

## Minutes of the AFSUMB AC Meeting

Time: 16:00 to 18:00 on Thursday, May 9, 2024,

Place: Room 205, Coex, Seoul

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

Zoom Meeting      ID: 207 328 1200      Passcode: 20240509

Attendees: 20 Members Onsite, Three Online

Position	Name	Attendance	
<b>President</b>	Iwaki Akiyama (JSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
<b>Immediate Past-President</b>	Yung-Liang Wan (CTSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
<b>President-Elect</b>	Jeong Yeon Cho (KSUM)	Onsite	Host
<b>Vice-President 1</b>	Sudheer Gokhale (IFUMB)	Onsite	Reply to attend
<b>Vice-President 2</b>	Jae Young Lee (KSUM)	Onsite	Host
<b>Secretary</b>	Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
<b>Treasurer</b>	Masayuki Kitano (JSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
<b>Councilors</b>	Jung-Eun Cheon (KSUM)	Onsite	Host
	Akihiko Kikuchi (JSUM)	Online	Request a leave of absence
	Ashwin Lawande (IFUMB)	Absence	Request a leave of absence
	San-Kan Lee (CTSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Kowk Yin Leung (HKSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Ping Liang (CMA/CSUM)	Absence	Request a leave of absence
<b>Co-opted Councilors</b>	Kanu Bala (BSU)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	TP Baskaran (MSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Erdenebileg Bavuujav (MSDU)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Musarrat Hasan (USP)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Quan Bao NGUYEN-PHUOC (VSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	H. Sidharta (ISUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Tuangsit Wataganara (MUST)	Onsite	Reply to attend
<b>Representatives</b>	Mukhtar Alam Ansari (USN)	Online	Request a leave of absence
	Saqar Altai (OSUM)	Absence	Request a leave of absence
	Gervais Wansaicheong Khin-Lin (MUSS)	Absence	No reply
	Patria Cecilia Martinez (PSUCMI)*	Absence	Request a leave of absence
<b>Journal Editor</b>	Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
<b>Website/Newsletter Editor</b>	Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM)	Online	Request a leave of absence

<b>Observer</b>	Raymond Keshwan (PISUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
<b>Representative (Subst.)</b>	Millicent Ong (PSUCMI)*	Onsite	Reply to attend

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

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

Saqar Altai (OSUM); Ashwin Lawande (IFUMB); Ping Liang (CMA/CSUM); Gervais Wansaicheong Khin-Lin (MUSS); Patria Cecilia Martinez (PSUCMI)\* substitute by Millicent Ong (PSUCMI) with an authorized letter from Dr. Martinez.

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

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

Saqar Altai (OSUM); Ashwin Lawande (IFUMB); Ping Liang (CMA/CSUM); Patria Cecilia Martinez (PSUCMI)

Observer: Raymond Keshwan (PISUM)

**Agenda 5.** The minutes of the last AC meeting at Muscat, on November 6, 2023.

Attendees: 18 members onsite with 2 members online, please see [\[Attachment 1\]](#).

The minutes can also be found from the AFSUMB website as

<http://www.afsumb.org/about/file/ACmeeting20231106.pdf>.

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

- 1 ) The 20<sup>th</sup> congress of WFUMB will be held from 29 May, 2025 to 1 June, 2025 in Kyoto, Japan.
- 2 ) The next AC meeting will be held there during the WFUMB 2025.
- 3 ) The Workshop was successfully held in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia in June 2023.
- 4 ) The workshop was successfully held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in March 2024.
- 5 ) The 17<sup>th</sup> congress of AFSUMB will be held in Danang, Vietnam from March 13 to 14, 2026.
- 6 ) We need to decide the affiliated society to host the 18<sup>th</sup> congress of AFSUMB in 2028 at this AC meeting.
- 7 ) The Constitution Committee decided to propose the sub-affiliated organization in addition to normal affiliated organization. The proposed organization is exempt from membership dues. waived AFSUMB by restriction of some rights of an affiliated organization. I would like to discuss this proposal at this AC meeting.

