ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFEDERATION



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Minutes of the 15th Biennial General Meeting of APEC

Friday 10th April, 2015, 14:30h room Trianon, Le Royal Hotel, Amman, Jordan

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm by the President; Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun (Jordan), who presided the meeting.

Roll Call:

An attendance form was signed by 14 organization members and country representatives of national endodontic societies (Appendix A). Participants were from Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Jordan, Korea, Syria, Iran, USA, Singapore, India, and KSA.

Apologies:

Apologies have been received from: Prof. Phillippe Zimet (Australia), Dr. Marcus Yan (Australia), Dr. Morgan Wu (Treasurer-Australia), Prof. Gary Cheung (Hong Kong), Prof. Hideaki Suda (Japan), Dr. Mamoru Kobayashi (Japan Councillor).

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 14th Biennial General Meeting of APEC that was held on Saturday 23rd of March, 2013 at 4:45pm in COEX Convention and Exhibition Center, Seoul, Korea.

The President stated that the minutes were circulated to all members via email before this meeting; hence all the attendance accepted the minutes as read. There were no comments or suggestions 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 the 14th BGM meeting – Approved unanimously.

Proposed amendments to the APEC constitution:

There were no amendments to APEC constitution suggested during this meeting.

President Report (See Appendix B)

The President, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun, reported on the matters of:

The 17th Scientific Meeting of APEC was held in Seoul, Korea in conjunction with the 42nd Spring Scientific Meeting of the Korean Academy of Endodontics (KAE) on March 23-24, 2013. He expressed his appreciation to the organizing committee including the Congress President Prof. Seung Ho Baek, the Chairman of the Congress Organizing Committee and President of the Korean Academy of Endodontics Dr. Ho Keel Hwang, and the Scientific Committee Chairman Dr. Hyeon Cheol Kim.

APEC was thankful for Prof. Phillippe Zimet (Australia), and Dr. Gerald Kian Chong (Singapore) for accepting the positions of Honorary Auditors and Prof. Hideaki Suda for accepting the position of Chairman of the Education Committee.

Education Committee of APEC, set up during an extraordinary general meeting in Rome, proposed two projects to be launched. An outreach program and a Travel award (see Appendix C) Prof. Hideaki Suda expressed his deepest regrets for being unable to continue his role as a chairman of the education committee.

Reported on the need to discuss the matter of APEC's losing its registration at Hong Kong. Expressed his deepest appreciation for AAE's support for APEC, promoting the 18th APEC scientific meeting in Amman, Jordan and for AAE's contribution to the endodontic profession.

Finally, the President thanked all those who he had worked with over the last two years during his presidency including Prof. Luke Sung Kyo Kim; the immediate Past President, whose support and help were the back power during his presidency, Dr. Chen Gin; the president elect, Dr. Muna Al-Ali APEC Secretary, and Dr. Morgan Wu APEC treasurer who were all actively working for the benefits of our organization and its improvement.

The President's Report was circulated to all members; hence the report was accepted as having been read.

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

Immediate Past President Report: (See Appendix D)

The immediate Past President; Prof. Sung Kyo Kim reported on the matters of:

His appreciation to all organizing committee members involved in preparation of the 17th scientific meeting of APEC and the 42nd Spring scientific meeting of the Korean Academy of Endodontics held in Seoul, Korea on March 23-24th, 2013.

Appreciation to Prof. Syngcuk Kim (USA) for accepting APEC's invitation to be an Honorary Life member of APEC.

Appreciation to the Australian Dental Association for sponsoring APEC web page and the Australian Endodontic Journal for serving as the official Journal of APEC and providing space for APEC reports.

His appreciation to Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun, the President of APEC and the organizing committee members of the Jordanian Endodontic Society for organizing the 18th Scientific Conference of APEC.

The next Scientific Congress will be held in India in 2017.

