

## Minutes of First AC Meeting of AFSUMB in 2023

Time: 11:00 to 13:30 (Mongolia Time) on Friday, June 9, 2023

Venue: Chinggis Khaan Hotel, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2073281200>

Zoom Meeting

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Position	Name	Attendance	
President	Iwaki Akiyama (JSUM)	Online	Request a leave of absence
Immediate Past-President	Yung-Liang Wan (CTSUM)	Onsite	
President-Elect	Jeong Yeon Cho (KSUM)	Onsite	
Vice-President 1	Sudheer Gokhale (IFUMB)	Online	Request a leave of absence
Vice-President 2	Jae Young Lee (KSUM)	Onsite	
Secretary	Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM)	Onsite	
Treasurer	Masayuki Kitano (JSUM)	Onsite	
Councilors	Jung-Eun Cheon (KSUM)	Onsite	
	Akihiko Kikuchi (JSUM)	Online	Request a leave of absence
	Ashwin Lawande (IFUMB)	Online	Request a leave of absence
	San-Kan Lee (CTSUM)	Absence	Request a leave of absence
	Kowk Yin Leung (HKSUM)	Absence	Request a leave of absence
	Ping Liang (CMA/CSUM)	Absence	Request a leave of absence
Co-opted Councilors	Kanu Bala (BSU)	Onsite	
	TP Baskaran (MSUM)	Onsite	
	Erdenebileg Bavuujav (MSDU)	Onsite	Host
	Musarrat Hasan (USP)	Onsite	
	Quan P.B. Nguyen (VSUM)	Onsite	
	H. Sidharta (ISUM)	Onsite	
	Tuangsit Wataganara (MUST)	Onsite	
Representatives	Mukhtar Alam Ansari (USN)	Onsite	
	Saqar Altai (OSUM)	Absence	Request a leave of absence
	Gervais Wansaicheong Khin-Lin (MUSS)	Onsite	
	Patria Cecilia Martinez (PSUCMI)	Onsite	
Journal Editor	Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM)	Absence	Request a leave of absence
Website/Newsletter Editor	Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM)	Absence	Request a leave of absence

**Agenda 1.** Announcement and introduction of attendees

**Agenda 2.** Announcement of absence and substitute

Saqar Altai (OSUM); Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM); Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM)  
; San-Kan Lee (CTSUM); Kowk Yin Leung (HKSUM); Ping Liang (CMA/CSUM)

**Agenda 3.** Greetings from the President, Dr. Iwaki Akiyama

**Agenda 4.** Apologies for absence and introduction of observers

Saqar Altai (OSUM); Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM); Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM)  
; San-Kan Lee (CTSUM); Kowk Yin Leung (HKSUM); Ping Liang (CMA/CSUM)

**Agenda 5.** The minutes of the last AC meeting (December 14, 2022). [[Attachment 1](#)]

**Agenda 6.** President's Report by Dr. Dr. Iwaki Akiyama [[Attachment 2](#)]

First, I would like to report on the recent WFUMB GA meeting held in Riga, Latvia.

As a result of the voting, I was elected as Secretary and Dr. Wan and Dr. Altai as co-opted councilors. Dr. Altai was recommended by MASU (Mediterranean and African Society of Ultrasound ) and is also a member of AFSUMB. I think these things are good news for AFSUMB. Dr. Sudhir Vinayak is the current President of WFUMB. He is recommended by MASU. Dr. George Condous recommended by Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine is elected as the president elect.

On the other hand, it is very disappointing that AIUM has officially left the WFUMB Affiliated Federations. The Past President Dr. Chammas told that all AIUM suggestions have been included into WFUMB's constitution and bylaws as well as other improvements judged necessary. Sadly, they have decided not to rejoin but the door is open. So the AIUM issues are still big issue for the next term for WFUMB AC Members.

For our good news, we have received a new membership application from Pacific Islands Society of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology. This society is a kind of new society currently including Fiji, Tonga, and Tuvalu. The details will be introduced by the Secretary.

