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PERSONAL STATEMENT

What renders CINI distinguished from other academic societies? As its name clearly indicates, it should be international. CINI should serve to provide the state-of-the-art scientific knowledge with regard to basic, preclinical, and clinical neuropsychiatric research with peer investigators from all over the world. Furthermore, it should function as a precious platform to promote networking of its members from a variety of backgrounds to move the field forward together. CINI should also educate students, physicians, and researchers who currently do not have sufficient access to such opportunities. CINI has the potential of being “home” for every researcher in the field of neuropsychopharmacology.

Raison d'être of academic societies, including CINI, has become more relevant in the face of our life-style changes due to the pandemic. I believe that this challenging situation can contrarily be a chance for the better to meet the need of CINI members in this new era. If I am allowed to take this prestigious position, I will be your voice. I will comprehend the needs of the members and identify what should be changed and what should not be and translate the insight into action.

I recognize myself as a physician, researcher, and educator. I received M.D. and Ph.D. at Keio University School of Medicine in Tokyo in 1998 and 2006, respectively, and completed a three-year post-doctoral fellowship at University of Toronto in 2009. I am currently affiliated with Keio University as Professor of Psychiatry. Through everyday clinical practice, I am fully aware of what is needed by our patients having psychiatric disorders and their caregivers. I have conducted a series of clinical trials, PET imaging works, and pharmacokinetic studies through collaborations with investigators across the globe, and obtained international perspectives. The area of my educational activities is not only local but also international by writing major textbooks and giving lectures in foreign settings. Furthermore, I served as a councilor or committee member for numerous local and international academic bodies, including CINI, the Neuroscience-based Nomenclature taskforce group, and Asian College of Neuropsychopharmacology, whereby I have acquired excellent management skills. Thus, I am certain to be ready for the position of CINI Secretary.

The very first international conference I attended in my career was CINI Montreal meeting in 2002. CINI has been namely “home” for me throughout my career. I humbly ask for your kind support to give me an opportunity to contribute to our “home” as Secretary.