His appreciation to all office bearers for their continued efforts to improve the Asian Pacific endodontics; Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun, the President, Dr. Chen Gin, the President-elect, Dr. Muna Al-Ali, the Secretary, Dr. Morgan Wu, the Treasurer

The Immediate Past President's Report was circulated to all members; hence the report was accepted as having been read.

A motion was moved by all attendance to accept the report and all members present at the meeting were in favour to accept the report with no apposition.

Secretary's Report: (See Appendix E)

The Secretary, Dr Muna Al-Ali, reported on the matter of:

During the period of the 14th Biennial General Meeting in Seoul, Korea in 2013, and the 15th Biennial General Meeting in Amman, Jordan, 2015 there was no significant activities to report on. The Education Committee proposal of two awards to encourage and improve endodontic education across the Asia Pacific region.

The next Scientific Meeting is to be held in New Delhi, India in 2017

Need of an update regarding the progress of an independent APEC website, kindly offered by the Jordanian Endodontic Society.

APEC society members are unfortunately down to 11 countries due to loss of contact with the Philippines and Indonesia country representatives. Dr. Muna urged all country members to keep their contact details updated.

Sincerest appreciation to all APEC officers; Prof. Sung Kyo Kim; the Immediate Past President, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun; the President, Dr. Chen Gin the President Elect, Prof. Hideaki Suda, Chairman of Education Committee, and Dr, Morgan Wu APEC Treasurer.

Sincerest appreciation and thanks for the Jordanian Endodontic Society; led by Dr. Moeen Al-Weshah, the President of the Jordanian Endodontic Society, for organizing a successful and well attended APEC Scientific Meeting.

The Secretary's Report was circulated to all members; hence the report was accepted as having been read.

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

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement (see Appendix F)

Because the Treasurer, Dr. Morgan Wu (Australia), was unable to attend this meeting, the Secretary reported on his behalf. The Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement has been circulated to all attendance, hence the meeting accepted that the Report be considered as having been read.

Membership rates- it was reported that the number of member countries have decreased from 13 countries in 2013 to 11 countries in 2015. The amounts of membership fees dues received have decreased as a result.

A donation from the Korean Academy of Endodontics was also reported of an amount of 2067.94 AUD after the Seoul Meeting.

The net profit in 2013-2015 was 5610.04 AUD. The current bank balance until March 2015 is 27375.39 AUD

Honorary Auditor's Approval

The Honorary Auditors; Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim and Dr. Phillippe Zimet approved the Treasurer's Report as a true and accurate record.

A motion was moved by all attendance to accept the Treasurer's Report and all members present at the meeting were in favour to accept the Report with no apposition. Report of the Education Committee (Chairman, Prof. Hideaki Suda) (see Appendix C)

Report was read by Dr. Nobuyuki Kawashima and three projects were reported as follows:

- a. Project 1: Outreach program
- b. Project 2: Travel award
- c. Project 3: Best Paper award

Discussion on how to apply the first two projects took place. It was difficult to come to a definite mechanism of implementation with the limited financial resources of APEC.

A motion was moved by all attendance to accept the report and all members at the meeting were in favour to accept the report with no apposition.

Annual Country Reports:

The Secretary, Dr. Muna Al-Ali reported that she received nine copies of country reports from Jordanian Endodontic Society, Japan Endodontic Association, Korean Academy of Endodontics, Indian Endodontic Society, Taiwan Academy of Endodontics, Iranian Association of Endodontists, Malaysian Endodontic Society, Society of Endodontists Singapore, and the American Association of Endodontists.

The Annual Reports were circulated to all members; hence the meeting accepted that those reports have been read.

