

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I am very happy to report some significant developments for the AIPR this past year.

The AIPR has formalised a collaborative arrangement with the Anomalistic and Transpersonal Psychology Research Unit (ATPRU) in the School of Psychology at Deakin University. The unit, headed by Dr. Adam Rock and Dr. Lance Storm, supervises fourth-year-level psychology students who are conducting research in anomalous/transpersonal issues. Specifically, experiments are being undertaken in the areas of anomalous healing, ganzfeld, shamanistic journeying, and the sense of being stared at. It also supports research and study at postgraduate level.

Dr. Lance Storm, the editor of the AIPR's *Australian Journal of Parapsychology* and *THE AIPR NEWS*, has recently undertaken research at the unit where he has also been supervising in the area of transpersonal psychology at Honours level. So a strong connection is currently being forged between the AIPR and the ATPRU. It is hoped it will be mutually beneficial and we aim to collaboratively develop it into a hub of academic excellence in the area of serious research into anomalous phenomena.

The AIPR is also pleased to announce that the inaugural AIPR Annual Lecture will commence in August this year. Dr. Jurgen Keil, a former psychology lecturer of the University of Tasmania, and currently one of Australia's best-known psi researchers, will present the first lecture. The topic will centre on recent research into apparent reincarnation cases from field work undertaken in Turkey and Asia over the past few years. And he will elaborate on a theory which explains such cases as anomalous communication rather than 'past lives'.

The talk will be held at Deakin University during the first week of August. So, mark this in your diaries and be sure to attend. I have no doubt that he will reveal interesting insights into the anomalous nature of reported 'past lives' in children. We also hope it will be an opportunity to gather together and celebrate the study of the fascinating phenomena associated with psi at whatever level you engage with it.

Thank you for continuing to be actively interested in the study of psi. We hope to see you in August.

—HANNAH JENKINS