreation Department.  
5th Storey ND Building. Annex B. Maxwell Road,  
Singapore. 0106

## 2003

IFPRA Europe Congress

Venue: Stavanger, Norway  
Contact: Parks Department, PO Box 317, N-4001,  
Stavanger, Norway



## Regional Directory

This section of the newsletter will provide, in future issues, the contact details for Commission Members and Representatives for the Asia Pacific Region.

### Executive

Chair	•	Mr Robert Small (New Zealand)
Immediate Past Chairman	•	Dr Kanzo Hirano (Japan)
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Secretary	•	Mr. John P Brandenburg (Australia)

### Members

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