There is another difficult problem for the current AFSUMB. It is that payment of annual fee and payment of travel expenses are done in cash. For this reason, Treasurers must cross borders with large amounts of cash, which is dangerous, and current international practice considers direct cash transactions to be hotbeds of fraud. I would like to resolve this issue as soon as possible. For that reason, I would like to instruct the start of consideration at the constitution committee, discuss it at the next AC meeting, and revise it at the GA meeting next year. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Agenda 7.** Secretary's Report by Dr. Peter C.C. Hsieh [[Attachment 3](#)]

1. Dec. 6, 2022, JST, 19:00-20:00, [Executive officer online meeting](#). Executive officers proposed candidates for WFUMB AC members and Officers of the Executive Board. Conclusion: 2023-25 (1) Vice president: I. Akiyama, (2) Councilor: WJ Lee, (3) Co-opted Councilor: YL Wan
2. Dec.14, 2022, JST, 19:00-21:00, [The AFSUMB AC Meeting](#). Twenty AC members attended this online meeting. [[Attachment 1](#)]
3. Dec. 22, 2022, JST, 19:00-19:45, [Executive officer online meeting](#). Executive officers discussed final decision of AFSUMB regarding the position of WFUMB

President-Elect Dr. Jacques Abramowicz. The conclusion was disagreeing to continue his position in WFUMB.

4. Jan. 13, 2023, JST, 19:00-19:55 Online meeting handover of the AFSUMB Treasurer from Dr. Peter CC Hsieh to Dr. Kitano, with review of all necessary documents and some trouble issues which might encounter in the future.
5. Jan. 16, 2023, JST, 19:00-19:50, Executive officer online meeting. Conclusion: 1) The AFSUMB will not nominate candidate for President-elect of WFUMB to replace Dr. Jacques Abramowicz, 2) Reporting to WFUMB our AFSUMB total members are: 22,883, 3) Sending an email, to change the upcoming AC meeting to June 9, (Friday) 2023 at Chinggis Khaan Hotel, Ulaanbaatar.
6. Feb, 2, 2023 JST, 19:00-20:30, Website/Newsletter Committee Web Meeting. 1) update 1) the Officers and Administrative Council Members, 2022-24, 2) incoming AFSUMB and WFUMB Congress, from 2023-2026, 3) the minutes of AC meetings each year from 2020-22 and the minutes of GA meeting held on Nov. 12, 2022, 4) Status of AFSUMB Members, 5) the recent news till January 1, 2023, 6) Website of AFSUMB 2024 Seoul, and Website and PDF of AFSUMB 2026 Hanoi, 7) Workshop 2023 (flyer) in Mongolia, 8) ECHO; Newsletter, 9) Discussion with the Fujifilm and to ask the FujiFilm company whether they hope to have their banner on the AFSUMB website.
7. Feb. 7, 2023 JST, 19:00-19:50 JST, Executive Officers online Meeting, Topic: WFUMB ballot, Conclusion: All agree to elect Dr. Sudhir Vinayak from MASU as the next President-Elect, replacing Dr. Jacques Abramowics who resigned from the position due to dissociation between AIUM and WFUMB.
8. Feb. 17, 2023, JST 19:00-19:55 JST, Education Committee online Meeting, Topic: WFUMB/AFSUMB Student Webinar working group to decide programs, speakers, format and related logistics. The EC will ask for financial support and advice from the WFUMB. At the same time, EC will announce the student webinar to all AFSUMB affiliated societies as well as on the AFSUMB Website.
9. Mar. 2, 2023, JST 20:00-20:50 JST, Executive Officers online meeting with Prof. Ansari, Topic: USN without annual meetings in the past 12 years, Conclusion: 1) Copies of the program or related documents will be sent to Prof. Akiyama soon. 2) Dr. Ansari will reply the letter from Prof. Bala regarding the WFUMB COE to Dr. Wan. 3) AFSUMB workshop hosted by USN could be discussed at AFSUMB AC Meeting in Mongolia if USN completed payment of all the 4-year annual fees.
10. March 23, 2023, 19:00-20:00, Executive Officers online meeting.

1) Recommended candidates for WFUMB AC members and Officers of the Executive Board. Conclusion: 2023-25 (1) Secretary: I. Akiyama, (2) Councilor: WJ Lee, (3) Co-opted Councilor: YL Wan, (4) Congress Committee Chair: I Akiyama, (5) Safety Committee Chair: I Akiyama, (6) Education Committee: YL Wan, JY Cho (7) Publication Committee: WJ Lee, Peter Hsieh, (8) Collaboration Committee: I Akiyama, WJ Lee, (9) Student Task Force: YL Wan, COE Task Force: YL Wan, (10) E-learning Task Force: WJ Lee.

