



# ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFEDERATION

## A P E C

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd April 1993 at 8 am,  
Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Present: Dr. John Booth (President), Australia  
Dr. Paul V. Abbott (Treasurer), Australia  
Associate Professor Majinah Ahmad (Secretary), Malaysia  
Dr. Gary Cheung (Councillor), Hong Kong  
Dr. Ernesto R. Vizcarra, Philippines  
Dr. Ma Edna M. Jimena, Philippines  
Dr. Chung Ming Tse, Hong Kong  
Dr. Yukio Yamamoto, Japan  
Dr. Yasunobu Tsuboi, Japan  
Dr. Kishio Sakaguchi, Japan  
Dr. Takashi Fuke, Japan.

1. The President, Dr. John Booth chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone present.
2. The minutes of the last meeting (9 March 1992) in Auckland, New Zealand having been previously circulated, were approved.
3. Matters arising from the minutes:
  - a. Dr. John Booth managed to produce the first newsletter and expressed wish that its publication should be on an annual basis in conjunction with the Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation meeting. Although in the first issue, information about the status of endodontics in several countries was mentioned, information about many more countries (India, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore) was sadly lacking. Dr. Abbott mentioned that he would spread the word about APEC to the Thais when he visited Bangkok after the APDC meeting.

The President pointed out that Kerr company in Australia was given an advertisement space in the first issue of the newsletter at no cost. In future, the confederation would attempt to secure sponsorship from the trade community for advertisements to appear in the newsletter. Dr. Vizcarra would see to this in the forthcoming newsletter in conjunction with the APEC Meeting in Manila. Dr. Booth mentioned that the cost of printing the newsletter was approximately A\$500. In order to cut costs, Dr. Ahmad suggested printing be done in countries like Malaysia or the Philippines where printing costs would be cheaper compared to Australia. In addition, the cost of postage would also be lower. This was agreed by members present and Dr. Vizcarra would find out the cost of such printing in the Philippines

b. Dr. Booth mentioned that Manila would be the next venue for the APEC meeting due to take place in February 1994; in conjunction with the 17th APDC. Subsequent meetings would be held in Hong Kong (1995, in conjunction with the FDI meeting), India (1996) and Sri Lanka (1997). The President mentioned that on the basis of costs the trade community was not too happy that the APDC meeting be held annually. While the Indian and Sri Lanka meetings had not been confirmed, APEC would meet again in Hong Kong in 1995 following the Manila meeting. Dr. Gary Cheung was given the task of making the arrangement.

c. Dr. Yamamoto from Japan introduced himself as being the representative for the Third Endodontic World Congress due to take place in Kobe in June 1995. He briefed the delegates present on the Kobe meeting and invitations were extended to the delegates present to attend the meeting. However, it was decided that APEC meeting would not be held there.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

The full account of the Confederation for the year 1992/1993 was circulated to everyone present. Dr. Abbott, the treasurer, had opened an account in Perth, Australia in June 1992. Although the Confederation had been in existence for some years, APEC had not had such an account prior to this, as attempt to open an account in Manila by the previous treasurer (Dr. Ansaldo) was not successful. The Treasurer drew attention to the balance of the account being a mere A\$152.52 following payment of outstanding bills. As the account was totally from subscriptions from members, he requested for an increase in subscription.

The sums suggested were as follows:

Country membership: from US\$200 to \$AUD300  
(an increase of \$AUD14.28)

Individual membership: from US\$20 to \$AUD30  
(an increase of \$AUD1.43)

Dr. Ahmad did not agree with the suggestion and requested that different rates be allocated for countries whose local endodontic society membership was small. For example, a country with membership of less than 100 should not be subjected to the same rate as another country with a larger membership. She mentioned that in order to keep APEC account at a healthy balance, the confederation should look at other means to increase the income and not be totally dependent on the subscription from members. She suggested conducting hands-on course during the APEC meeting and the profits made be put into the account. After a lengthy discussion, the members were not able to come to an agreeable term and Dr. Booth promised to discuss this matter further with Dr. Abbott. The Treasurer also made suggestion that the subscription be paid in Australian dollars and not in US dollars as was practised in the past. This was to avoid losses in currency exchange and bank charges.

5. Election of office-bearers:

As the office bearers were elected for the 2-year term (1992-94) in Auckland, the current office bearers would still be in office until 1994 with the exception of the following posts:

Vice President : Dr. Gary Cheung (Hong Kong) was elected to hold this post.

Councillors : Three additional councillors were elected.

Dr. Yukio Yamamoto (Japan)

Dr. Chung Ming Tse (Hong Kong)

Dr. Ma Edna M. Jimena (Philippines)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Vizcarra briefed on the format of the APEC meeting in Manila. A one-day meeting comprising lectures in the morning and a business meeting in the afternoon would be held. He would however have to liaise with the 17th APDC organising committee and inform Dr. Booth accordingly.

The meeting adjourned at 9.15 am.

Continued J. M. Booth  
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