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Minutes of the 14th Biennial General Meeting of APEC

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COEX Convention and Exhibition Center

Seoul, Korea

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm by the President, Dr. Sung Kyo KIM (Korea), who was presided in the chair.

2. Roll call

An attendance form was signed by 12 organization members and country representatives of National Endodontic Societies (see Appendix A). Participants were from Australia, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and USA.

3. Apologies

Apologies have been received from: Dr. Paul V ABBOTT (Honorary Life Member of APEC, Philippines), Dr. Muna AL-ALI (Treasurer of APEC, Australia), Dr. Phillippe O ZIMET (Past President, Australia), Dr. Masaru KOBAYASHI (Japan), Dr. Andy LIM (Singapore), Dr. Mardewi SA (Indonesia), Dr. Bustos C. ZOE (Philippines), and Dr. Jjiang Huei JENG (Taiwan)

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting, which was held on Thursday 15th September 2011 at 8:10am in Room San Marco of Rome Cavalieri Hotel, Rome, Italy.

*(*the Minutes of the 13th Biennial General Meeting, which was took place on Wednesday 20th April 2011 at 6:00pm in Jahad University Exhibition Center, Shiraz, Iran was confirmed at the Extraordinary General Meeting in Rome, 2011 already)*

The President stated that the Minutes had been circulated to all members via email after the meetings, hence all the attendance accepted that the Minutes be considered as having been read. The President also reported that the Councilor Meeting for this BGM had accepted those Minutes.

There were no comments/suggestions or matters that needed discussion from the minutes.

A motion was moved to all the attendance to accept these Minutes as a true and official record of those Meeting -- Approved unanimously.

5. Proposed amendments to the APEC Constitution

The President reported that APEC was unable to continue its registration in Hong Kong for a while (*Article II – address, APEC Constitution*) and mentioned that we should consider whether APEC needs to be registered. Dr. Gary CHEUNG (Hong Kong) clarified the situation and suggested if Australian Society of Endodontology would help on this matter.

6. President's Report (see Appendix B)

The President, Prof. Sung Kyo KIM, reported on the matters of:

- a. The 16th Scientific Meeting of APEC was held in Shiraz, Iran in conjunction with the 14th Annual Meeting of the Iranian Association of Endodontics (IAE) on April 20-22nd, 2011. The meeting was very much well attended and he expressed his deepest thanks to the Local Organizing Committee including the Executive Committee chaired by Dr. Faribourz MOAZAMI, the Scientific Committee chaired by Dr. Alireza ADL, the International Communication Committee chaired by Dr. Babak KARAMI, and the Iranian Association of Endodontics chaired by Dr. Hassan RAZMI.
- b. APEC was honored to have Prof. Mahmoud TORABINEJAD (USA) accepted the invitation to be an honorary life member of APEC at the 13th Biennial General Meeting in Shiraz, Iran.
- c. An Extraordinary General Meeting was held in conjunction of ESE on September 15th, 2011 in Rome. Dr. Ibrahim Abu TAHUN (Jordan) was elected as the President-Elect, Dr. Gin CHEN (Taiwan) as the Secretary. In August 2012, the Treasurer, Dr. Sara FIROUZABADI (Australia) resigned for overwork reasons and Dr. Muna AL-ALI (Australia) was kind enough to take over the Treasurer position.
- d. Education Committee of APEC was set up at the Extraordinary General Meeting in Rome and Prof. Hideaki SUDA was kind enough to accept the Chair position of the Committee. As written in the Constitution of APEC, to promote, develop and maintain high standards of endodontic teaching in the Asian Pacific Region is one of the objectives of APEC. The Education Committee is anticipated to work for this with strong support from all the member societies. Last year, the President visited Myanmar to collect information on endodontic education in the country. APEC can do further acts for these needy countries.
- e. Finally, the President thanked all those who he had worked with over the last two years during his presidency. He has happily enjoyed this executive position with President-Elect Dr. Ibrahim Abu TAHUN, Secretary Dr. Gin CHEN, previous Treasurer Dr. Sara FIROUZABADI, current Treasurer Dr. Muna AL-ALI, and Immediate Past President Akbar KHAYAT, who have been actively working to keep and improve our organization on a fruitful way with deep insights so as to improve Asian Pacific endodontics.

