

# History and Archiving of AFSUMB and its related Societies

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Anybody can make history  
only a great man can write it.

Oscar Wilde

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The aim and objective of compiling this work was to preserve the history of AFSUMB ever since its inception and you hold in your hand a wonderful work.

My role in the collection of this material can be best summarized by these words by Montague:

*"One could say of me that in this book, I have only made up a bunch of other men's flowers, providing of my own only the string to tie them together".*

To collect material from every corner of our world was not an easy task. Much of the material was not digitalized. I purchased the equipment to transform the photographs, contacted various members for their input and designed the cover page to reflect our various countries and interests.

Some may wonder the necessity of a hard copy pictorial collection of our history during this digital age that we live in, but it is my firm belief that no matter how computerized our lives get, there is an important place for archives.

As Micheal Crichton has said,

*"If you don't know your history, then you don't know anything.*

*You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."*

This collection of AFSUMB's archives will ensure that all of our significant records are systematically described and, wherever possible, available for a variety of research uses. Our archives will also hopefully serve as our society's collective memory. They will provide evidence of our rich past and promote future leaders and members to meet and build on the expectations set by the current ones. AFSUMB archives will also help all our members to understand our history because we all know that knowledge of the past creates a better future. Most importantly, it is my deep aspiration that these archives will help foster and promote an even greater sense of community and identity amongst the AFSUMB community. Going through these pages will be like having conversations with the finest individuals of AFSUMB.

Gratitude for our fellows is essential. I would be remiss if I did not mention some of these esteemed individuals by name and acknowledge their valuable contributions to this historical volume.

I am thankful to Professor Seung H. Kim for his keen insight and advice. It was he who nominated me as the Chairman of History and Archiving Committee, highlighting my passion of photography and background of working with Prof. Barry B. Goldberg as important assets for the committee.

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I would like to thank Prof. Cheng-Wen Chiang for his off the cuff remark, "Dr Musarrat can take photographs, anywhere, anytime, so everyone be on the watch out!" His statement still brings a smile to my face and provides the impetus for me to collect more and more images from our history for our future. I am also grateful to Prof. Masatoshi Kudo and Prof. Melani Setiawan for their valuable photographs that are contained in the pages within. A heartfelt thanks to all council members, you know who you are, for providing me material as needed.

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As Meister Eckhart has said:

*"If the only prayer you say is thank you, it will be enough."*

As always, a humble thank you to my Almighty Lord, for giving me passion, perseverance and patience to fulfill every task I begin.

I hope you all enjoy going through this history as much as I enjoyed compiling it.

In addition to my write-up in 2014, I have collected lot of material related to AFSUMB and their members attending and contributing to WFUMB and its related societies. Ever since I was made the members of AFSUMB website committee by Prof Kikuchi, I have revamped the entire book to new format so that it is easily be seen on PDF file. So far there are 5500 slides altogether whereas many more thousand are in the pipeline. Many slides have been replaced with better one and improved in quality with new software. Many additional chapter are added which I am sure you will enjoy. Any members has a better slide there are additional Photo's you are welcome to send me so that they can be included in our next version. This version 5 is having a new cover page as many new societies are added to it.

In addition to PDF files. I am working in videos clips to be converted to relevant format and inducted to this new version. Almost 45 video clips are already inducted which can be uploaded and played. Few years back I had the opportunity to digitalize the photos and archiving material provided to me by Dr. Barry B. Goldberg who has been my mentor which is now the past of this archiving.