Nomination and Election of Office bearers and councilors

The secretary, Dr. Muna Al-Ali reported that she received eight nominee applications for office bearers and councilors from Korea, Taiwan, Australia, India, Iran, Japan, USA, and Singapore. A motion was moved by all the attendance to accept the nominations 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 elected:

President President-Elect Secretary Treasurer	Dr. Gin Chen Dr. Sanjay Miglani Dr. Muna Al-Ali Dr. Sasaluck Pakdeethai	Taiwan India Australia Australia	Automatically proceeded New Election Re-elected to continue New Election
Immediate past President	Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun	Jordan	Automatically proceeded
Councillors	Dr. Hyeon-Cheol KIM Dr. Jiiang-Huei JENG Dr. Marcus YAN Dr. Anil KOHLI Dr. Mohsen RAMAZAN	Korea Taiwan Australia India I ran	

Dr. Mamoru KOBAYASHI Japan

Dr. Samuel DORN USA Dr. Daphne LEONG Singapore

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

Nomination and election of Honorary Auditors:

The President reported that APEC has two honorary auditors- Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim and Dr. Phillippe Zimet. The President declared renewing their position for another two years as per APEC constitution.

A motion was moved by all attendance to agree on the nomination/renewal. All members present at the meeting were in favour to accept the election with no opposition- accepted unanimously.

Nomination and election of Chairman of Education Committee:

The President declared the nomination of Prof. Sung Kyo Kim as the Chairman of Education Committee of APEC.

A motion was moved by all attendance to agree on the nomination. All members present at the meeting were in favour to accept the election with no apposition- accepted unanimously.

Nomination and election of Honorary Life Members

The Secretary, Dr. Muna Al-Ali nominated Prof. Hideaki Suda as an Honorary Life Member of APEC. The President made a brief introduction of Prof. Suda.

A motion was moved by all attendance to agree on the nomination and all members present at the meeting were all in favour to accept the election with no opposition- accepted unanimously. Announcement of all Honorary Life Members

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

Other business

Congress Guideline:

The President and Secretary explained that the Confederation does not have any income source except the membership fees. Means to increase APEC income were discussed and are summarized as follows:

- 1- Raising membership fees.
- 2- An unspecified donation by the country member hosting the APEC conference.
- 3- Getting a fixed specified payment (2000 AUD or 5000 AUD) from the hosting country member for the upcoming APEC congresses.
- 4- Sharing the surplus/ profit of each congress with the hosting country member. This is to be in a form of a base payment of 2500 AUD plus a 20% of all congress profits above 5000 AUD.

On voting, a motion was moved to accept the fourth suggestion and the President suggested forming a committee involving the Treasurer to evaluate and report on the application of this idea.

New Members:

- The credentials for membership of the Endodontic Society of Saudi Arabia and Turkish Endodontic Society were presented to the Assembly and unanimously accepted and approved.
- In addition to Turkey becoming a new APEC member in 2015; the endodontic societies of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Emirates, and Qatar expressed their strong interest in joining APEC.
- New Zealand, Canada, Philippines and Indonesia are to be approached by other members to encourage them to re-join APEC.

Bid for the 20th Scientific Congress in 2019

On behalf of the Turkish Endodontic Society, Dr. Ersev expressed their willingness to hold the 20th Scientific Congress in 2019 in Turkey.

A motion was moved by all attendance to accept this Bid- accepted unanimously

Maintaining the website and links

The President thanked the Australian dental association Inc. for sponsoring the APEC website and the Australian Endodontic Journal for serving as the Official Journal of APEC and providing space for APEC reports. APEC reports were submitted to and published in AEJ by APEC officers in a rotation manner three times per year. APEC is yet to be updated with the progress of the Jordanian Endodontic Society in developing an independent APEC website.

Next Meeting (in 2017)

The President announced that the next Biennial Congress (the 19th) and the 16th General Assembly Meeting will be held in New Delhi, India in 2017. The exact location and venue will be announced after confirmation with the Indian Endodontic Society.