2) USN issue: Conclusion: Face to face discussion with Prof. Ansari about the issue of academic medical meetings in Nepal during the AC meeting on June 9, 2023 in Mongolia.

3) Application for affiliated member society of Pacific Island Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (PISUM). The AC meeting in Mongolia will decide to accept this application (**Agenda 18**) .

11. Apr, 5, 2023, JST, 19:00-20:30, Website/Newsletter Committee Web Meeting. update 1) the Officers, including past president since the year of 1994, 2) incoming AFSUMB Workshop in Mongolia with flyer, but the website was not correct, 3) The company Fujifilm has donated to the AFSUMB USD \$2,000 for the maintenance of the AFSUMB website with banner on the AFSUMB website.
12. Apr. 17, 2023, JST, 19:30-20:20, Executive Officer online meeting for reimbursement of traveling to Mongolia. 1) Dr. Cho would ask Samsung again for donation to the AFSUMB workshop for continuing educational activities. 2) Dr. Kitano hoped to use bank wire transfer instead of the traditional USD cash to AC members for their reimbursements, because limitation of carrying into and outward some countries. 3) Prof. Akiyama suggested no more financial supports for on-border visa. 4) Dr. Hsieh will connect MSDU in the near future for the available on-border visa since only 52 days left to hold the AFSUMB Workshop.
13. May 17, 2023, Website/Newsletter Committee Web Meeting was cancelled and changed to email communication of the recent task had done.
14. May 26, 2023, Prof. Iwaki Akiyama (JSUM) was elected as the secretary of the WFUMB (2023-25) during AC and GA meetings of the WFUMB at Giga, Latvia. Our immediate past president, Prof. Yung Liang Wan (CTSUM) as well as our Representative, Prof Saqar Altai (OSUM) both were elected as Co-opted Councilors of the WFUMB (2023-25).
15. June 9, 1100-1300, Mongolia time, at Chinggis Khan Hotel, Ulaanbaatar. First AC meeting of the year 2023. Sixteen AC Members with another four members online attend hybrid meeting.
16. Nov. 6, 2003, 0930-1130, Muscat time, at Convention Centre, Muscat, Oman. Second AC meeting of the year 2023. Estimated 19 (18) AC Members will attend onsite with 4 (5) AC members online as a hybrid meeting.

**Agenda 8. Treasure's Report by Dr. Masayuki Kitano [Attachment 4,5,6,7]**

1. \*2022 Yearly revenue: USD \$76,600.64 from affiliated member countries (14/16 members paid already)  
\*Yearly expense: USD \$54,782.76  
\*Yearly balance: + USD \$21,817.88  
\*2022 Yearly balance on 2022-12-31: USD \$337,482.47  
\*Donation account: as before USD \$39,925.06  
\*Total balance: on 2022-12-31: USD \$377,407.53
2. AFSUMB 2023 Budget:  
\*Revenue: USD \$70,830.72 (annual subscriptions including past due amounts, website advertising income)  
\*Expenses: 1) WFUMB: USD \$34,324.50 2) Administrative: USD \$5,000; 3) Journal: USD \$2,000; 4) Website maintenance: USD \$1,500; 5) AFSUMB Educational Workshop in Mongolia (LOC: USD \$5,000; Airfares for Officers, Councilors and Representatives: USD \$17,000, (average airfare, except Representatives: USD \$1,000-1,500)); 6) AFSUMB Educational Workshop in Oman (LOC: USD \$5,000;

Airfares for Officers, Councilors, Journal Editor, Website Editor and Representatives: USD \$15,000-23,000

\*Total expenses in 2023 will be: USD \$84,824.50-92,824.50

3. After COVID-19 pandemic, AFSUMB 2022 was held on-site at Hyderabad, which was not connected directly (non-stop flight) to many overseas airports. As a result, USD \$11,636.00 was used for the meeting expenses (LOC and airfares). In 2023, two AC meetings will be held in AFSUMB Workshop Mongolia and WFUMB 2023 Oman. Therefore, I think the cost of airfares for AC members in 2023 will be higher than that in 2022.

4. For the international transaction between countries, our bank, the Mizuho bank, requires AFSUMB to inform of full names and dates of birth of all officers in affiliated societies. Therefore, I ask all affiliated societies for full names and dates of birth of all officers.