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

1. The AFSUMB membership was 22,728 in 2021, 22,885 in 2022, and 22,923 at the end of the year of 2023, increased slightly in the recent years. Today's AC meeting was the last time of the term 2022-24 meeting. The last GA meeting was held on Nov.12, 2022. Since then, four AC meetings were held on Dec.14, 2022 online, June 9, 2023 in Ulaanbaatar, Nov. 6, 2023 in Muscat, and today May 9, 2024 in Seoul. The minutes of all AC meetings can be searched on the website of the

AFSUMB official website. (<http://www.afsumb.org/about/meeting.php>). The AFSUMB accounts balance is positive from \$337,482.47 on Jan. 1, 2023 to \$344,466.57 currently. In addition to the donation account of \$34,807.14, the current balance is \$379,273.71 USD.

2. November 12, 2023. First announcement of the GA Meeting (on May 10, 2024 in Seoul, Korea) was sent by email. This announcement was according to the AFSUMB Constitution and By-Laws, Article 7, Section 2B. “The secretary shall notify all those organizations of the names of all candidates not less than 6 months before the General Assembly meeting.” The second announcement of the GA Meeting on Apr. 2, 2024 was sent by email, too.
3. November 12, 2023, Nomination invitation emails were sent by the chair of the nomination committee, Dr. JY Cho, to all Presidents/Secretary of affiliated member societies. He asked all affiliated societies to reply the names of its nominees of candidates for the AFSUMB administrative officers, councilors, co-opted councilors, representatives as well as the delegate from each society.
4. November 14, 2023, WFUMB administrative manager, Ms. Lynne, email Dr. San-Kan Lee and Dr. Peter CC Hsieh, asking for the English language ultrasound journals published by the AFSUMB affiliated societies to which WFSUMB website could link.

The results after counselling all member societies were as below:

- a) The Japan Society of Ultrasonics in Medicine publishes the **“Journal of Medical Ultrasonics”** in English: <https://www.springer.com/journal/10396>.
  - b) The Korean Society of Ultrasound in Medicine publishes the Journal of **“Ultrasonography”** in English: <https://www.e-ultrasonography.org/>.
  - c) The Taiwan Society of Ultrasound in Medicine publishes the **“Journal of Medical Ultrasound”** in English: <https://journals.lww.com/jmut/pages/default.aspx>.
  - d) The Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography publishes the **“Bangladesh Journal of Ultrasonography”** in English: [www.bsu-bd.org](http://www.bsu-bd.org)
5. On January 20, 2024, Profs Leung and Hsieh completed the third WFUMB/AFSUMB Student Webinar on Obstetric Ultrasound and save the video meeting to WFUMB Education Committee for WFUMB Student ultrasound education. On April 13, 2024, Profs Bala and Gokhale completed the fourth WFUMB/AFSUMB Student Webinar on Gynecological Ultrasound.
  6. March 29, 2024, AFSUMB Administrative Officers Meeting was held to discuss the agenda of the next AC and GA meetings. Those agenda included 1) the nomination of the AC members 2024-26 by nomination committee chair, Prof Cho., 2) no academic activities in the past 12 years in Nepal, claimed by a Nepalese physician, 3) the applications of AFSUMB 2028 both at Dhaka, Bangladesh, and at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 4) the AFSUMB yearly report lack of some reports from affiliated societies, and some photos of our AC members, 5) decision on the ballot procedures in GA meeting, 6) AFSUMB financial report from our treasurer, Prof Kitano.

