

## Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> APEC Biennial General Meeting

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2005  
Hall 1, Putra World Trade Centre  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### **1. Call to order**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by the President, Dr. Phillippe O Zimet who presided in the Chair.

### **2. Roll call**

An attendance form was signed by 22 members and representatives of national endodontic societies (see list attached to these Minutes). Participants were from Australia, Bangladesh (observer), Canada, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, United States of America.

### **3. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Dr. Paul V. Abbott (Australia), Dr. Suresh Chandra (India), Dr. Gary Cheung (Hong Kong), Dr. Sunil Karni (Israel) and Dr. Robert Love (New Zealand).

4. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial General Meeting held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2003** – The President reported 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 by Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim, seconded by Prof. Sung-Kyo Kim. Accepted unanimously.

### **5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

#### **5.1 Relation with APDF**

The President explained the present relation between APEC and APDF (The Asia Pacific Dental Federation); APEC is an Affiliate Member Organization of APDF. APDF co-operates in arranging any APEC scientific sessions which may be held at the time of an Asia Pacific Dental Congress (APDC). APEC will provide to APDF a list of people in the Asia Pacific region who are recognized as being leaders in the

field of endodontics and who are willing to travel to present lectures. The list of speakers will be circulated to APDF Member Associations. The Charter Document was approved in September 2003.

## **5.2 Munksgaard**

The President reported that as per last year APEC members were again able to obtain APEC discount rates for Munksgaard publications and that these were the lowest rates available. This was confirmed again at the 2004 IFEA Meeting.

## **5.3 Regional Journal**

The President emphasized the importance of setting up a regional endodontic journal and archiving the APEC Meetings. Discussion was held and there was a suggestion that there may be a possibility of a tie-up with the Australian Endodontic Journal (AEJ), although to reflect the regional nature of the journal, a name change of the AEJ to reflect this may be necessary. It was also noted that for the journal or any newsletter to be successful input from members in the form of articles is necessary. Dr. Zimet proposed the following resolution:

The President contact the Editor of the AEJ with a view to initiating discussions on utilizing the AEJ as the official Journal of APEC.

It was unanimously agreed that The President should contact the Editor of AEJ to begin negotiations.

## **6. Membership**

The Secretary had provided a list of current members of the Confederation. This list showed that there were 14 individual members and 17 endodontic society/ association members. The President commented that there were still a number of countries within the Asian Pacific region yet to join the Confederation. He encouraged the APEC members to bring these countries into the fold of the Confederation.

It was decided that The Secretary should write to the non-member countries to join the APEC using the application form which is on the web site.

## **7. Constitution**

Amendments to the Constitution 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 by Dr. Sum Chee Peng to accept the amendments and seconded by Prof. Seung-Kyo Kim. Accepted unanimously.

The amended Constitution will take effect after the approval by the Hong Kong Registrar of Societies.

It was decided that The Secretary should send the amended Constitution with the Minutes to Dr. Robert Ng for this necessary procedure of submitting the revised constitution.

#### **8. President's report**

The President reported a continuous growth in the number of countries who joined the APEC and expressed his hope to bring non-member countries around the Asian Pacific region into the fold of APEC organization. Also, he reported on the 2004 IFEA Meeting and the 2005 AAE Meeting in Dallas, which provided cultural and regional ties to develop endodontics in many countries. The Dallas meeting also hosted a meeting known as the International Endodontic Community Meeting. This was reported in an email to councilors after the Dallas AAE meeting. The next meeting is planned for Dublin at the ESE meeting. The President will be contacted by the ESE. The President expressed his gratitude to the Australian Dental Association Inc. for sponsoring the APEC web site and providing the APEC with a home. Also, he thanked Dr. Teo Choo Kum and Dr. Lam Jac Meng for incorporating an APEC Symposium in the 27<sup>th</sup> APDC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Then, he announced that APEC members are able to obtain discount rates for Munksgaard publications. Finally, The President thanked all those with whom he worked over the last few years during his presidency.

A motion was moved by Dr. Robert Ng to accept the President's Report and seconded by Dr. Sum Chee Peng. Accepted unanimously.

#### **9. Secretary's report**

The Secretary expressed his deepest thanks to Dr. Phillippe O Zimet, who accomplished tremendous work as the President of APEC during his term of office from 2003 to 2004. Dr. Zimet successfully recruited new APEC members, obtained a discount subscription rate from Munksgaard, and established the APEC web site at:

<http://www.ada.org.au/Societies/APEC/>. In addition, memorable APEC cocktail parties were prepared by Dr. Zimet and held in Brisbane during the 2004 IFEA Congress and in Dallas during the 2005 AAE Meeting. These events further facilitated mutual exchange and friendship among APEC members. Furthermore, Dr. Zimet chaired an APEC Symposium in the 2003 APDC in Manila in cooperation with Dr. Edana Jimena, Past President of APEC.

