

April, 2003

MINUTES OF THE 9th BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 26th, 2003

6.00pm Westin Plaza Hotel

Mindoro Room Manila, Philippines

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6.10 p.m. by the President, Dr Seung Jong Lee who presided in the Chair.

2. Roll call.

An attendance registration form was signed by 9 members and representatives of national endodontic societies (see list attached to these Minutes). Participants were from Australia, The Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, Korea and Japan.

Those present were:

Prof. Seung Jong Lee - Korea –President
Dr Philippe O Zimet- Australia – Secretary
Prof. Paul V Abbott - Australia - Past President
Dr Ernesto Vizcarra - Philippines - Past President
Dean Edna Jimemna - Philippines - Immediate Past President
Dr Gerald Kiang Chong Lim - Singapore – Councillor
Prof Hideaki Suda - Japan- Councillor
Dr Shufiar Hardisusig - Indonesia - Designated Councillor
Ligaya C Virata - Philippines - Designated Councillor

3. Apologies

Apologies had been received from:

Dr Peter Cathro - New Zealand
Dr Robert Love - New Zealand
Dr Yoong Lai Thong- Malaysia
Dr Gary Cheung - Hong Kong
Dr Sung-Kyo Kim-Korea
Dr Seung Tae Kim - Australia
Dr Kam Chan - Taiwan
Siti Mardewi Soerono Akbar – Indonesia

4. Confirmation of the minutes of the 8th Biennial General Meeting which was held at the Allegro Room, COEX Inter-Continental Hotel, Seoul, Korea.

The President reported that the Minutes had been circulated to all members with the January 2003 APEC Newsletter and hence the Meeting accepted that they be considered as having been read.

A Motion was moved to accept these Minutes as a true and accurate record of that Meeting - Proposed: Dr G. Lim; Seconded: Prof H.Suda. Accepted unanimously.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

5.1 Affiliation with APDF.

The Secretary reported that a meeting was held that morning with the Secretary general of the APDF, Dr Jeff Annan at the Westin Hotel. Prof. Paul Abboott, Prof. Seung Jong Lee and Prof. Hideaki Suda also attended. Dr Annan indicated a favourable response from APDF Member to the concept of the APEC becoming formally affiliated with APDF.

The timing of future scientific congresses was discussed and the APDF indicated that it would encourage local APDC organising societies to include the APEC scientific congresses in the programme. The financial interaction was also discussed. There are many benefits to both organisations when the meetings are held in conjunction with each other. It was expected that the presence of APEC would at worst be financially neutral to APDF. The secretary had advised Dr Annan the next APEC Biennial General Meeting and scientific congress would most likely be in Malaysia in 2003 with the APDCs. Dr Annan indicated the fee for affiliation would possibly be US\$ 50.00. The discussions had been very fruitful and the APDF were pleased to have APEC's interest and presence in the region.

5.2 Munksgaard

The Secretary advised the negotiations regarding the discount rate for Munksgaard-Blackwell publications was completed and brochures sent together with subscription to the Australian Endodontic Journal to the councilors of the member countries. Thanks were expressed to the secretary for pursuing the protracted negotiations. It was emphasized to member countries that members must avail themselves of these rates or Munksgaard will not continue to provide the discount rates

5.3 Regional Journal

Discussion was held regarding the President's suggestion of setting up a regional endodontic journal.

Prof Abbott indicated it would facilitate the acceptance of submitted articles if APEC adopts the Australian Endodontic Journal (AEJ) as its official journal, as the Journal is already established and indexed. Dr Lim supported the idea but pointed out that firstly, the AEJ needs to be amenable to a name change. The Secretary indicated that support from the AEJ editor for a name change would come if the region actively used the Journal to publish articles. As yet very few articles are received from the region for publication. Dr Lim also indicated, from an academic point of view, for promotion one usually would like to publish in a journal of high impact factor. Therefore unless the journal already has a high impact factor, academics will

choose other endodontic journals with a higher impact factor. There is a concern regarding to a Journal low on the SCI rating. The impact factor is important. The secretary proposed that the AEJ is increasing in readership as it is now indexed. In order for the Journal to consider being a regional journal it would be necessary for articles to be published from the region, possibly initially clinical articles. The acceptance of articles for publication in the Journal is dependent on the Editor. Also if news regarding APEC is to be published it is up to member countries to submit articles. As part of this process all meetings should be archived in the AEJ. Speakers are asked to submit an article of their lecture. The Secretary will also write a summary of the meeting.