7. April 5, 2024, Ultrasound Safety Committee Meeting was held online and made conclusion to upload the document of “ Basic Concepts of Safety of Ultrasonic Diagnostic Equipment” by Dr. Nitta onto the section of “ Safety ” of our website, as: <http://www.afsumb.org/safety/>
8. April 18, 2024, Constitution Committee Meeting was held online to discuss the amendment of introduction of the new membership as the “sub-affiliated organization (SAO)”. Dr. Gokhale will report later.
9. April 25, 2024, AFSUMB Administrative Officers Meeting was held to discuss the 1) agenda of the next AC and GA meetings. 2) the applications of AFSUMB 2028 at Dhaka, Bangladesh by Prof Bala, and at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia by Dr. Erdenebileg, both will have oral presentations at the AC meeting.
10. Please review the administrative officers (President, Secretary, and Secretariat) of each affiliated society, their terms, and update the information to Dr. Hsieh. [\[Attachment 4\]](#)

**Agenda 8.** Treasurer’s Report by Masayuki Kitano [\[Attachment 5,6,7,8\]](#)

**Agenda 9.** Journal Editor’s Report: by Dr. Yi-Hong Chou [\[Attachment 9\]](#)

**Agenda 10.** Website/Newsletter Editor’s Report: by Dr. Hideyuki Hasegawa [\[Attachment 10\]](#)

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### Progress report of Website Committee of AFSUMB

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Progress report after January 2024 updates:

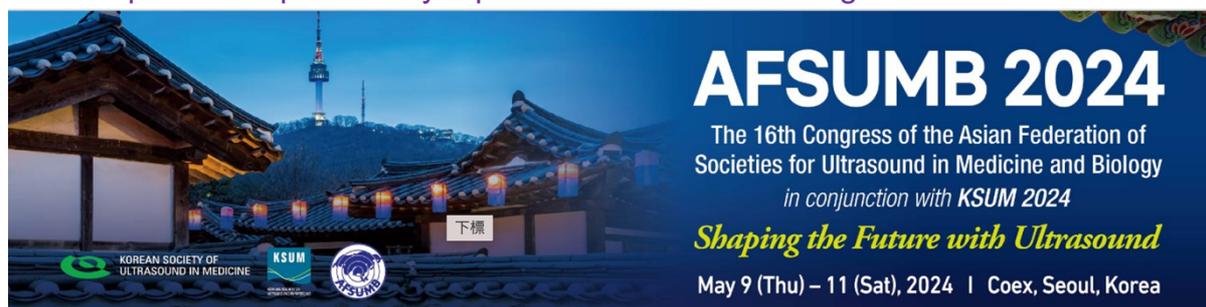
- Minutes of the Administrative Council Meeting on June 9, 2023 held in Mongolia was posted to <http://www.afsumb.org/about/meeting.php>
- The errors in the list of the past presidents were corrected.
- "ECHOES" No. 35, March 2024 was linked to <http://www.afsumb.org/news/letter.php>
- The PDF file in <http://afsumb.org/safety/> describing the safety guidelines was updated.

### Agenda 11. Committee Reports

- 1) Education Committee Report: Dr. Kowk Yin Leung [\[Attachment 11\]](#)
- 2) History/Archiving Committee Report: Dr. Musarrat Hasan [\[Attachment12\]](#)  
In the current year 2024 our committee members have added new material which now is incorporated in the USB. The added material contains slides from last meeting held in Oman Muscat. New uploaded files will be handed over to the Website Committee during AFSUMB conference in Seoul, Korea.
- 3) Constitution Committee: Dr. Sudheer Gokhale [\[Attachment 13-1, 13-2\]](#)
- 4) Ultrasound Contrast Agent Committee: Dr. Jae Young Lee
- 5) Ultrasound Safety Committee: Dr. Akihiko Kikuchi [\[Attachment 14\]](#)
- 6) Nomination Committee: Dr. Jeong Yeon Cho [\[Attachment 15\]](#)

## Agenda 12. AFSUMB 2024 Congress Report

Dr. Cho presented preliminary report on the AFSUMB Congress 2024.



