



# ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFEDERATION

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## **Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial General Meeting of APEC**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017  
Board room, Hotel Hyatt Regency  
Delhi, India

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

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by the President-elect, Dr. Sanjay Miglani in absence of Dr. Chen Gin the president, who presided in the chair.

### **2. Roll call**

An attendance form was signed by 17 organization members and representatives of national endodontic societies (see list attached to these Minutes). Participants were from Iran, India, Nepal, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Philippines, Lebanon, Japan, Korea, Australia, USA and Jordan.

### **3. Apologies**

Apologies have been received from: Prof. Paul Abbott (Honorary Life members\_Australia), Prof. Hideaki Suda (Japan), Prof. Phillippe Zimet (Honorary Auditors\_Australia), Dr. Chen Gin (APEC President\_Taiwan), Dr. SasaluckPakdeethai (APEC Treasurer\_Australia), Dr. Masaru Kobayashi (Japan), and Dr. Dephne Leong (Singapore).

### **4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial General Meeting, which was held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2:30pm in Trianon Room, Le Royal Hotel, Amman- Jordan.**

The president-elect stated that the minutes had been circulated to all members and hence the meeting accepted that the Minutes be considered as having been read. There were no comments or suggestions. He also reported that the Councilor Meeting for this BGM had accepted the Minutes.

A motion was moved to accept these Minutes as a true and accurate record of that meeting – proposed by Dr. Muna Al-Ali (APEC Secretary), seconded by Dr. Sanjay Miglani (APEC president-elect).

## 5. Matters arising from the minutes

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

## 6. Membership

The Secretary reported that APEC has 6 honorary life members, and 22 organizational members. The following new additions to the membership status are as follows and will be discussed in further detail throughout the report.

- a. Addition of Prof. Sung Kyo Kim (Korea) as an honorary life member, bringing the total to seven. This was accepted by Prof. Sung Kyo Kim.
- b. Addition of Nepal, Bangladesh, and Turkey as a new member of APEC, with the councilors from the following countries been named:

- Bangladesh\_ Dr. S.M Abdul Quader
- Japan\_ Dr. Nobuyuki Tani Ishii
- Jordan\_ Dr. Tarek Ghattas
- Korea\_ Dr. Euiseong Kim
- Nepal\_ Dr. Usha Ghirayia
- Turkey\_ Dr. Handan Ersev
- India\_ Dr. Anil Kohli
- Australia\_ Dr. Marcus Yan
- Iran\_ Dr. Mohsen Ramazani

Application forms were submitted by representative societies members. A motion was moved by Dr. Muna Al-Ali (APEC secretary) to accept and seconded by Dr. Sanjay Miglani (APEC President Elect).

- c. Countries who have not yet paid their membership – Iran, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq all paid their memberships on site. The money was handed to Dr. Marcus Yan to deposit it to APEC account in Australia.

## 7. Constitution

- Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun (immediate past president) proposed a constitution amendment regarding the right of the immediate past president to vote (Article VIII Clause 2). A motion was moved by Dr. Ibrahim to accept the proposal of amendment and was seconded by Dr. Sanjay Miglani.

- A proposal for amendment of the Article VIII Clause 8\_ voting by proxy was discussed and approved by the members attending the meeting.

- Dr. Muna Al-Ali proposed changing the due date of payment of the membership fees (Article X Clause 3) to the end of the first year of the membership term to assist the treasurer in managing the accounts and

presenting the report at the end of the financial year prior to the next BGM. A motion was moved to accept the proposal by Dr. Muna Al-Ali. Dr. Samuel Dorn seconded the motion.

- All above mentioned amendments are to be adjusted and passed through the society register of Hong Kong to come into effect according to Article XI Clause 4 of our constitution.

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

The President, Dr. Chen Gin, expressed his gratitude to all APEC office bearers for their dedication and hard work. He reported on our membership count going up from 18 members to 22 members. He also expressed his appreciation for the good relationship between APEC and the American Association of Endodontics (AAE). He also reported on collaboration between APEC and AAE in the matters of conferences and education committee efforts during both the 2015 and 2016 meetings in USA. Dr. Chen also extended his appreciation to the Indian Endodontic Society for hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> APEC meeting and scientific conference and for their efforts in organizing it. Dr. Chen also thanked the Turkish Endodontic society and its president Prof. Mehmet BayboraKayahan for hosting our next APEC meeting in Istanbul in 2019. He also reported on the work in progress of the education committee of APEC, APEC website development, and the membership promotion. He urged the next office bearers to continue the work for its completion. Finally, the president thanked all those who he had worked with over the last two years during his presidency.

