

April 2001

## MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> APEC BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2001

at 2.30pm in the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 2.35pm by the President, Dr Edna Jimena who presided in the chair for the remainder of the meeting.
2. **Roll call** – an attendance register form was signed by 11 members and representatives of national endodontic societies (see list attached to these Minutes). Member countries represented at this meeting were Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and the Philippines.
3. **Apologies** – Apologies had been received from Prof Hideaki Suda (Japan), and Dr's Phillippe Zimet (Australia), Ernesto Vizcarra (Philippines), Saw Lip Hean (Malaysia), Rajiv Chugh (India), and Lim Kian Gerald Chong (Singapore).
4. **Confirmation of the Minutes** of the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial General Meeting, which was held in Singapore on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 – the President recorded that the Minutes had been circulated to all members by post and hence the meeting accepted that the Minutes 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 P Abbott, seconded Dr SJ Lee. Accepted unanimously.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes** –
  - (a) **Revision of Constitution** – Dr Abbott reported that he and the Councillors had made further revisions to the Constitution that had been accepted in principle at the last Biennial General Meeting in Singapore. At that meeting, several questions had been raised about the definitions of membership categories and voting rights of individual members compared to country members. With this in mind, the Constitution had been revised initially by Dr Abbott and then circulated amongst all Councillors for further comments. Several revisions ensued and then agreement was reached unanimously in mid-2000. The new version was then printed and has been circulated to all members together with the Agenda for this meeting and the Minutes of the last meeting. No further comments have been received from members following the circulation of the Minutes and the meeting was opened for questions and discussion. There were no issues that required alteration following this discussion.

A motion was moved to accept the revised Constitution, as circulated in April 2001, to become effective immediately – proposed Dr P Abbott, seconded Dr Teo. Accepted unanimously.

Dr Jimena moved a vote of thanks to Dr Abbott for his efforts in revising the Constitution and also to the Councillors for their contributions to this revision.

- (b) **Honorary Life Members** – Dr Abbott reported that a formal presentation had been made to Dr John Booth of Australia of his Award as an Honorary Life Member of APEC. This presentation was made during a meeting of the South Australian Branch of the Australian Society of Endodontology in September, 2000. Dr Booth asked Dr Abbott to convey his thanks and appreciation to the Confederation for honouring him in this way.

6. **Membership** – The Secretary, Dr Zimet, had provided a list of current members of the Confederation and a copy of this list is attached to these Minutes. This list shows that there are 15 individual members and 9 country members. It was noted that there are two groups from Australia who are members of the Confederation – one is the Australian Society of Endodontology whose membership is open to all dentists in Australia whilst the second group is the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Endodontists whose membership is restricted to specialist Endodontists in Australia and New Zealand. Hence, there are actually 10 national societies as members of APEC currently.

The President reported that she had invited and confirmed membership from Taiwan and an individual member from Saudi Arabia. The President reported that she had spoken to many other potential members who have yet to apply for membership.

7. **President's Report** – The President presented her report which is reproduced in the APEC 2001 Newsletter - a copy of this report is attached to the Minutes. Dr Jimena particularly emphasised her appreciation of the support of the Councillors and Members of the Confederation throughout the her term of office over the last two years.

A motion was moved to accept the President's report – proposed Dr SJ Lee, seconded Dr P Abbott. Accepted unanimously.

8. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report** – This report was presented by Dr Abbott on behalf of Dr Zimet who was unable to attend the meeting. Dr Zimet had presented a written report which is attached to these Minutes. Dr Zimet had also provided an updated Treasurer's report which shows a balance of \$AUD7,449.09 in the bank at present.

A motion was moved to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report – proposed Dr P Abbott, seconded Dr Jimena. Accepted unanimously.

9. **Membership Subscription for 2001-02** – The Secretary/Treasurer recommended in his recent report that the subscriptions for 2001-02 should remain at their current levels which are (all in Australian Dollars):

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| (a) | Individual Members:                             | \$ 30.00  |
| (b) | Country Societies - with up to 100 members:     | \$ 115.00 |
| (c) | Country Societies - with 101 – 200 members:     | \$ 220.00 |
| (d) | Country Societies - with more than 201 members: | \$ 335.00 |

A motion was moved to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's recommendation regarding subscriptions for 2001-03 – proposed Dr P Abbott, seconded Dr SJ Lee. Accepted unanimously.