The President's Report was circulated to all members, hence the Meeting accepted that the report be considered as having been read.

A motion was moved by all the attendance to accept the President's Report and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the President's Report with no opposition.

7. **Secretary's Report** (see Appendix C)

The Secretary, Dr. Gin Chen, reported on the matters of:

- a. During the period of the 13rd biennial general meeting in Shiraz, Iran in 2011, the extraordinary general meeting in Rome, Italy in 2011, and the upcoming 14th BGM in Seoul, Korea in 2013, there have been no significant activities undertaken by the APEC to report.
- b. The numbers of our member countries have promoted to 14 countries (The Jordanian Endodontic Society became our new member on 2011 and the Thailand Endodontic Society decided to come back this year). AAE (USA) and Indian Endodontic Society has replied and renewed their membership.
- c. The Indian Endodontic Society recently shows their strong willingness to hold the 19th Scientific Congress of APEC in 2017 at New Delhi, India.
- d. Sincere thanks were expressed to Prof. Sung Kyo KIM for his kindly encourage, advice and guidance during the past one year.

The Secretary's Report was circulated to all members, hence the Meeting accepted that the report be considered as having been read.

A motion was moved by all the attendance to accept the Secretary's Report and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the Secretary's Report with no opposition.

8. **Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement** (see Appendix D)

Because the Treasurer, Dr. Muna Al-Ali (Australia) was absent, the Secretary reported on her behalf. The Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statement has been circulated to all the attendance, hence the Meeting accepted that the report be considered as having been read.

- a. **Membership rates** – it was reported that the number of member countries have increased from 13 countries in 2011 to 14 countries in 2013. The amounts of membership dues received have increased as well in comparison to previous financial year. The net profit between 2011-2013 is \$2093.09 and the current bank balance until March 2013 is \$21,765.35

b. **Honorary Auditor's Approval**

The Honorary Auditors, Dr. Gary S.P. CHEUNG and Dr. Seung Jong LEE approved the Treasurer Report as a true and accurate record.

A motion was moved by all the attendance to accept the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statement and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the Treasurer's Report with no opposition.

9. Education Committee Report (see Appendix E)

The Chairman of the Education Committee, Prof. Hideaki SUDA reported three suggestions (projects) as follows:

- a. Project 1: Outreach Program
- b. Project 2: Travel Award
- c. Project 3: Best Paper Award

A motion was moved by all the attendance to agree the suggestions and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept Project 1 as the future working plan in the coming two years with no opposition.

10. Annual Country Reports

The Secretary, Dr. Gin CHEN reported that he received ten copies of country reports from Japan Endodontic Association (JEA), Korean Academy of Endodontics (KAE), Taiwan Academy of Endodontics (TAE), Society of Endodontists Singapore (SES), American Association of Endodontics (AAE), Iranian Association of Endodontists (IAE), Malaysian Endodontic Society (MES), Indian Endodontic Society (IES), Jordanian Endodontic Society (JES), and Endodontic Society of the Philippines (ESP).

The Annual Country reports was circulated to all members, hence the Meeting accepted that those reports be considered as having been read.

11. Nomination and Election of Office Bearers and Councillors

The Secretary, Dr. Gin CHEN reported that he received four Nominee applications for the Office bearers and Councillors from Japan Endodontic Association (JEA), Korean Academy of Endodontics (KAE), Taiwan Academy of Endodontics (TAE), and Indian Endodontic Society (IES).

A motion was moved by all the attendance to accept the nomination and election -
- Accepted unanimously.

