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Preface

for the 1st Edition of the History and Archiving of AFSUMB

On behalf of the Administrative Council of the Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (AFSUMB), and the History and

Archiving Committee of the AFSUMB, Chaired by Dr. Musarrat Hasan, it gives me a great pleasure to write this preface and welcome you to enjoy this newly edited "History and Archiving of the AFSUMB".

As a Federation eagerly wishing to contribute to the ultrasound community in the world, the AFSUMB is now in a very good shape, thanks in large part to our superb Administrative Council (AC), Chairs and Members of all Committees and all active members of AFSUMB. The dedication of the AFSUMB staff to its mission is amazing, and their commitment to excellence is obvious in everything they do. AFSUMB membership is now on a steady increase because of all the efforts we have made.

As you know, history is a valuable resource! Historical records document the specific achievements and contributions AFSUMB members have made throughout history. Images and stories from AFSUMB members are an equally important part of that history. Far too often we hear of collections that are neglected or completely lost and of memories that are never captured. To keep the AFSUMB history, the AFSUMB Archives are so important to us.

Archives are by all means the most precious. They are the gift of one generation to another and the extent of our care of them marks the extent of our culture.

Documents will be saved for future generations and which will be excluded or destroyed. Our concern for the past produces the desire for archives, for a recording that enables us to know our own origins, our developments, and expect our future. What we preserve in archives represents a complex array of social values. As Elisabeth Kaplan argues in an essay on archives and the construction of identity, "We are what we collect, we collect what we are."[1] By preserving some records and not others, archivists affect society's collective understanding of its past, including what will be forgotten. Archives, however, do not constitute the past itself, nor our collective memory of the past. George Orwell recognized that archives represent power. In his novel Nineteen Eighty-Four, Orwell declared: "Who controls the past, controls the past, controls the past." [2]

Obvious archival concerns include overflowing file cabinets, records stored in too many locations,

and a lack of decision-making about what to save and what to throw away, and to collect the materials is by no means an easy task. I would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Musarrat Hasan for his enthusiastic effort to do so, and would like to take this opportunity to share with our friends from all over Asia and other parts of the world this new archiving book. Through this archiving, you can see the strong relationships have been forged with various international organizations in Asia and in the world. It is one of our first and foremost goals to continue to strengthen these relationships and friendships and expand the reach of the AFSUMB to not only all Asian friends but also other parts of the world.

So far, we are looking forward to having AFSUMB guidelines for preserving archives, and we want to hear from about your effort and impact to have your own archives— or history-related projects, contributing to the AFSUMB History!

With this preface, I salute Dr. Musarrat Hasan, all History and Archiving Committee members including Dr. H. Sidharta, Dr. Wilaporn Bhothisuwan, and Dr. Yi-Hong Chou and all AC members!

Dr. Yi-Hong Chou

President, Asian Federation Societies of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology

[1] Elisabeth Kaplan, "We Are What We Collect, We Collect What We Are: Archives and the Construction of Identity,"

*American Archivist 63 (Spring/Summer 2000): 126-151.

[2] George Orwell, Nineteen Eighty-Four, quoted in Helen Willa Samuels, "Who Controls the Past," American Archivist 49 (Spring 1986): 109. Samuels first alerted archivists to Orwell's concern for records

Comments received by Dr Hasan from Presidents of AFSUMB on First Version Book on History and Archiving

I have received "History and Archiving AFSUMB" via Kudo today. I was so surprised and Impress heartily in the wonderful and gorgeous contents of the book, particularly, in the so many precious data and historical photos on the AFSUMB. I believe such success will be depending on your great efforts and your passionate love to USP and AFSUMB and on your family's Kind support.

Toshio Wagai, MD

Congratulations for the accomplishments of your Precious Archiving work on the AFSUMB History. I received the copy of it today via Professor Kudo. It look very nice with a lot of memorable documents and pictures. I appreciate very much your effort for it.

Hiroki Watanabe, MD

Dr Hasan you have done a wonderful Job, Excellent effort and Great work.

Byung Ihn Choi, MD

The "History & Archiving, AFSUMB" compiled by the History & Archiving Committee of the AFSUMB is an important and precious historical record of the AFSUMB. The compilation is not an easy task. The key person, the brilliant leader of the Committee, Professor Musarrat Hasan, has done a good job. His burning passion, sincere commitment and hardworking have paved the way to the success. In addition, his inborn love of taking photos and excellent skills have made this Archive even more elegant and enjoyable. His great contribution deserves the highest praise.

Cheng-Wen Chiang, MD.

I am very proud that AFSUMB started history Archiving project . I deeply appreciate efforts of Dr. Musarrat Hasan who devoted a lot to this work. Let us do our best to make AFSUMB history archives better".

Seung Hyup Kim, MD

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If there are any duplication or mistakes, I will try to rectify in future work.

I apologies in advance for any error or omission on my part in presenting this format to our fellow colleagues. This material can be used by members of the WFUMB and AFSUMB for educational purpose only

This is just the beginning and more is to follow.

Thank you once again