10. **Election of Office Bearers** - Only one nomination had been received for each position and therefore the following were declared as elected Officers and Councillors for the period of 2001-03:

President:	Dr Seung Jong Lee	(Korea)
Vice President:	Dr Lip Saw Hean	(Malaysia)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dr Phillippe Zimet	(Australia)
Councillors:	Dr Paul Abbott	(Australia)
	Dr Lim Kian Chong	(Singapore)
	Dr Gary Cheung	(Hong Kong)
	Dr Ernesto Vizcarra	(The Philippines)
	Prof Hideaki Suda	(Japan)
	Dr Rajiv Chugh	(India)
	Dr Sung Kyo Kim	(Korea)
	Dr Chun Pin Lin	(Taiwan)
Immediate Past President (ex officio)	Dr Edna Jimena	(The Philippines)

11. **Any other business** -

- (a) **Sub-Committee** - The President proposed that the APEC Council establish a sub-committee comprising the former Presidents with this sub-committee to be known as a "Council of Advisers". The purpose of this sub-committee was to utilise the experience of the Past Presidents whenever the need arose. The sub-committee would act in an advisory capacity and could make recommendations to the Council of APEC. The new Constitution specifies that the Council of APEC has the power to establish sub-committees whenever it feels the need to do so.

A motion was moved to establish a sub-committee known as the "Council of Advisers" and consisting of the Past Presidents of APEC – proposed Dr Jimena, seconded Dr Lee. Accepted unanimously.

- (b) **Scientific Program** - The President announced details regarding the scientific program which was to be held on the following day at the Congress Centre. The Lecturers for the morning were to be Professor Harold Messer from Australia and Dr Donald Yu from Canada. In the afternoon, Dr Steven Buchanan of the USA would be the major speaker. The final session would consist of a panel discussion, moderated by Dr Jimena, with the panel consisting of the above-named lecturers and the APEC Councillors representing the various country members.
- (c) **Vote of Thanks to the President** - Dr Lee moved a vote of thanks for Dr Jimena for her outstanding work as President of the Confederation during the last two years. Dr Lee mentioned Dr Jimena's tremendous efforts and her untiring energy on behalf of the Confederation. This has resulted in an outstanding scientific program with an exceptionally large attendance in Taiwan.
- (d) **Next APEC Meeting 2002** - Dr Lee announced that the next scientific conference of APEC will be held in Seoul on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2002. This will be arranged in conjunction with the Korean Academy of Endodontists and the Asian Pacific Dental Congress which will be held in Seoul at the same time. At this stage, the morning session has been arranged with four keynote speakers on the topic of "Pain in Endodontic Practice". The proposal is to have free presentations and case reports in the afternoon session and the

Korean Academy of Endodontists is also hoping to arrange a second symposium on another major topic. The conference venue has the capacity to hold 600 people in one large room or it can be divided into two rooms holding 300 people each. Hence concurrent sessions could be held if required. Dr Lee distributed brochures regarding the conference and asked members to consider presenting papers or nominating other lecturers.

In order to help lower the costs for members attending the meeting in Seoul, the Korean Academy of Endodontists has proposed the use of "home stay accommodation" whereby members can stay in the homes of Korean Endodontists. Details will be circulated in due course. The Korean Academy of Endodontists is also arranging an entertainment program and there will be a business meeting for APEC, probably on the day prior to the scientific meeting.

- (e) **Corrections in Newsletter** - The e-mail addresses for Doctors Saw, Chiang and Abbott should be altered as follows - Dr Saw: [lhsaw@pc.jaring.my](mailto:lhsaw@pc.jaring.my) Dr Chiang: [dentcare@singnet.com.sg](mailto:dentcare@singnet.com.sg) and Dr Abbott: [p.abbott@dent.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:p.abbott@dent.unimelb.edu.au).

The fax number for Dr Saw also needed correction and his new fax number is now 60 3 795 87780.