5. Conclusions at AC meeting in Mongolia:

- a. All affiliated societies should inform the Treasurer of full names and dates of birth of all officers to facilitate the bank transaction.
- b. Bank transaction should be used for reimbursement of airfares and payment of annual fees for all societies except Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography (BSU), Indonesian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (ISUM), Mongolian Society of Diagnostic Ultrasound (MSDU), Ultrasound Society of Pakistan (USP) and Ultrasound Society of Nepal (USN).
- c. Reimbursement of costs for obtaining VISA can be paid by the ASFUMB.
- d. The ceiling for reimbursement including the airfare and VISA is set at \$1,500 USD for each Officer, Councilor, Co-opted Councilor, Journal Editor, and Website/Newsletter Editor. The ceiling for reimbursement including the airfare and VISA is set at \$ 500 USD for each Representative. If the cost including the airfare and VISA exceed, the individual AC member should pay his/her own excessive expense.
- e. Each society should pay the charge for sending the annual fee while the ASFUMB should pay the charge for receiving the annual fee.
- f. The ASFUMB should pay the charge for sending the reimbursement of the airfare and VISA for the officers while each society should pay the charge for receiving the ASFUMB should pay the charge for sending it.

**Agenda 9.** Journal Editor's Report: Dr. Yi-Hong Chou [Attachment 8]

**Agenda 10.** Website Editor's Report: Dr. Hideyuki Hasegawa [Attachment 9]

Website/Newsletter Committee:

Chair: Dr. Hideyuki Hasegawa

Members: Iwaki Akiyama (JSUM), Jeong Yeon Cho (KSUM), Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM), Sudheer Gokhale (IFUMB), Musarrat Hasan (USP), Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM), Akihiko Kikuchi (JSUM), Masayuki Kitano (JSUM), San-Kan Lee (CTSUM), Kowk Yin Leung (HKSUM), Quan P.B. Nguyen (VSUM), Yung-Liang Wan (CTSUM)

**Agenda 11. Committee Chairs/Members Report**

1) Education Committee:

Chair: Dr. Kowk Yin Leung (HKSUM), Report [Attachment 10]

Members: Iwaki Akiyama (JSUM), Kanu Bala (BSU), Jeong Yeon Cho (KSUM), Sudheer Gokhale (IFUMB), Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM), Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM), Masayuki Kitano (JSUM), Jae Young Lee (KSUM), Yung-Liang Wan (CTSUM)

2) Constitution Committee:

Chair: Dr. Sudheer Gokhale (IFUMB), NO report

Members: Iwaki Akiyama (JSUM), , Jeong Yeon Cho (KSUM), Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM), Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM), Seung Hyup Kim (KSUM), Masayuki Kitano (JSUM), Masatoshi Kudo (JSUM), Won Jae Lee (KSUM), Kowk Yin Leung (HKSUM), Yung-Liang Wan (CTSUM)

3) History/Archiving Committee:

Chair: Dr. Musarrat Hasan (USP), Report [Attachment 11]

Members: Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM), Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM), H. Sidharta (ISUM), Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM)

4) Ultrasound Contrast Agent Committee:

Chair: Dr. Jae Young Lee (KSUM), NO report

Members: No list available

5) Ultrasound Safety Committee: Report [Attachment 12]

Chair: Dr. Akihiko Kikuchi (JSUM), Report

Members: Iwaki Akiyama (JSUM), Jung-Eun Cheon (KSUM), Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM), Ashwin Lawande (IFUMB), Naotaka Nitta (JSUM), Tuangsit Wataganara (MUST)

6) Nomination Committee:

Chair: Dr. Jeong Yeon Cho (KSUM), NO Report

Members: Iwaki Akiyama, Yung-Liang Wan

#### **Agenda 12.** Promotion of WFUMB Congress 2023 at Muscat

Dr. Saqar Altai did not give short briefing (absence due to misunderstanding of the date) on the progress of WUFUMB 2023 at Muscat (Nov. 4-7, 2023) and announcement of flyer and information on website: <http://wfumb2023.org>.

#### **Agenda 13.** Promotion of AFSUMB 2024 Seoul, [Attachment 13]

Dr. Cho demonstrated the progress schedules of AFSUMB 2024 at Seoul (May 9-11, 2024). With the website at <http://www.afsumb2024.org/>, all AC members will give full supports to AFSUMB Congress with AFSUMB Website announcement with flyer. Individual affiliated society will help to circulate this information on its own website.

