

Minutes of the Education Committee meeting 2016 Nov

Date: 8 November, 2016 (Tuesday)

Time: 07:30-08:30

Venue: Room in Soma, Amari Residences Bangkok, Thailand

Attendance

A. Members of the Education Committee:

Prof. YL Wan

Prof. WJ Lee

Prof. Yi-Hong Chou

Prof. Kanu Bala

Dr. KY Leung

B. Observers:

Prof. JY Lee, Vice-president 2, AFSUMB

Dr. Wilaiporn Bhothiswan, Organizer, AFSUMB Workshop 2016

Prof. Walailak Chaiyasoot, Scientific Chair, AFSUMB workshop 2016

Prof. Chui Ming Tiu, CTSU

Absent with apology:

Prof. Masatoshi Kudo

Minutes:

1. Dr. KY Leung thanks all for attending this meeting, and Prof. Wilaiporn and Ms Pramaporn Kimhamanon (Ning) for arranging the venue for the meeting.
2. The Notes of the Last Meeting of the AFSUMB Education Committee held in Kyoto 2016 was confirmed without any amendments.
3. Report on AFSUMB Workshop in Bangkok 2016

Prof. Wilaiporn reported the workshop was a 3-day program held in the Royal Golden Jubilee Building. There were 150 participants and 10 invited speakers. The workshop ran smoothly yesterday.

Regarding the financial support from AFSUMB, it was decided that AFSUMB would directly reimburse the airfares of the AFSUMB supported speakers in this workshop to avoid the deductions through indirect transactions. Local organizer would help AFSUMB secretary/ Treasurer collect the related documents from these speakers.

4. Progress of AFSUMB Workshop in China 2017
Prof. Wan contacted Prof. Yu Xin Jiang of CMA, and received a proposal on the workshop. The tentative date of the workshop would be 19 August 2017 (one day), and the venue would be the China National Convention Center (CNCC) at Beijing, China. The expected number of participants would be

around 600. Members suggested extending the program to two days taking into account of the speakers and the duration of previous workshops. The programs of the latter would be sent to Prof. Jiang for reference. [Post meeting notes: The proposed workshop would be jointed with "The 26th China International Medical Equipment Exhibition & Scientific Conference (China-Hospeq 2017)].

5. AFSUMB workshop 2018

Invitation to organize AFSUMB workshop had been sent to all societies, and the societies of four countries including Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal, and India previously showed interest in hosting the workshop. Prof. Bala asked if another round of invitation would be required. Reviewing the hosting countries in the past workshops, Prof. Chou pointed out that India hosted the workshop in 2008, several years ago, and suggested giving a priority to India Society given their need. Members agreed this suggestion. This issue would be further discussed and decided in the AC meeting 2017 if there were no other proposals.

Prof. Wan commented that the dates of a workshop should not be too close to an AFSUMB Congress, and suggested the dates of a future workshop (after 2018) should be held at least two months from an AFSUMB Congress.

6. Future programmes of the AFSUMB Education Committee

Prof. Bala commented that the frequency of the workshop could be annual or two every three years depending on the necessity and circumstances. In addition to holding workshops, Prof. Chou suggested that an advanced technology seminar, like the previous one in Taiwan, could be organized in the future in places like Japan, Korea, Taiwan or even Hong Kong as the purpose and setting were different from workshops. Prof. Tiu supplemented that the budget of the previous seminar in Taiwan came wholly from the local organizer without any financial support from AFSUMB. Prof. WJ Lee and Prof JY Lee would consider scheduling advanced technology session during the AFSUMB Congress in Korea 2018. Members agreed the future AFSUMB education programs would include regular Congress and workshop as well as ad hoc advanced technology seminar.

Prof. Bala opinioned that the future educational programmes could be focused on China and India, among other countries, taking into account of their needs and if the number of their members would be increased.

To support AFSUMB education activities, Prof. Bala suggested seeking financial support from commercial companies and setting up education fund. Prof. Chou commented that financial support from industries was present in other Societies, involving several issues including contracts, legal clearance, and financial transactions across countries. Members agreed the direction of seeking education fund, and the ways to do it need careful planning and further discussions.

Prof. Wan and Prof. Bala mentioned that in the practice of other Societies, the local organizer of a congress would donate a certain proportion of surplus, if any, to the parent Society. Dr. KY Leung agreed with this approach. Prof. Wilaiporn said that she did so voluntarily after organizing the previous AFUSMB Congress in Thailand. This donation could be regarded as a token of thanks to AFSUMB for the support, and a source of income to support future educational activities. After some discussions, it was decided to make a proposal to the AC for decision. As benefits to affiliated members of AFSUMB with respect to education, clinical service and research as well as advantages to Asian patients, it was suggested that this proposal on donation would be on a voluntary basis because it was not a requirement in our present AFSUMB constitution. This would be announced to all societies and would be applied to the hosting societies in AFSUMB Congress 2020 or beyond after approval.

Prof. WJ Lee reported that he had nominated speakers from his country in this workshop and the financial support came from a commercial company, not from AFSUMB. Prof. Wilaiporn said their talks fit the scientific program. Members had no objections so long as their talks were good and scientific, and financial support from AFSUMB was not required. Members suggested that the sponsor could consider donating extra funding to AFSUMB.

7. Vote of Thanks were given to
 - Prof. Wilaiporn and her team for organizing the workshop
 - all AFSUMB speakers and Council for their support

8. There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40am.
(A group photo was taken after the meeting.)

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