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

President	Dr. Ibrahim Abu TAHUN	Jordan	Automatically proceeded
President-elect	Dr. Gin CHEN	Taiwan	New election
Secretary	Dr. Muna AL-ALI	Australia	New election

Treasurer	Dr. Muna AL-ALI	Australia	New election
Immediate Past President	Dr. Sung Kyo KIM	Korea	Automatically proceeded
Councillors	Dr. Masaru KOBAYASHI	Japan	
	Dr. Sanjay MIGLANI	India	
	Dr. Seung Ho BAEK	Korea	
	Dr. Rosario A DAMATAC	Philippines	
	Dr. Juuang-Huei JENG	Taiwan	
	Dr. Samuel DORN	USA	

A motion was moved by all the attendance to accept the election -- Accepted unanimously.

12. Nomination and Election of Honorary Auditors

The President reported that APEC has two honorary auditors – Prof. Seung Jong LEE and Prof. Gary CHEUNG. He declared the nomination of Prof. Phillippe O Zimet and Prof. Gerald Kian Chong LIM to be the new honorary auditors

A motion was moved by all the attendance to agree the nomination and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the election with no opposition -- Accepted unanimously

The President thanked Dr. Gary S.P. CHEUNG and Dr. Seung Jong LEE for their contributory service for the last 4 years as the Honorary Auditors of the Confederation.

13. Nomination and Election of Honorary Life Members

The President declared the nomination of Prof. Syngcuk Kim as an Honorary Life Member of APEC. A brief introduction regarding Prof. Kim was made.

A motion was moved by all the attendance to agree the nomination and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the election with no opposition -- Accepted unanimously

Announcement of all Honorary Life Members

The President announced all Honorary Life Members as follows:

1. **Dr John BOOTH (Dec)**
2. **Dr Ernesto R VIZCARRA (Dec)**
3. **Prof. Paul V ABBOTT**
4. **Prof. Mahmoud TORABINEJAD**
5. **Prof. Syngcuk KIM**

14. Bid for the 19th Scientific Congress in 2017

On behalf of the Indian Endodontic Society (IES), Dr. Sanjay MIGALANI expressed their willingness to hold the 19th Scientific Congress in the year of 2017 at New Delhi, India.

A motion was moved by all the attendance to accept this BID -- Accepted unanimously.

15. Other business

a. Congress Guideline

The President explained that the Confederation does not have any income source except membership fees and he felt that the income needs to be increased in order to support some projects.

Dr. Sam DORN (USA) strongly suggested making a guideline on dividing the surplus of the Scientific Congress in order to make the income of the Confederation. He also suggested referring the Congress Guidelines of other international organizations such as International Federation of Endodontic Associations or European Society of Endodontology.

b. Other countries to join APEC

In addition to Jordanian Endodontic Society joined as a new member of APEC at 2011, Thailand Endodontic Society decided to come back to join the APEC this year.

c. Maintaining the web site and links

The President thanked Australian Dental Association Inc. for sponsoring the APEC web site and Australian Endodontic Journal (AEJ) for serving as the Official Journal of APEC and providing space for APEC Reports. APEC Reports were submitted to and published at the AEJ in regards to APEC activity by APEC Officers in a rotation manner three times per year. One main point from the meeting was in relation to the development of APEC's own web site, which might allow members easier access to information from the organization and help with encouraging new membership.

16. Next Meeting (in 2015)

The President announced that the next Biennial Congress (the 18th) and the 15th General Assembly Meeting were decided at the Extraordinary General Meeting which was held on 15th September, 2011, in Rome, Italy and that the next meeting will be held in Amman, Jordan in 2015. The exact location and venue will be announced after confirmation with Jordanian Endodontic Society.

17. Closure of meeting

The President expressed his deepest thanks to the new President, Dr. Ibrahim Abu TAHUN (Jordan), new President Elect, Dr. Gin CHEN(Taiwan), Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. Muna AL-ALI (Australia), Past President, Dr. Akbar KHAYAT (Iran),

Education Committee Chairman, Prof. Hideaki SUDA (Japan) and current and new Councillors for your their acceptance of the positions. He finally thanked all those in attendance for their time and interest in the meeting. Dr. Ibrahim Abu TAHUN (Jordan) thanked Dr. Sung Kyo KIM for all of his efforts and contribution for the past two years. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm