Introduction and History of APEC
In 1984, after the organization meeting of IFEA at the AAE Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, Dr. Ernesto R. Vizcarra of the Philippines and Dr. Atsunu Miyahara of Japan met to conceive the idea of forming a group of endodontists in Asia.
Getting Organized

- Constitution and By-Laws drafted by Drs. Miyahara and Vizcarra
- Communications with Endodontists in the Asian Pacific region
- Organizational meeting set
First Organizational Meeting

12th Asian Pacific Dental Congress
5th-10th December, 1985
Bangkok, Thailand

7th December 1985
1400-1700 : (IFEA) Asian Division, International Federation of Endodontic Associations
(By Invitation Only)
Rungsit Room, Hyatt Central Plaza Hotel
First Organizational Meeting, December 7, 1985, Rungsit Room, Hyatt Central Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand (Courtesy of Dr. R.C. Kakar).
Second Organizational Meeting

November 12, 1986, Mindoro Room
Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines

1. Attendance (20)
2. Approval in principle of the corrected Constitution and By-Laws
3. Approval of the name Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC)
4. Election of Officers
## Inaugural Officers

### 1985 - 1989

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Second Organizational Meeting, November 12, 1986, Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines (Courtesy of Dr. R. C. Kakar)
**CERTIFICATE OF RATIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, being all Charter Members of the Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC), hereby certify that we have approved and ratified the Constitution and By-Laws, hereto attached, and signify such ratification by affixing our signatures this 12th day of November, 1986 at the Mindoro Room, Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines.

1. Dr. ERNESTO R. VIZCARRA  
   Philippines  
   R. Walker.  

2. Dr. RICHARD T. WALKER  
   Hong Kong  
   R. C. Kakar

3. Dr. R. C. KAKAR  
   India

4. Dr. ELVIRA L. ANSALDO  
   Philippines

5. Dr. JOHN M. BOOTH  
   Australia

6. Dr. THAVALYARAT HOLASUT  
   Thailand

7. Dr. ABDUL MALEK BHUWAN  
   Bangladesh

8. Dr. ATSUMU MIYAHARA  
   Japan

The signatories of the approved and ratified APEC Constitution and By-Laws
APEC Constitution and By-Laws

Historical background

- The Miyahara-Vizcarra Draft, 1985
- The Quackenbush Modification, 1986
- The Abbott Amendments, 1999
1. To promote, develop and maintain high standards of endodontic research, teaching and clinical practice in the Asian Pacific Region and

2. To cultivate and foster closer professional relationships within the Asian Pacific Region
Reasons for joining APEC

1. To keep your country involved in regional endodontics
2. To promote your country in the Newsletter by way of articles on Endodontics
3. To work towards achieving high quality endodontics by means of advancing education through attending our meetings-if fees are charged then individual members could get a reduced fee.
4. To help set up a register of Endodontic specialists who are Board-registered in their country-this register could be of value to you if you have patients traveling.
5. To receive the Newsletter.
6. To enable you to feel you are helping the development of Endodontics in the Asian Pacific region.
7. To help you keep in touch
8. The subscriptions small and the knowledge gained can help you to be a leader in your country.
Business Registration

In November 1989, APEC and its Constitution were registered with the Registrar of Societies in Hongkong.
First Treasurer’s Report

Statement of Income & Expenses for the Period Ending April 15, 1989

Income
- Endodontic Society of the Philippines - $50.00 Cash
- Australian Society of Endodontontology - $30.00 Cash
- Dr. Najimah Ahmad of Malaysia - $30.00 Cash
- Donation of Dr. Atsuro Miyahara of Japan - $100.00 Cash (converted to pesos) - $8,500.00

Total Income - $8,500.00

Expenses
- Invoice No. 5427 - $1,725.00
- Invoice No. 5428 - $300.00
- Stationery for APEC envelopes, paper & letterheads, official receipt & booklets for APEC (APEC Application forms) - $2,025.00

Total Expenses - $2,025.00

Balance - $6,475.00

Submitted by:

Note: Under the Philippine banking regulations, one can not open an account in an amount less than 500. The cheque issued to APEC by Dr. Ahmad of Malaysia & Dr. Booth of Australia are therefore still with the undersigned Treasurer.
Past Events

1. Biennial Meetings (10)
2. Scientific Meetings (13)
3. Other Functions
1. **First Organizational Meeting**  
Bangkok, Thailand, December 7, 1985

To establish a federation of endodontic associations in Asia, seven national associations and societies were represented.
2. Second Organizational Meeting
   Manila, Philippines, November 12, 1986

With 20 representatives from six countries, the Constitution and By-Laws was adopted and the name Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC) was accepted.
3. **First Scientific Conference**  
New Delhi, India, January 27, 1988

In conjunction with the Asian Pacific Dental Congress (APDC), a half day lecture meeting was held attended by approximately 150 people. This was followed by the 1st. Biennial Meeting with 8 countries represented. The Constitution was ratified in this meeting.
AN UPDATE ON THE ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFERENCE

By Dr. John M. Booth, President, Australian Society of Endodontic, Inc.

I attended the Executive Meeting of this Confederation which was held in New Delhi on January 27, 1988 in association with the first general meeting of the Indian Endodontic Society. We became founder members and the Constitution was signed by the representatives of the countries present.

The Confederation has now established contact with endodontic societies, study groups, or dentists anxious to form study groups in the following countries-India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan.

It is interesting to note that the Confederation has already played a significant role in setting up some of these groups. The Indian Endodontic Association was formed
4. **Second Scientific Conference**
   Seoul, Korea, April 26, 1989

   In conjunction with the APDC, a half day Scientific Meeting with 50 participants was held followed by the 2nd. Biennial Meeting with 8 countries represented.

5. **Third Scientific Conference**
   Auckland, New Zealand, March, 1992

   Co-hosted by the New Zealand Endodontic Society, a one day Pre-congress lecture prior to APDC was held attended by 200 people followed by the 3rd. Biennial Meeting with 5 countries represented.
6. 4th. Scientific Conference
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 23, 1993

Jointly organized by the Malaysian Endodontic Society, in conjunction with APDC, a half day lecture course was presented with 200 people in attendance. The 4th. Biennial Meeting followed with 5 countries represented.
7. 5th. Scientific Conference
Manila, Philippines, April 26, 1994

Co-hosted by the Endodontitic Society of the Philippines, a half day Pre Congress APDC meeting was held with 600 attendees followed by the 5th. Biennial Meeting with 6 country representatives.

8. 6th. Scientific Conference
Hongkong, October 1995

Prior to the Federacion Dentaire Internationale (FDI) meeting, a half day lecture was held with about 150 attendees. No General Meeting held.
Hongkong  1995  Meeting
9. 7th. Scientific Conference
Seoul, Korea, April 1997

Co-hosted by the Korean Academy of Endodontics, a half day lecture meeting was held prior to the FDI meeting with 150 participants in attendance. The 6th. Biennial Meeting with 5 countries represented was held.

10. 8th. Scientific Conference
Singapore, April 19, 1999

Prior to APDF Meeting, a half day lecture hosted by the Society of Endodontists of Singapore was held with about 150 participants. The 7th. Biennial Meeting preceded where 8 countries were represented.
11. 9th. Scientific Meeting
Osaka, Japan, June 2000

Prior to the APDF Meeting, the 9th. Scientific APEC General Meeting was held.

12. 10th. Scientific Meeting
Taipei, Taiwan, April 9, 2001

Co-hosted by the Taiwan Endodontic Society, and Endodontic Symposium was held prior to the APDF Meeting. The 8th. Biennial Meeting was held after the Scientific Meeting.
9th. Biennial Meeting

Dr. S.J. Lee’s Valedictory Address  Dr. P.O. Zimet’s Inaugural Address

2001-2003 Office Bearers
APEC General Meeting

2001-2003 Office Bearers
13. 11th. Scientific Meeting

Seoul, Korea, April 4, 2002

A full day Endodontic Symposium (Theme: Pain Endodontic practice) was held. This included scientific discussions and poster presentations in the morning and panel discussions in the afternoon. Over 200 people attended. The General Meeting was held before the scientific meeting.
14. 12th. Scientific Meeting

Manila, Philippines, May 25, 2003
13th Scientific Meeting
May 25, 2005, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The John M. Booth Memorial Series of Lectures

Theme: Old Problems - New Solutions
APEC’s 2003 Manila Tour
APEC in Brisbane, Australia
September 2004
APEC in Dallas, Texas
April 2005

Past President Abbott and current President Zimet with Prof. Bergenholtz at the APEC function. Professor Abbott spoke at the AAE Annual Convention while Dr. Zimet represented APEC at the International Endodontic Community Meeting.
14th Scientific meeting, Jakarta
15th Scientific Meeting, Tokyo
16th Scientific Meeting, Shiraz
17th Scientific Meeting, Seoul
18th Scientific Meeting, Amman
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Other important activities
It was decided in the joint meeting of executive board of AAE & APEC for speaker exchange and to promote their congresses through the respective website of both the societies.
5th Pan Arab Endodontic Congress, Dec, 2017, Cairo, Egypt.