Closure of the meeting

The President expressed his deepest thanks to the Immediate Past President Prof. Sung Kyo Kim, the new President Dr. Gin Chen, the President Elect Dr. Sanjay Miglani, the secretary Dr. Muna Al-Ali, the Treasurer Dr. Morgan Wu, the Chairman of Education Committee Prof. Hideaki Suda and the current and new Councilors and all attendance for their time and interest in the meeting. Prof. Sung Kyo Kim thanked Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun for all his efforts and contributions for the past two years and expressed his confidence in the leadership of Dr. Gin Chen, the President of APEC. Dr. Gin Chen expressed his appreciation for the organization and hospitality of the Jordanian Endodontic Society and expressed his honor to follow in the footsteps of Prof. Sung Kyo Kim and Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun. Dr. Samuel Dorn, IFEA President, expressed his gratitude for Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun and the Jordanian Endodontic Society for organizing a successful conference and presented Dr. Ibrahim with a gift on behalf of IFEA. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Submitted by Muna Al-Ali, Secretary of APEC

Attendance Register

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Appendix B: President Report



ASIA PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFEDERATION Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun

President

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APEC PRESIDENT REPORT 2015

Biennial General Meeting, April 10, 2015, Amman, Jordan

I was very much privileged and honored to have the opportunity to serve as the President since 2013.

The 17th Scientific Congress was held in Seoul, Korea in corporation with the 42nd Spring Scientific Meeting of Korean Academy of Endodontics (KAE) on March 23-24, 2013. I would like to congratulate and extend my sincere thanks to the Organizing Committee of the conference and specifically the Congress president Prof. Seung Ho Baek, the chairman of the Congress Organizing Committee Dr. Ho Keel Hwang, the Scientific Committee chaired by Dr Hyeon Cheol Kim and the Korean Academy of Endodontics chaired by Dr Ho Keel Hwange on

At the 14th Biennial General Meeting in Seoul, thankfully Dr Philippe O Zimet (Australia) and Dr Gerald Kian Chong (Singapore) accepted our nomination and were elected as Honorary Auditors of Asia Pacific Endodontic Confederation.

Until the 14th BGM in Korea, there was no nomination for the positions of treasurer and Dr. Muna Al-Ali (Australia) was kind enough to take over the Secretary and Treasurer position after Dr. <u>Sara Firouzabadi (Australia)</u> resigned for overwork reasons. On April 2014, Dr Muna Al Ali was unable to continue her role as treasurer of APEC and suggested Dr. Morgan Wu to contribute to the position of treasurer that was agreed by all the APEC officers and Dr Muna continued in her position as a secretary of APEC.

Prof. Hideaki Suda was kind enough to accept the Chair position of the Education Committee at the Extraordinary General Meeting in Rome to promote, develop and maintain high standards of endodontic teaching in the Asian Pacific Region according to the Constitution of the organization supported strongly from all the member societies. APEC can do further acts for these needy countries.

To enhance continuous education and encourage scientific interaction and initiatives in societies members, two new projects were planned to launch by the APEC Education Committee. APEC's Educational Affairs Committee has developed a new award and the organization will present the winner a grant at APEC meetings.

The one is "Outreach Program". In this program, up to 10 speakers are nominated by each APEC member country, and their specific areas in endodontics are uploaded to the APEC website along with their photos and brief CVs. When a Speaker accepts an invitation by an Asia-Pacific country to give a lectur, travel fairs to and from the host country are covered by the invited Speaker himself or herself, while the inviting country is responsible for all the other expenses. No honorarium is given to the invited speaker.

The other one is "Travel Award". The award is given to a graduate/ postgraduate student in a member country of the APEC. All the nominations for the award must be made through associations/societies of the APEC. The APEC officers select an awardee from the nominees based on his/her scientific achievements in endodontics. The selection is made every two years, and the awardee is invited to the next APEC Congress and give an invited lecture. The awardee is offered all expenses for his/her travel and accommodation.

It is a great pity that Dr Suda will be unable to continue in his position in the chairn of APEC Education Committee.

I would take this opportunity to thank Dr Suda Hediaki for his sincere friendship and all his great efforts and dedication to APEC and cooperation during the term of my presidency.

With the web site, I would like to thank Australian Dental Association 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 four times per year.