### Detailed information of AFSUMB 2024

Function	Area
Registration Statistics * Updated Date: May 9, 2024	1,507 Participants from 40 Countries (Overseas 457, Korean 1,050)
Invited Guests	136 invited speakers from 19 countries (Overseas 44, Korean 92) Totally 55 Sessions in 151 Invited Lectures
Scientific Program	Total 741 Abstracts submitted, 484 abstracts accepted 129 Oral Presentations & 355 Poster Exhibitions

## Agenda 13. WFUMB 2025 Congress Report

Prof. Akiyama (JSUM) reported the recent progression on the WFUMB 2025 at Kyoto (May 29- June 1, 2025).

## Agenda 14. AFSUMB 2026 Congress Report

Dr. Quan Bao NGUYEN-PHUOC (VSUM) made an update report on the recent progress of the AFSUMB 2026 and changed the venue/time from Hanoi to Da Nang (March 12-14, 2026 at Da Nang, Vietnam).

## Agenda 15. Oral Presentation of BSU Application for AFSUMB 2028 Congress

Prof Bala, on behalf of Bangladesh Society of Ultrasound (BSU), applied to hold AFSUMB 2028 Congress at Dhaka, and he gave the oral presentation of BSU bid for the AFSUMB 2028 Congress.

## Agenda 16. Oral Presentation of MSDU application for AFSUMB 2028 Congress

Dr. Erdenebileg Bavuujav had oral presentation of MSDU bid for the AFSUMB 2028 Congress.

# 18<sup>th</sup> AFSUMB Congress 2028 Applications:←



	BSU (Bangladesh Society of Ultrasound )	MSDU (Mongolian Society of Diagnostic Ultrasound)
Time	Nov. 3-5, 2028	June 20-22, 2028
Place	Dhaka, Bangladesh	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Estimated Participants	350 250 domestic, 100 oversea	900 550 domestic, 450 oversea
Venue	Hotel Intercontinental Dhaka	Chingis Khuree Resort/ Mongol Shiltgeen Resort
Registration fee	\$200-400 USD	\$150-300 USD
Applicant	Dr. Kanu Bala	Dr. Erdenebileg Bavuujav

## Agenda 17. The Ballot of selection of the host of the AFSUMB 2028.

Before the Ballot, the secretary announced only the officers, councilors, and the representatives had the voting power. The result of the ballot was announced by Prof Wan, the immediate past president of the AFSUMB, who supervised the election. The final ballot result showed the winner was the MSDU with 12 votes from the officers, councilors, and representatives. Bangladesh Society of Ultrasound lost the ballot with two votes.

## Agenda 18. AFSUMB Education Workshop Report

- 1) Report of the 21<sup>st</sup> AFSUMB Workshop 2024 at Dhaka, Bangladesh on March 1-2, 2024 by Prof. Bala.
- 2) On Jan. 11 and Apr. 24 in 2024, Prof. Gokhale emailed with application letter of the 2025 AFSUMB Workshop along with the annual meeting of IFUMB on Oct 3-5, 2025. The place will be at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur in India. Further information including application letter, program outline, venue, and general information (visas for the foreign speakers, ground transportation for the foreign speakers, food and other facilities, title, theme, date, estimated participants and lecturers) will be submitted later.

## Agenda 19. Report of the WFUMB students' webinars by AFSUMB speakers in 2023-24

Prof. Yung-Liang Wan updated student's webinars of WFUMB as below:

The first 4 sessions were successfully completed on Sep. 9, and Oct. 14 in 2023, Jan. 20, and April 13 in 2024. The webinars are recorded and edited before loading to the WFUMB website.

**Agenda 20.** Approved of the Pacific Islands Societies of Ultrasound in Medicine (PISUM) as a provisional member of the AFSUMB

The PISUM will become a provisional member of the AFSUMB after formal approval at the General Assembly in Seoul, Korea tomorrow on May 10, 2024. Annual membership subscription fees are waived during the two-year provisional period. The PISUM plans to become an official member of AFSUMB in 2026.