6. Membership

The Secretary and President reported that letters of invitation to join APEC had been sent to all national endodontic societies of countries in the Asian Pacific region that they were able to identify. Letters were also sent to national dental associations in countries where endodontic societies were not easily traced - in these cases, the national dental associations were asked to forward the material to any of their members that might be interested in joining the Confederation. Very positive feedback had been received from many countries and this resulted in new country members from Australia, Pakistan, Taiwan and Japan. In addition, a number of Individual Members had also joined from Indonesia, Pakistan, Israel and Australia. Concern was expressed that contact had been lost with India.

Dr Jimemna will provide contact addresses for the new secretary to make contact with Mainland China. The new Secretary will also try to get names and addresses from the APDF to contact APDF countries that are not yet members of APEC. Dr Suda is to contact Thailand. Dr Zimet is to Contact Saudi Arabia and if possible Iran

7. Constitution

Discussion was held informally approving the concept of succession of office bearers. The position of Vice President will become the position of President Elect. The position of Secretary and treasurer will be separated. The Secretary will transfer to the position of President Elect. Therefore the only elected position is that of Secretary. The Treasurer will be a nominated position, nominated by the incoming President. The executive positions of President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer are not held by Councilors. The individual countries nominate councilors. An advisory council of past Presidents co-ordinated by the President of the Day may indicate their preference for the nominee of Secretary. The advisory council of Past Presidents may also give opinions on matters relating to APEC. As such Past Presidents should be kept on the Email list as information is being circulated.

With regard to voting: the Secretary and President elect only vote if there is a tie amongst the Councilors. If there is still a tie the President places a casting vote. The Treasurer and Immediate Past President do not have a vote.

8. Presidents report

The President, Dr Seung Jong Lee, presented a written report, which had been circulated by mail to members with the *Newsletter and Notice of Meeting and Agenda*.

Dr Lee emphasized the benefits of continued and regular communication amongst Confederation members and this had been achieved through the APEC *Newsletter* and e-mail. The President concluded his report by thanking all of his fellow Officers and Councilors for their assistance during his term of office. The President thanked the Meta Company for their continued sponsorship. The members present thanked Prof. Seung Jong Lee for his leadership and

guidance for the Past 2 years and for coordinating last year's meeting in Korea. The President also emphasized the thanks to Dean Jimemna, Dr Ernesto Vizcarra, and Dr Ligaya C Virata for preparing today's meeting.

A Motion was moved to accept the Presidents Report. Accepted unanimously.

9. Secretary/Treasurers report

Most of the correspondence related to Munksgaard. The Treasurer, Dr. Phillippe Zimet, presented the Treasurers Report which had been circulated by mail to members with the *Notice of Meeting and Agenda* s. A detailed list of income and expenditure was presented together with a summary which indicated that there was **\$AUD 8,911.26** in the Confederations bank account. The main income had been subscriptions. The Meta Company of Korea met costs for this meeting and Dinner. This leaves the Confederation in a healthy position but subscriptions and further donations will be required to maintain this. Prof. Hidaeke Suda and Prof. Seung Jong Lee will pursue further avenues of sponsorship in Japan and Korea (e.g. Morita, Dentsply Asia, and Meta). Sponsors can get their name in the Newsletter, and in Congress advertising. Dr Gerald Lim is to create a slide to publicize APEC when members are giving lectures.

It may be necessary to spend money on further developing the home web page. This will be discussed with Dr Gary Cheung

A Motion was moved to accept the Treasurers Report. Accepted unanimously.