According to the constitution of APEC, our organization needs to be continuously registered in Hong Kong Authority. Despite the attempts to reregister but, APEC has still lost its registration. We need to discuss on this matter.

looking forward to working closely with international associations and organizations to enhance our relations and profession in the Asia Pacific region, I accepted the kind official letter of invitation to the eseLisbon - Portugal 2013 and the AAE 2014 Annual Session in Washinghton D.C. USA.

A planned joint meeting was held in Washinghton between APEC represented by Prof *Luke* Sung Kyo Kim, Prof. Sam Dorn and I with the executive board of the AAE Presided by Prof, Gary R. Hartwell.

APEC updated the AAE with the latest news regarding the 18th APEC conference to be held April 8-10, 2015 in Amman, Jordan and would greatly appreciate the AAE's support. As APEC is looking to expand throughout Canada and New Zealand and is hoping AAE leaders can use their established connections to help encourage members of other organizations to become a member of APEC. To promote the congress, President Hartwell requested APEC forward their meeting announcement and the AAE will add this to the online events calendar. As APEC is looking to strengthen international relations and involvement, the organization would be interested in discussing future opportunities to collaborate on scientific symposiums. President Hartwell will discuss collaboration opportunities and AAE Representation at the APEC congress with the Board of Directors.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the invitation to hold this meeting and appreciate the contribution the American Association of Endodontists has made to the world of endodontics and look forward to working closely in the future.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you all to the 18th Scientific Congress in Amman, Jordan on April 8-10th 2015. The Asia Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC) in conjunction with the Jordan Dental Association and the Jordanian Endodontic Society (JES) are well preparing to make this event special in the entire Asia Pacific region.

The conference topics will focus on "Next Generation Endodontics". The Organizing Committee members have arranged a fantastic and varied scientific program with Keynote Speakers, Invited Speakers, Country Representative Speakers, and Free Oral and Poster Presentations. APEC welcome all the country society members to come and join us at that modern, vibrant and wonderful Jordan. Next Scientific Congress will be held in Delhi, India. I hope to see you all in Delhi in 2017 again.

Finally, a sincere THANK YOU to all my Colleagues whom I worked with in my executive position. The Immediate Past President Prof Luke Sung Kyo Kim whose support and help were the strong back power during my Presidency. President-Elect Dr. Chen Gin, Secretary, Dr. Muna Al Ali, current Treasurer Dr. Morgan Wu, , who have been actively working to keep and improve our organization for your great efforts made and the very much appreciated dedication fruitful on way with deep insights so improve APEC. а as to

Respectively submitted

Ibrahim Abu Tahun

President of APEC

Appendix C: Education Committee Report



10th March, 2015

Report from the Education Committee of the APEC

by Dr. Hideaki SUDA, Chair

The aims of APEC are:

- 1) to promote, develop and maintain high standards of endodontic research, teaching and clinical practice in the Asian Pacific (AP) region.
- 2) to cultivate and foster closer professional relationships of the endodontic practitioners within the AP region.

In order to attain the above aims, the following projects were proposed by the APEC Education Committee and unanimously approved at the 14th BGM of the APEC that took place in Seoul, Korea.

Project 1. Outreach Program

- # Project 2. Travel Award
- # Project 3. Best Paper Award

The Education Committee herewith further proposes the following strategy for the above three projects, which will be discussed at the 15th BGM of the APEC held in Amman, Jordan.

Project 1. APEC Outreach Program:

- 1. Each member country of the APEC is requested to nominate up to 10 Speakers who are officially approved by their belonging endodontic societies/associations/academies (ESAAs).
- 2. The above nomination must be accompanied with the headshot, CV and specific areas in endodontics of each nominated Speaker.
- 3. The deadline of the above nomination is determined and notified by the officers of the APEC.
- 4. The information on all the Speakers is uploaded to the APEC website following approval by the APEC officers.
- 5. ESAAs in the AP region can invite the above Speaker(s) to their scientific meetings for lectures, demonstrations or the other forms of presentation.
- 6. When a Speaker accepts invitation by an ESAA in the AP region, the travel fares to and from the inviting country are paid by the invited Speaker himself/herself.
- 7. The inviting ESAA is responsible for all the other expenses, including domestic transportation and hotel expenses, and also for the safety and comfortable stay of the invited Speaker in its country.
- 8. No honorarium is given to the invited Speaker.
- 9. The APEC is not responsible for any matter arising from the contract between the invited Speaker and the inviting ESAA.
- 10. The APEC does not offer any financial support to bring this project into action.

Project 2. APEC Travel Award

- 1. Each member country of the APEC is requested to nominate a candidate for the APEC Travel Award well in advance of an APEC Congress.
- 2. The information on the APEC Travel Award is publicized by the host ESAA of each APEC Congress.

- 3. The nomination must be accompanied with a CV of the candidate and his/her presentation abstract for the attending APEC Congress.
- 4. The APEC officers and/or the Congress President selects one or more awardees from among the candidates, based on their scientific achievements and the above presentation abstracts.
- 5. Awardees of the APEC Travel Award are young endodontic students or researchers. The upper age limit of the candidates is determined by the officers of the APEC.
- 6. Each awardee gives a special presentation in his/her attending APEC Congress so that he/she can be recognized as the awardee of the APEC Travel Award.
- 7. The financial resource of the APEC Travel Award is the surplus coming from the corresponding APEC Congress.

Project 3. Best Paper Award

This project can be taken into action after the implementation of Projects 1 and 2. The following matters must be discussed and determined before its kick-off.

- 1. How many awards at one time?
- 2. How often?
- 3. How much is the prize?
- 4. Who is nominated by whom?
- 5. Budget?
- 6. Upper age limit?
- 7. Should the award be chosen from among the articles published in the AEJ, official journal of the APEC?
- 8. Method of announcement for the Award?
- 9. Is the Awardee invited to the earliest APEC Congress?
- 10.Can the Award be given also to the best presentation in an APEC Congress?

Additions to and corrections of the above proposals are very much welcome.

Hopefully, Projects 1 and 2 are implemented soon after the APEC Congress in Amman.

Appendix D: Immediate Past president Report:



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Prof. Luke Sung Kyo Kim

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Eighteenth Scientific Meeting, April 8-10, 2015, Amman, Jordan

APEC IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT REPORT 2015

Biennial General Assembly Meeting, April 10th 2015, Amman, Jordan

I would like to say that it has been a very much privilege and a great honor for me to have the opportunity to serve as the Immediate Past President since 2013.

The 17th Scientific Congress was held in Seoul, Korea in conjunction with the 42nd Spring Scientific Meeting of the Korean Academy of Endodontics (KAE) on March 23rd~24th 2013. It was very much well attended. I'd like to record my deepest thanks to the Local Organizing Committee chaired by Prof. Seung Ho Baek, the Congress President and Prof. Ho Keel Hwang, the President of KAE. Also my thanks go to APEC Office Bearers and all participants from all around the Asian Pacific countries.

At the 14th Biennial General Meeting in Seoul, thankfully Prof. Syngcuk Kim (USA) accepted our invitation to be an Honorary Life Member of APEC. The Jordanian Endodontic Society attended the Congress as a new member of APEC along with many participants from Arabian endodontic societies.

Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun (Jordan) was inaugurated as the President from the President–elect position, and Dr. Chen Gin (Taiwan) as the President–Elect from the Secretary position. Dr. Muna Al–Ali (Australia) was kind enough to take over the Secretary position. After Prof. Seung Jong Lee (Korea) and Dr. Gary Cheung (Hong Kong)'s invaluable service as the Honorary Auditors, Dr. Phillippe O Zimet (Australia) and Dr. Gerald Kian–Chong Lim (Singapore) kindly accepted the position of the Honorary Auditors.