The Secretary appreciated Dr. Lam Jac Meng and the other Local Organizing Committee members of the 2005 APDC in Kuala Lumpur for incorporating an APEC Symposium, which was the 13<sup>th</sup> APEC Scientific Meeting.

According to the proposal by Dr. Ernesto R Vizcarra, Honorary Life Member of APEC, the Newsletter of APEC was named APEX; Asian Pacific Endodontic Exchange, which was distributed among APEC members.

A motion was moved by Dr. Jac Meng Lam to accept the Secretary's Report and seconded by Dr. Marcus Yan. Accepted unanimously.

#### **10. Treasurer's report and Financial Statement**

The Treasurer, Dr. Seung Tae Kim, presented APEC Treasurer Report for April 2004- March 2005.

A motion was moved by Dr. Fred Weinstein to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Dr. Kam Chan. Accepted unanimously.

The Treasurer explained that the handling charge of checks and bank drafts were expensive when receiving subscriptions.

It was decided that The Treasure should examine the advantage of using credit cards and on-line payment for the subscriptions.

##### **10.1 Election of Honorary Auditors**

The President nominated Prof. Seung-Jong Lee and Dr. Gary Cheung as candidates for Honorary Auditors.

A motion was proposed by The President to accept the motion and seconded by Dr. Chee Peng Sum. Accepted unanimously.

Dr. Gary Cheung was absent in the Meeting. Therefore, it was decided that Dr.

Robert NG should ask Dr. Cheung if he could accept the position of Honorary Auditor.

## 10.2 Membership rates 2005-2006

The President and The Treasurer commented that there was no need to raise the subscription levels at present and that it was hoped the dental industry would continue to support the APEC. Therefore, The President announced that the subscription rates for the two year period of 2004-2005 remain unchanged;

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

## 11. Election of office bearers and Councilors

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	<b>Dr. Gerald Kiang Chong Lim</b>	Singapore
Vice-president	<b>Prof. Hideaki Suda</b>	Japan
Secretary	<b>Dr. Akbar Khayat</b>	Iran
Treasurer	<b>Dr. Seung Tae Kim</b>	Australia
Immediate Past President	<b>Dr. Phillippe O Zimet</b>	Australia

## 12. Any other business

### 12.1 Other countries to join APEC

This was discussed under Item 6.

### 12.2 Multi country conferencing

The President suggested the possibility of multi country conferencing to get together using modern technology.

### 12.3 Maintaining the Web site and links

The President expressed his deepest thanks to the Australian Dental Association Inc. for sponsoring the APEC web site and providing the APEC with home. Also, The President thanked Dr. Gary Cheung for maintaining the APEC web site based in Hong Kong for many years.

It was decided that the current APEC web site based in Hong Kong should be closed.

#### **12.4 International Endodontic Community Meeting**

The President reported on the International Endodontic Community Meeting held in Dallas on April 10 during the 2005 AAE Meeting, where the results of an organizational survey was reviewed and issues for organizational collaboration were discussed.

#### **12.5 Banking charges**

This was discussed under Item 10.

#### **12.6 Thank sponsors**

The President thanked APEC sponsors for their continuous support.

#### **12.7 Constitution update**

This was discussed under Item 7.

#### **12.8 AAE Meeting rate for APEC members**

The President announced that a special discount rate would be provided to APEC members for future AAE Meetings. It was not decided if an APEC reception is held during the 2006 AAE Meeting in Hawaii.

### **13. Next meeting – Jakarta 2007**

Indonesian members of APEC declared their intention to host the next APEC Meeting in Jakarta.

It was decided that the 2007 APEC Meeting would be held in Jakarta, Indonesia. Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim should contact Indonesian members for further details.

### **14. Closure of meeting**

The Vice-President, Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim, expressed deepest thanks to the President, Dr. Phillippe O Zimet, for the great accomplishments during his presidency. Also, Dr. Lim emphasized that the 2007 APEC Meeting in Jakarta would not adversely affect the attendance of the IFEA Vancouver Meeting to be held in the same year and encouraged the members to support the IFEA Meeting as well as the APEC Meeting in

2007. Finally, Dr. Phillippe O Zimet thanked all those in attendance for their time and interest in attending. The Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

### *Attendance Register*

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