- (f) **Votes of Thanks to Dr Chun Pin Lin and Dentsply Asia** - The President moved a vote of thanks for Dr Chun Pin Lin of Taiwan for helping to arrange the APEC meetings this year. He made all of the arrangements for this meeting at the Grand Hyatt Hotel and he also negotiated with the scientific committee of the Asian Pacific Dental Congress to include the APEC scientific program. All those present confirmed their appreciation for his efforts.

Dr Jimena also thanked Dentsply Asia and Dr Alice Chan for helping to support the meeting by sponsoring the business meeting and the dinner, as well as sponsoring Dr Buchanan's visit to Taiwan. The financial support of Dentsply Asia is greatly appreciated and has helped to ensure a very successful meeting.

- (g) **APEC Meeting in 2003** – As outlined above, the meeting for 2002 will be held in Seoul, Korea. In 2003, the Asian Pacific Dental Congress is scheduled to be held in Manila, The Philippines and APEC will again hold a scientific meeting in conjunction with this main congress. The next Biennial General Meeting will also be held in Manila at the same time. Details of these meetings will be circulated in due course.
- (h) **Announcements of other meetings** – The International Federation of Endodontic Associations (IFEA) will be holding the 5<sup>th</sup> World Endodontic Congress from 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 in Madrid, Spain. The European Society of Endodontology will be holding its next meeting in Munich, Germany from 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 and the Federation Dentaire Internationale (FDI) is holding its World Dental Congress from 26<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2001 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- (i) **Relationships between IFEA and APEC** - The President outlined that there had been informal discussions with some members of APEC and the IFEA officers regarding APEC becoming a member of IFEA. The general feeling was that this was not feasible as the IFEA Constitution and By-Laws does not have provision for such regional representation. In addition, many of the APEC member countries are already members of IFEA and they would lose their voting rights if APEC was to become an overall representative for the region. Votes would be lost by Australia, New Zealand, India, Japan, The Philippines, and Korea at a General Meeting of IFEA and the regional

representation would be reduced from 2 regions (Asia and Oceania) to just one (APEC). The impetus for these discussions appears to have been an attempt to reduce the IFEA membership subscriptions from \$US250.00 for each country member to just one subscription of \$US250.00 for the entire region. Members felt that the national endodontic societies should be able to afford the \$US250.00 subscription fee for IFEA and therefore they felt it was best to maintain the "status quo" whereby APEC is not a member of IFEA. It was also felt that IFEA would not be able to provide the education and organisational needs for the region as it has a responsibility to all of its members and to all geographic areas throughout the world. APEC can far better serve the needs of the Asian Pacific region due to the local knowledge, experience and participation of the members and individuals involved. However, members also thought that relationships should be maintained between the two organisations as there can be mutual benefits to both groups.

- (j) **Indonesia** – There were two individual members from Indonesia at the meeting and the President asked them if there was a national endodontic society within Indonesia which could become a member of APEC. Dr's Hermansyur and Hoesin informed the meeting that there is an Indonesian Endodontic Society and the incoming President, Dr Lee, agreed to write to this Society in order to invite them to join APEC.
- (k) **APEC Newsletter** – The President distributed copies of the APEC 2001 Newsletter to all members present. Dr Jimena was congratulated by the meeting for the production of this Newsletter and she called for member Societies to provide articles for future issues of the Newsletter. Dr Lee mentioned that he would like to have a more regular Newsletter with particular themes and articles. Dr Lee asked for each member Society to provide a short history of their Society for the next Newsletter. Another topic for a future Newsletter would be an outline of the dental insurance schemes and methods used for charging fees to patients within each country.

The Newsletter can be used to inform members in each country about endodontic educational events in other countries within the Asian Pacific region. Dr Abbott reminded members that several years ago an agreement was reached amongst APEC member societies where members of an APEC national society could attend meetings of other member societies in other countries at the local "member rate".

- 12. **Next Meeting** – The next business meeting for APEC will be held in conjunction with the scientific conference in Seoul, Korea in April 2002. The most likely date for this next meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2002 but details will be confirmed in due course.
- 13. **Closure of Meeting** – The President thanked all those in attendance for their time and interest in attending the meeting.

The President then declared the meeting closed at 3.55pm.

Signed and accepted at the 9<sup>TH</sup> APEC Biennial General Meeting as a true record of the proceedings at this meeting:

Dr. Seung-Jong Lee  
President, 2001 – 2003  
Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation

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