A motion was moved by the Secretary; Dr. Muna Al-Ai to accept the President's reports and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the president's reports with no opposition.

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

The secretary's report has been circulated to all members, hence the Meeting accepted that the report be considered as having been read. It was reported that between the 15<sup>th</sup> BGM in Jordan in 2015 and the upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> BGM in India in 2017, there have been no significant activities undertaken by the APEC to report. Dr. Al-Ali urged all members to keep their representative and contact details up to date to allow for better communications and rapport. Sincere gratitude was expressed to all APEC office bearers and members.

A motion was moved by Dr. Muna Al-Ali to accept the Secretary's reports and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the secretary's reports with no opposition.

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

Because the Treasurer, Dr. SasaluckPakdeethai (AUSTRALIA) was absent, the Secretary reported on her behalf. The treasurer's report has been circulated to all members, 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 18 countries in 2015 to 22 in 2017.

**b. Others – none.**

A motion was moved by Dr. Muna Al-Ali to accept the Treasurer's reports and the financial statements and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the treasurer's reports with no opposition.

**11. Election of Office bearers and Councillors**

- a. Prof. Sung Kyo Kim proposed and nominated Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun for the position of Chairman of the Education committee. A motion was moved by Dr. Sanjay Miglani to accept and was accepted unanimously.

Nominations have been received and circulated to all members. The following have been duly proposed for the listed positions.

<b>President</b>	Dr. Sanjay Miglani(India) Automaticallyproceeded
<b>President-elect</b>	Dr. Mehmet BayboraKayahan(Turkey)
<b>Secretary</b>	Dr. HyeonCheolKim (Henry) (Korea).
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dr. James Brichko (Australia)
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Dr. Chen Gin (Taiwan) Automaticallyproceeded
<b>Hon. Auditor</b>	Prof. Hideaki Suda (Japan)
<b>Hon. Auditor</b>	Dr. Akbar Khayat(Iran)

A motion was moved by Dr. Muna Al-Ali to accept and was accepted unanimously.

**12. Honorary Life Members**

Dr. Muna Al-Ali proposed granting Prof. Sung Kyo Kim Honorary Life membership.

A motion was moved by Dr. Muna Al-Ali to accept and seconded by Dr Sanjay Miglani. Accepted unanimously.

**13. Any other business**

**a. Maintaining the web site and links**

The president-electDr. Sanjay Miglani announced that the Indian Endodontic society is sponsoring the new APEC web site. He also gave the demo of the new website. It was approved by all members present. The Indian society is happy to maintain the website along with

any entitled cost for about 5 years. APEC will have to pay the website fees after that.

**b. A bid for the 2021 APEC conference and meeting:**

Dr.WalidNehme submitted a bid to host the APEC conference in Lebanon in 2021. An Email has been sent to the secretary (Dr. Muna Al-Ali) at the same day. Dr Marcus Yan also showed interest to hold the APEC congress in Australia in 2021. All the interested parties were requested to send the bid to the secretary, APEC.

**c. APEC Newsletter or Journal**

A discussion was initiated by Dr. Mohsen Ramazani regarding the need to have an official APEC scientific journal or at least a Newsletter. The discussion concluded in leaving the matter to Dr. Ramazani to investigate its application and logistics.

**d. Membership fees**

A final and very important point of discussion was in relation to membership payment. Some country members have difficulty in paying the fees due to bank security issues. It was proposed to look into sitting up a Paypal account to help in membership fees payments without EFT.This was left for the new treasurer to look into.

**14. Next Meeting (in 2019)**

The next biennial congress has been decided to be held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2019. The exact venue is yet to be announced. Prof. Mehmet agreed to the new profit sharing structure of the APEC congress as proposed in the last BGM.

**15. Closure of meeting**

The president-elect expressed his deepest thanks to all office bearers for their great dedication and efforts and finally thanked all those in attendance for their time and interest in the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm