

Minutes of the Sixteenth Council Meeting of the Asia Pacific Menopause Federation held at 1130 in the Board Room, 1st Floor, Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand on Saturday November 26th 2011.

Council Members

Present:

Professor Takeshi Aso (Japan) (President)
Dr Chua Yang (Singapore) (President Elect)
Professor CJ Haines (Hong Kong) (Hon Treasurer, Hon Secretary)
Dr Elizabeth Farrell (Australasia) (Immediate Past President)
Prof. Ko-En Huang (Taiwan)
Prof. Yu Qi (China)
Dr Sonia Malik (India) represented by Dr Jaideep Malhotra
Dr. Kanadi Sumapradja (Indonesia)
Prof. Hoon Choi (South Korea)
Dr Liew Fah Onn (Malaysia)
Professor Rubina Hussain (Pakistan)
Dr Maria Carmen Hernandez-Quevedo (Philippines)
Prof Khun Ying Kobchitt Limpaphayom (Thailand)

Absent: Prof Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong (Vietnam)

In attendance by invitation:

Dr Enkhee Sodnomdorj, President of the Mongolian Menopause and Andropause Society

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed without amendment

2. Confirmation of changes to Society representatives

Prof. Hoon Choi was welcomed as the new representative of South Korea

3. Matters arising

a. Update on Sydney meeting

Dr Farrell reported that the meeting in Sydney ran at a loss of AU\$32000, incurred by the Australasian Menopause Society. This had mainly been due to lower than expected attendance, mostly from Australia and New Zealand. However, it was agreed that the meeting was very good scientifically and was very well run. It reflected very well on both the AMS and APMF

b. SAFOMS

Further to the last meeting, the Hon Sec had corresponded with SAFOMS indicating the willingness of APMF to collaborate in some manner with SAFOMS in the future. It was noted that it was unfortunate that the first SAFOMS meeting had been at the same time as the APMF Scientific Meeting, and it was agreed that in future this could be better planned. SAFOMS was planning future meetings in 2012 and 2014.

4. Update on 2013 Scientific Meeting (Prof Aso)

The next APMF Scientific Meeting will be held on Oct 18-20, 2013 in Tokyo. This will coincide with World Menopause Day. A meeting summary was circulated by Prof Aso and comments were made. The main theme will be "Women's Healthcare for successful aging across all life stages".

A suggestion was made to consider offering a session to SAFOMS somewhere on the programme during the Scientific Meeting. The purpose would be to facilitate communication and improve attendance. Prof Aso said he would have the Scientific Committee consider the suggestion. It was also suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding between SAFOMS and APMF be developed.

The tentative timetable of the 2013 meeting was also shown, and the planning of the meeting was on schedule. The Budget was discussed and Prof Aso opined that it was based on attendance of 500 registrants, with 150 overseas registrants expected. At this stage a Registration Fee had not been set.

5. Collaborative research project (Prof Aso)

Prof Aso outlined his concept on how this project could be developed. It was suggested that one health care area be explored and compared between member countries. It was agreed that breast cancer was an important issue and Prof Huang presented some preliminary plans of how a breast cancer project could be established. After considerable discussion it was agreed that Prof Aso and Prof Huang would develop an outline for the project to be circulated for comment by February 2012. Ideally the project would be completed by the end of 2012.

6. Future role of APMF within and outside the 14 member countries

After considerable discussion, it was decided to keep the name and objectives of APMF unchanged, but to consider expansion of APMF.

The following motions were subsequently passed:

a.

That Council agrees to co-opt members of appropriate menopause related regional and national societies to join Council (for the period of time of the then sitting Council)

b.

That Dr Enkhee Sodnomdorj, President of Mongolian Menopause and Andropause Society be co-opted onto Council for the current sitting period of Council

c.

That SAFOMS be invited to nominate a representative to be co-opted onto Council for the current sitting period of Council

7. Next meeting

It was agreed that a Council meeting in 2012 would be desirable and that it should be held around September 2012. Hon Sec will investigate potential sites and times.

8. Any other business

It was agreed that APMF consider expanding the number of member countries and in doing so would need to change the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Federation.

Preliminary discussion suggested that Mongolia plus some of the non member SAFOMS countries be invited to join the Federation.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1.30 pm

Professor Christopher Haines
Honorary Secretary