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IFPRA CIRCULAR

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Dear Members,

IFPRA Asia Pacific Circular has taken on a new format for this issue only. I needed to circulate to you additional information for your attention. Issue No. 22 will be included on our website, however, the attachments will not appear as they are for the information of members only.

Unfortunately, for a number of reasons the September edition of the Circular was not published. I was away from my office on leave for 7 weeks late in 2000. I took the opportunity to attend the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sydney, and was a delegate at the annual Parks & Leisure Conference in Queensland. I was also away on a visit to Japan in November. With the updating of membership lists at the Turin Congress, there was also a delay in receiving the new address labels. The labels are printed and supplied from IFPRA Headquarters in the United Kingdom.

1. SYDNEY 2000 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Sydney residents are almost over their withdrawal symptoms following the very successful Olympic activities in Sydney. I attended several events including the opening of the Paralympic Games and thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere created by the enthusiastic visitors, athletics and the 47,000 volunteers who assisted at every sporting venue including the live concert sites and at the public transport terminals throughout the City. Countries from the Asia Pacific region were well represented with Australia and China among the leading medal recipients at both events.

IFPRA members who had visited the Olympic venues prior to the games would have noticed on the television broadcasts the many changes that had occurred over the last 12 months leading up to September, 2000 preparing the City ready to stage '**the most successful games ever**'. Most of the temporary venues have now been dismantled. The temporary stands at the main Olympic Stadium are also to be removed reducing its capacity from 110,000 to 80,000 spectators.

The New South Wales Government has now established a Major Events Board to promote the State and Sydney to become the new events capital of Australia. The multi-million dollar infrastructure of Homebush Bay is now to be promoted for major events. Already planned is the 2001 Olympic Youth Festival, the Tennis Masters Cup also in 2001, the 2002 Gay Games, and the 2003 Rugby World Cup.

On your next visit to Sydney be sure to visit Homebush Bay and the other Olympic venues. Several are managed by IFPRA members and they would be pleased to arrange site inspections for you.

2. MEET JAPAN - HOSTED BUYERS PROGRAM 2000

This program was designed by the Japan National Tourist Organization and the Japan Convention Bureau and provided 38 participants an opportunity to see and experience some of the many attractions Japan has to offer as a convention and incentive destination. It was also promoted in co-operation with the country's 49 Government designated International Convention Cities.

I was successful in receiving full sponsorship from JNTO to attend the program. It was also a good opportunity to promote IFPRA Asia Pacific and the various Japanese parks and leisure organisations. I was also able to meet our Japanese Commissioner, Dr Mariko Handa for an update on progress with the 2004 IFPRA World Congress which will be held at the City of Hamamatsu.

3. 1999/2000 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March, 2000 are attached. The Financial Report was submitted to the World Commission Meeting held in September at Turin, Italy.

4. IFPRA ASIA PACIFIC FORWARD BUDGET

The Forward Budget for the Region which includes the actual expenditure each year is attached. The Budget is reviewed annually by the Executive Committee of IFPRA Asia Pacific. The current Forward Budget was also submitted to the World Commission Meeting held in September at Turin, Italy.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGION

Australia	53
Hong Kong	13
Israel	2
Japan	64
Macau	1
Malaysia	2
New Zealand	17
China	12
Saudi Arabia	2
Singapore	14
Taiwan	1
United Arab Emirates	1

Welcome to our new member Ms Y Ten Hoedt from Australia and Mr M C Smith from the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

General information on IFPRA is included on our website. Please circulate our website address to your colleagues and continue to promote the Institute as our membership is our strength.

6. OUTDOOR DESIGN SOURCE

Outdoor Design Source is the leading trade publication produced in Australia. It is also a supporter of IFPRA Asia Pacific providing us with a full page of editorial. Outdoor Design Source has a website updated every day. Go to <http://www.outdoordesign.com.au>

7. IFPRA ASIA PACIFIC CONGRESS 2002

The Congress Chairman is now seeking papers and presenters for our next Congress which will be held in Singapore in October 2002. Further information can be obtained by contacting:

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8. IFPRA ASIA PACIFIC CONGRESS 2005

Expressions of Interest have been received from Parks and Leisure Australia to host the 2005 IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress in Sydney. An expression has also been received from the National Landscape Department, Malaysia to host the Congress in Kuala Lumpur. Your Executive Committee is currently assessing both submissions and will make a final decision on the host organisation and venue shortly.

9. IFPRA BULLETIN AND CIRCULAR

The Bulletin has a new Editor, Ms Sue Stayte. Editors are always looking for contributions and photographs of interest. Articles from members in the Asia Pacific Region are always welcome. Brief news items are also needed for the Circular. Both publications provide an opportunity to promote your recreation and leisure activities, programs, research and park development.

10. THE NEW MILLENNIUM

For some of us there has been considerable debate on when the new Millennium or Century begins. Was it the January 1, 2000 or is it January 1, 2001? Regardless of the outcome, the Executive Committee extends to you all their best wishes and every success for 2001.

Yours sincerely



JOHN P. BRANDENBURG
SECRETARY