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Newsletter

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President's Message

“May Day”, is not just a call of distress (French “m’aidez!”), but also a recognition of the 8-hour Day for workers throughout the world. As I sit writing this on a brilliant autumn day, I think of all those who work to make our society liveable and without whose labours we would not enjoy the high standard of living here.

In a few short weeks, we will be holding the Biennial ACFS Limited General Meeting here and it will be a time to reflect on what we have achieved and what more we can do. We will have guests from China to inform us on aspects of China’s policies and engagement with the world, friends from the Pacific to discuss their view of China and Australia in the Pacific and friends from ACFS interstate. I suspect the learning curve for us all will be fairly steep. We will also hold facilitated workshops on Saturday afternoon to talk about (a) our Society’s future and (b) the direction our Tours should take, in a competitive and challenging environment.

If there were ever a time to contribute to the future of our organisation both at State and National level, now is your chance! Not only will you be welcomed at the Parliament House function on the Friday night and the Bill Morrow Lecture (see article on guest speaker Hon. Minister Philip Dalidakis below), but we urge and invite you to participate in Saturday’s discussions as well. Sunday will be the formal part of the General Meeting with Directors and State Delegates.

Right now, we need your assistance! We need people who are able or would like to help in these areas:

- Conference set-up & pack down,
- Ushers,
- Media liaison & publicity,

Transport to/from airport,
Preparation of Conference materials,
A/v person

If any one can help or can convince friends, relatives or interested people to help, please contact Secretary Robin Matthews on 0411 285 488 or Anthony on 0415 33 50 33.

Look forward to seeing you there in 3 weeks.

Cheers.

Welcome reception and Bill Morrow lecture Friday 25 May 2018

Over the past years, the Bill Morrow lecture marks the commencement of the National Conference and addresses issues of the developing friendship between the peoples of Australia and China. We are delighted that the Hon. Philip Dalidakis MP Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business in the State Government will be delivering the 2018 Bill Morrow lecture. Minister Dalidakis has a strong personal relationship with China and he will relate this connection in his speech.

Bill Morrow was born in Rockhampton in 1891, became an Australian Railways Union organiser and went on to be a Senator for Tasmania from 1946 to 1953. As part of his work to develop friendship between the peoples of Australia and China, he visited China three times as a guest of the Chinese Government, and became a member of the ACFS National Executive and was Queensland State President.

The reception and lecture will commence at 6.00 PM on Friday 25 May 2018 at Parliament House, Spring Street Melbourne. The lecture and reception are free, but if you would like to attend it is essential that you RSVP to National Secretary Robin Matthews on 0411 285 488 or robin@remconsult.com.au or State President Anthony Leong on 0415335033 or anthony@modform.com.au by Friday 11 May as all names of people attending must be supplied to the security staff at the Parliament. On the evening, guests attending must allow time for security screening prior to entering the Parliament building. If your name is not on the list, you will not be permitted to enter.

Hon. Philip Dalidakis MP:



Victorian Minister for Trade & Investment, Innovation & the Digital Economy, Small Business.

Philip Dalidakis' father was born in Greece and his mother in Shanghai, the daughter of Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany. As the son of immigrants, he shares the life stories of many families in his electorate.

Philip was educated at Gardenvale Primary School, St Michael's Grammar, Monash University and the University of NSW. He has a Master's Degree in Commerce and a double degree in Business (Management) and Arts (Politics and Thai language). He speaks Greek and Thai.

Philip has worked in the private and government sectors. He worked as an analyst with Deloitte, with Centro Properties Group, financial controller with Boston Umbrella and CEO of the Victorian Association of Forest Industries from 2007 to 2011. In government, he was Deputy Chief of Staff to Senator Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, in 2011-12.



Professor Yao Yao:

Associate Professor, International Relations, Sino-U.S relations, Public Diplomacy

[Ph.D. (Tsinghua University and Harvard University), M.A. (Tsinghua University), L.L.B and B.A. (Peking University)]

Dr. Yao Yao oversees the Centre for National Soft Power Research at the China Foreign Affairs University, a national-level think tank affiliated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China. He is also the Director of Research at the China Public Diplomacy Association.

As an academic author focusing on Sino-U.S relations and public diplomacy, Yao has published journal articles and several books (authored, co-edited and translated), such as History of China's Public Diplomacy and China's Diplomatic Soft Power. Recently he has paid

more attention to emerging markets such as Central Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

Yao holds an L.L.B. in International Politics and a B.A. in Economics from Peking University, and a joint Ph.D. of the Fulbright Program in International Communications from Tsinghua University and Harvard University, under the guidance of Professor Li Zhaoxing, Former Foreign Minister of China, and Professor Joseph Nye, the founder of the soft power theory. He finished his postdoctoral research at the Party School of the Central Committee of CPC.

Dr Hiria Ottino:



President, Pacific-China Friendship Association

Born in Tahiti, Hiria spent his childhood in Madagascar and then Reunion Island. He studied a double-degree in Chinese Medicine and Anthropology in China and France and then worked on a World Food Program for the UN, before being named French Polynesian Representative to Beijing. Following that, he became Counsel for International Relations for the French Polynesian government.

He worked for the French online version of the Chinese “People’s Daily” and is author of works notably on Chinese medicine and Taoist thought. He has translated 7 acupuncture texts from Chinese to French as well as a dictionary of Chinese medicine. He has also 2 philosophical publications on “simplicity of life” and “the truth of appearance – fengshui”.

In 2010, with the support of the French Polynesian President, Hiria constructed a giant outrigger canoe to retrace the steps of the first Polynesians, and in 123 days, sailed from Tahiti to the Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Solomon Islands, PNG, Palau, the Philippines and finally to China, to great and warm acclaim. That outrigger now is permanently exhibited in China at the Maritime Museum.

In 2014, with the 60th anniversary of the diplomatic recognition of the People’s Republic of China, he was one of 9 people world-wide to be named by the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The ACFS Committee has prepared an interesting and diverse program for the Conference. Members and interested guests are welcome and encouraged to attend but to cover the costs of the venue, catering for morning and afternoon teas and lunches there is a registration fee payable.

Registration fee

\$65.00 = 1 day ACFS members

\$120.00 = 2 days ACFS members

\$80.00 = 1 day non members

\$150 = 2 days non members

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Payment facilities will also be available on the day.

We are always looking for interesting stories and articles to share with our members. Any members who have great stories to tell please contact ACFS office or e-mail to acfs.vic@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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VICTORIAN MEMBERSHIP RATES

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