Education Partner: APEC
APEC speaker, Dr. Mehmet Baybora
3rd International Symposium of Iranian Association of Endodontists, Dec. 2017, Isfahan, Iran

Education Partner: APEC
APEC speaker, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun
The joint meeting of APEC and AAE decided to have collaboration in many areas and reaffirmed the speaker exchange and decided to promote their congresses through the respective website of both the societies.
The joint meeting of APEC and AAE appreciated their collaboration in many areas and reaffirmed to work together in future.
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APEC Presidents

2005-2007  Dr. G K Chong LIM  Singapore
2007-2009  Dr. Hideaki Suda  Japan
2009-2011  Dr. Akbar KHAYAT  Iran
2011-2013  Dr. Sung Kyo Kim  Korea
2013-2015  Dr. Ibrahim Tahun  Jordan
2015-2017  Dr. Gin Chen  Taiwan
2017-2019  Dr. Sanjay Miglani  India
2019-2021  Dr. Mehmet Baybora  Turkey
Sanjay Miglani
Sung kyo Kim

Hideaki Suda
Akbar Khayat

G K Chong LIM
Sung kyo Kim

Ibrahim Tahun
Gin Chen

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Sanjay Miglani
Mehmat Baybora
APEC Secretaries

1985-1989  Dr. R C Kakkar  India
1989-1994  Dr. M Ahmad  Malaysia
1994-1999  Dr. Sui Fai Leung  Hong Kong
1999-2003  Dr. Phillippe O. Zimet  Australia
2003-2005  Dr. Hideaki Suda  Japan
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2007-2009  Dr. Sung Kyo Kim  Korea
2009-2011  Dr Seung Taae Kim  Australia
APEC Secretaries

2011-2013 Dr. Gin Chen Taiwan
2013-2017 Dr Muna Al Ali Jordan
2017-2019 Dr. Hyeon Cheol Kim Korea
2019-2021 Dr. Tani-ishii Nobuyuki Turkey
APEC Newsletter

Newsletter No. 1
April 1993

From the desk of the President

Welcome to Kuala Lumpur and the joint meeting of A.P.E.C. with the Malaysian Endodontic Society. We do thank the Malaysian Endodontic Society for setting up this meeting and the executive of the Asian Pacific Dental Congress for allowing us to hold this meeting today. We hope this cooperation is a foretaste for the future and similar meetings of APEC. You will see that we have an International group of speakers from our region who have all come to this meeting to give us endodontic knowledge at no cost and without any recompense to themselves. Gentlemen – on behalf of us all – we thank you.

For those who are not familiar with our group I will give a very brief summary. After preliminary meetings going back to 1985 the A.P.E.C. was set up at the Asian Pacific Dental Congress meeting in New Delhi in 1988 at a joint meeting with the newly formed Indian Endodontic Society. Meetings have followed in Seoul (1989) and Auckland (1992). Our Constitution which is registered in Hong Kong following a lot of fine work by our second President Dr. Dick Walker indicates the objectives of our group.

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

It has been our hope that we could get a Newsletter going on an annual basis so that we have a media for detailing the endodontic progress and news in the region. Our first President and prime mover Dr. Ernie Viscara of the Philippines always had in mind this means of getting to know each other better. It is indeed, nice to know that our next meeting will be in Manila and we hope to arrange a similar meeting to the one here.

A Newsletter is dependant on news from each country and I urge you all to consider submitting an article of endodontic interest from your country along with perhaps a photo we can use. We are geographically a big region of the world but that is no reason to stop us communicating and developing friendships which can only lead to better international understanding in the troubled world of today.

In the meantime, we look forward as an executive to meeting many of you at the meeting in April 23rd and do consider planning a visit to Manila in February 1994.

JOHN M. BOOTH

APEX
Asian Pacific Endodontic Exchange
May 2005
APEC WEBSITE

http://www.hku.hk/consden/apec
Thru Dr. Gary S.P. Cheung since 1992

Thru Dr. Phillippe O. Zimet since 2003

www.apeconweb.org
Thru Dr. Sanjay Miglani, 2017 onwards
Affiliation

September 15, 2003

APEC was affiliated with APDF/AFRO in a Resolution passed by the House of Delegates in its meeting held in Mexico.
Global Partners
APEC Membership

Honorary Life Members (7)
Individual Members (11)
Association Members (17)

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THANK YOU