#### **Agenda 14.** Promotion of WFUMB 2025 Kyoto

Prof. Iwaki Akiyama gave short briefing on the progress of WUFUMB 2025 at Kyoto (May 29 to June 1, 2025)

#### **Agenda 15.** Promotion of AFSUMB 2026 at Hanoi, [Attachment 14,15,16]

Prof Bao Quan NGUYENPHUOC (VSUM) demonstrated the progress of AFSUMB 2026, which will be held on March 6-8, 2026 at Hanoi, Vietnam. All AC members will give full supports to WFUMB Congress with AFSUMB Website announcement with flyer. Individual affiliated society will help to circulate this information on its own website.

**Agenda 16.** Announcement of applications for AFSUMB 2028 Congress

AFSUMB 2028 Congress is open for all affiliated societies to apply. We will make final decision on AC meeting during AFSUMB Congress 2024 Seoul. The AFSUMB welcomes and fully supports to all of the affiliated societies who can join us to host AFSUMB Congress in the future.

**Agenda 17.** Announcement of applications for AFSUMB Workshops 2023 to 2025

- 1) AFSUMB Workshops 2023 was held on June 9-10, Friday to Saturday, 2023 in Mongolia at Millennium Plaza Hotel, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia [Attachment 17] One hundred and ninety-seven participants attended this meeting, organized by MSDU Organizing Committee led by Dr. Erdenebileg Bavuujaav (MSDU), President of MSDU and Secretary General, Dr. Buyanjargal Sh.
- 2) OSUM will host the AFSUMB Workshop during WFSUMB 2023 at Muscat on November 4, 2023. Prof. Nihal Al-Riyami and Prof. Mouza Al Salmani will be in charge of the workshop under the supervision of Prof. Saqar Altai, the OSUM president and Co-President of WFUMB 2023, Muscat. Executive officers will hold another online meeting for discussion of the real “AFSUMB workshop”.
- 3) On March 5, 2023, Prof. Bala from BSU proposed to hold 21st AFSUMB Workshop 2024 in Bangladesh on March 1-2, 2024. Theme: “Leading Edge Ultrasonography”. Venue: BIAM Foundation, 63 New Eskaton, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh. Prof. Leung, our AFSUMB education committee chairperson, accepted this proposal and would discuss this issue during the next education committee meeting.

**Agenda 18.** Application of the provisional membership of the AFSUMB by Pacific Island Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (PISUM)

Prof. Raymond Kashwan applied the provisional membership of the AFSUMB for the Pacific Island Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (PISUM) on March 21, 2023, with attached documents including copies of the Constitution and By-Law of PISUM, names of the executive officers, and the address of the Secretary. [Attachment 18,19]. Conclusion: this application of the united groups of 3 countries is not described in the Constitution and By Law. Constitution committee will discuss this issue soon later and this application will be decided next AC meeting in Nov, 6, Oman.

Dear Dr. Peter

Thanks for your email. The following are the Board members of the Society:

Membership #	Name	Class of Membership	Country of Practice	Position
001	Raymond Keshwan	Full	Fiji	President
002	Lei'aloaha Makaafi	Full	Tonga	Vice President
003	Edwin Singh	Full	Fiji	Secretary
004	Litia Balenaivalu	Full	Fiji	Treasurer
005	Amelia Funaki	Full	Tonga	Member
006	Lafou Mosese	Full	Tuvalu	Member

We are expecting a membership of at least 50 practitioners soon. We were waiting for the tax identification documents for the Society from the Fiji Revenue and Customs Services to set up our Bank account before we could start advertising for membership. We have made progress and should have our Bank account opened very soon. This has taken a lot of time because of the processes involved. I hope you can work with this information to get us under the AFSUMB umbrella.

**Agenda 19.** WFUMB students' webinars by AFSUMB speakers in 2023  
Prof. Yung-Liang Wan will detail the plans of student's webinars of WFUMB in 2023 and 2024 after discussion at AFSUMB educational committee. [\[Attachment 20,21\]](#)

**Agenda 20.** New or other business

**Agenda 21.** Place and date of the next AC meeting  
Nov. 6, 2023 (Monday) at 9:30 AM in Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre, Muscat, Oman

**Agenda 22.** Closing Remarks from the President

**Agenda 23.** Adjournment and Group Photos.