With the web site, I would like to thank Australian Dental Association 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.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you all to the 18th Scientific Congress in Amman, Jordan on April 8~10th 2015 this year. The Organizing Committee, under the leadership of APEC President Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun, has been working hard to ensure that this Congress be a great success for all participants. The Organizing Committee members have arranged varied scientific programs with

Keynote Speakers, Invited Speakers, Country Representative Speakers, and Free Oral and Poster Presentations. This will be the excellent opportunity for you and your families to visit this country. My thanks go to all of Jordanian colleagues who are members of the Organizing Committees for this Congress. Next Scientific Congress will be held in India. I hope to see you all in India in 2017 again.

Finally, I have happily enjoyed this Immediate Past President position with our President Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun, President–Elect Dr. Chen Gin, Secretary Dr. Muna Al Ali, and Treasurer Moran Wu who have been actively working to keep and improve our organization with deep insights so as to improve Asian Pacific endodontics.

Respectively submitted

Luke Sung Kyo Kim

Immediate Past President of APEC

Appendix E: Secretary Report

ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFEDERATION



Dr Muna AI-Ali Secretary APEC AUSTRALIA E-mail: alali.muna@gmail.com

APEC Secretary Report 2015

It has been my honor to serve among sides of APEC officers and committee members as the APEC Secretary, and treasurer before that. I am very grateful for all of their generous support and guidance ever since day one; especially Dr. Sara Firouzabadi, Prof. Sung Kyo Kim, Prof. Hideaki Suda, and Prof. Gin Chen.

During my time as Secretary in 2013-2015, the 14th biennial general meeting was held in Seoul, Korea in 2013 and the 15th biennial general meeting is to be held in Amman, Jordan. The Education committee led by Prof Hideaki proposed two awards to encourage and improve endodontic education across the Asia Pacific. The details of which are all kindly summarized in the education committee report. The Jordanian endodontic society kindly offered to provide APEC with a new independent website hosted and sponsored by Asnan Portal. We are yet to be updated regarding the progress of this project. The Next Biennial general meeting and the 19th scientific congress of APEC are to be held in New Delhi, India in 2017. There are no further significant activities undertaken by APEC that could be reported.

APEC continues to serve as a communication hub for all its members through emails and the conferences. To date, APEC encompasses 13 country members. Unfortunately however, the Philippines and Indonesia country members did not respond to our emails and invitations and did not renew their memberships, possibly due to changes in contact details. Indeed, there were a few challenges encountered contacting some members due to changes in their administrative staff or contact person(s). As a result, I strongly encourage all of our members to update us with their contact details as soon as a new contact person is appointed so we can keep in touch.

Finally, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Prof. Sung Kyo Kim, the immediate past president, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun, the current president, Prof. Gin Chen, the president elect, Prof. Hideaki Suda, head of Education Committee, and Dr. Morgan Wu the current

treasurer for all their efforts and contributions to APEC. Furthermore, I am very appreciative for the hard work and dedication all committee members of the Jordanian Endodontic Society have shown in organizing this upcoming APEC 18th scientific meeting under the leadership of Dr. Moeen Al- Weshah, the current president of JES.

Best regards, Muna Al-Ali Secretary of APEC.

Appendix F: Financial Statement and Report

ASIAN Dr Morgan Wu Treasurer of APEC PACIFIC 1/8 Clay Drive Doncaster VIC 3108 AUSTRALIA ENDODONTIC APEC E-mail: dr.morgan.wu@gmail.com CONFEDERATION 14 March 2015 Treasurer's Report Sep 2013 - March 2015 **Profit and loss statement** Subscription received \$ 3550 Bank interest earned \$ 22.10 Donation from Korean Endodontic Association: \$2067.94 Bank Fee \$30 Net Profit \$ 5610.04 Bank Balance on 26/03/13: 21765.35 Profit brought forward \$ 5610.04 04 March 2015 \$27375.39 Dr. Morgan Wu Treasurer of APEC m Dr. Phillippe O. Zimet Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim Hon. Auditor Hon. Auditor

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