**Agenda 21.** Nepalese delegate (Representative of USN), “No academic activities in the past 12 years”, claimed by Nepalese physician, Dr. Manindra Shrestha on 2023/02/07.

- 1) 2023/02/07 Lynne email forwarded to Drs. Akiyama, Lee, Wan, Choi, Kim and Hsieh about the claim by Dr. Shrestha from Nepal.
- 2) 2023/02/11 First email to notify Dr. Ansari from Dr. Hsieh and first reply to Dr. Shrestha.
- 3) 2023/02/11 Drs. Shrestha and Ansari reply Dr. Hsieh, but Dr. Ansari did not mention the issue at that time. (National Medical College at Birgunj , moving from Kathmandu)
- 4) 2023/03/02 Zoom Meeting between Dr. Ansari and AFSUMB officers held online at 20:00 JST
- 5) 2023/06/08 In Mongolia, Dr. Ansari in person met with administrative officers, including Dr. Cho, Dr. Wan, Dr. Kitano and Dr. Hsieh. He promised to do the work requested by Zoom meeting conclusion on Mar. 2.
- 6) 2023/11/6 Dr. Ansari was absent at the AC meeting held at Muscat, Oman.
- 7) 2024/03/6 There was no USN yearly report from Dr. Ansari after the deadline. He replied email on 2024/01/21 with only his photo without mention the USN yearly report.
- 8) The conclusion of the Zoom meeting on Mar. 2, 2023, as below:

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主题: Minutes of last meeting  
发件者: AKIYAMA Iwaki  
收件者: [R\_Nepal] Mukhtar Alam Ansari  
副本: ylw0518@comh.org.tw 北野雅之

Dear Dr. Ansari, Dr. Wan and Dr. Kitano,

I appreciate for your participation of the last online meeting.  
I would appreciate if you could make sure the minutes as follows:

1. Ultrasound Society of Nepal (USN) has been no activities such as annual meeting for past three years because of pandemic.
2. USN had annual meetings before the pandemic. Copies of the program or related documents will be sent to the President soon.
3. Dr. Ansari will reply the letter from Bala regarding the WFUMB COE to Dr. Wan.
4. AFSUMB workshop hosted by USN could be discussed at AFSUMB AC Meeting in Mongolia if USN could pay all the annual fee which USN has not yet paid before the AC meeting. It will be held next year or earliest.

President of AFSUMB  
Iwaki Akiyama

**Conclusion:**

The issue of “No academic activities for the past 12 years, claimed by Nepalese physician, Dr. Manindra Shrestha on 2023/02/07” was objected by Prof Bala at the AC meeting. He will look for the photo evidence of the AFSUMB workshop in 2014 when he was the chair of the EC. Prof Ansari suggested to hold the AFSUMB workshop this year (2024) with the help and financial support from the AFSUMB but he did not mention about the annual academic activities in the past.

**Agenda 22.** Amendment of the Constitution & By-Laws, by Prof Akiyama  
Prof. Iwaki Akiyama proposed to add a new category of the membership, “Sub-Affiliated Organization”. The annual subscription fees are waived. The organization can participate AC and GA meeting but without voting power. Some privilege limitations are applied. [\[Attachment 13-1\]](#)

**Agenda 22.** Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

**Agenda 23.** Speech with remarks of the Incoming President by Prof. Jeong Yeon Cho.

Prof Cho will be our new AFSUMB President after tomorrow, and we welcome his speech and remarks.

**Agenda 24.** Place and date of the next New AC meeting

June 19, 2024 (Wednesday), at 19:00 (KST, UTC/GMT: +9:00), Online Zoom Meeting

**Agenda 25.** Closing Remarks from the President

**Agenda 26.** Adjournment and Group photos.

