

EDITORIAL: THE TAIPEI PAPERS, VOLUME 1

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The conference was a great success and similar in size and scope to that in Melaka in 1998. For further details, including the conference program and all abstracts, see:
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OTHER NEWS

Arrangements are currently being made to hold the next IPPA Congress in the Philippines in January 2006. The venue is likely to be the campus of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, on the outskirts of Manila. Members will be kept informed as planning proceeds.

The decision was made after our Taiwan Congress to turn the Bulletin into a peer reviewed publication. This change has become virtually obligatory in light of the heavy emphasis on publication in refereed journals by government departments that control university funding, especially in Australia, and also by academic promotion committees. Peer review or die is the attitude of the day – lots more work for our willing members, but lots more recognition where it matters as well!

THIS ISSUE

This issue contains papers on Thailand, Ryukyus and China/Philippines. Three papers on Resource Management from the Melaka Congress are also included. This volume is dedicated to the memory of Donn Bayard, for whom Jean Kennedy has prepared a brief appraisal. The second issue of Taipei papers is now under preparation.

The IPPA Bulletin editors are also very willing to accept papers on IPPA themes that do not emanate directly from IPPA meetings. Our issues since 1991 – Yogyakarta, Chiang Mai, Melaka – have obviously tended to be focused on conference proceedings. But now that BIPPA has refereed status we can consider other papers that meet our author guidelines (see IPPA website for these, URL inside front cover), and we hope that IPPA members will consider submitting additional suitable material.