10. Membership application rate for 2003-2004

The Treasurer commented that as long as more sponsorship money for lectures/meetings could be obtained in the future, then there is no need to raise the subscription levels at present. Sponsorship money has been received for our last few scientific meetings and it is hoped that the dental industry will continue to support APEC in this way. Therefore, Dr Zimet proposed that the subscription rates for the two year period of 1999-2001 remain unchanged - that is (*in Australian dollars*):

Individual members :		\$ 30.00
Country Members :	A) Societies with <100 members	\$ 115.00
	B) Societies with 101-200 members	\$ 220.00
	C) Societies with >200 members	\$ 335.00

A Motion was moved to accept the Treasurers advice. Accepted unanimously.

11. Election office bearers.

The following had been duly proposed for the listed positions. All nominations were unopposed and hence the President declared the nominees as being elected:

President	Dr Phillippe Zimet	Australia
Vice President	Dr Gerald Kiang Chong Lim	Singapore

Secretary	Prof. Hideaki Suda	Japan
Treasurer	Dr Seung Tae Kim	Australia
Immediate Past President	Prof. Seung Jong Lee	<i>Korea</i>

According to the Constitution, the Meeting agreed that the new Council should attempt to have one representative from each of the national country member societies in addition to the current executive. The meeting agreed to accept the nominee of each country as the Councillor. Prof. Suda will contact The Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, Korea, Malaysia, and Taiwan

12. Any other business

12.1 Update the Web site and links.

Dr Cheung is to be contacted by Dr Zimet discuss the need to include additional items

12.2 Presentation of Certificates

Certificates of thanks were presented to retiring Councilors: Prof. Paul Abbott, Dr Chun Pin Lin (in Absentia-will be posted) and Dr Lip Hean Saw (in absentia-will be presented by Prof. Suda when Prof. Suda visits Malaysia)

Dr Ernesto Vizcarra gave a vote of thanks to the committee for all their work during the last few years. He also gave a short history. He stated that the Confederation was continuing to grow and fulfil the needs of endodontists and dentists in the Asian Pacific region. He was particularly pleased to see the Confederation develop to be a truly international body of enthusiastic participants and he was very proud and humbled to have been honoured in the past as an Honorary Life Member.

13. Next meeting

The Meeting discussed possible timing and venues for future meetings. It was agreed that APEC should endeavour to meet at each second APDC i.e. biennially. The 2005 APDC is scheduled for 25-29 May in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The new Vice President, Dr Gerald Lim, will contact the Malaysian Endodontic Society Committee to confirm if an endodontic session (APEC Congress) could be included in this Congress. If so, APEC will invite speakers in conjunction with the Malaysian Endodontic Association if the MES wish APEC to be involved. It was suggested that it may be appropriate for APEC to be involved to provide additional sources of lecturers, but this was up to the organizing committee of the host country. Dr Gerald Lim indicated if Malaysia was unable to hold the meeting, The Society of Endodontists' Singapore could host the meeting at about the same time, allowing participants to also attend the APDC. It was suggested that the APEC meeting registration should, if possible, be structured so those wishing to only attend the APEC meeting did not require registering for the entire APDC. It is essential sponsorship is obtained: Prof. Suda and Prof. Lee will pursue this. It is hoped a full day meeting can be organized

It was emphasized the next meeting will mark 20 years of APEC, and should be honoured. It is also hoped to have John Booth Memorial Lecture in Honour of Dr Booth who was integral in establishing APEC. Dr Booths family would be informed. The meeting should plan to be archived.

Dr Phillippe Zimet also suggested the possibility of multi country conferencing via the web as a possibility in the future.

14. Closure of meeting.

Prof. Seung Jong Lee thanked all those in attendance for their time and interest in attending. The immediate Past President, Prof. Seung Jong Lee, declared the Meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

Signed and accepted at the 10th APEC Biennial General Meeting as a true record of the proceedings at this Meeting:

Dr Phillippe O Zimet

Date: _____

President: 2003-2005

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