

# **AFSUMB EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

8 November, 2016: Tuesday: 7:30 am to 8:30 am  
Room in Soma, Amari Residences Bangkok, Thailand

## **MINUTES**

A meeting of the AFSUMB Education Committee was held on 8 November 2016, Tuesday at the Room in Soma, Amari Residences Bangkok, Thailand at 7.30 to 8.30 am. Prof. KY Leung, Chairman of the AFSUMB Education Committee presided over the meeting. The following members were present at the meeting:

### **A. Members of the Education Committee:**

Prof. Yi-Hong Chou	Immediate Past President of AFSUMB
Prof. WJ Lee	President Elect of AFSUMB
Prof. Kanu Bala	Vice President 1 of AFSUMB
Prof. YL Wan	Secretary of AFSUMB
Prof. KY Leung	Chairman of AFSUMB Education Committee

### **B. Observers:**

Prof. JY Lee	Vice-president 2 of AFSUMB
Dr. Wilaiporn Bhothiswan	Chairman, Organizing Committee, AFSUMB Workshop 2016
Prof. Walailak Chaiyasoot	Scientific Chair, AFSUMB workshop 2016
Prof. Chui Ming Tiu	Member of CTSU
Prof. Md. Nurul Islam	Member of BSU

### **C. Absent with apology:**

Prof. Masatoshi Kudo	President of AFSUMB & Education Committee Member
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#### **1. Starting of the meeting:**

Dr. KY Leung, Chairman of the AFSUMB Education Committee thanks all for attending this meeting, and Prof. Wilaiporn and Ms. Pramaporn Kimhamanon (Ning) for arranging the venue for the meeting.

#### **2. Confirmation of the Last EdCo Meeting Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Last Meeting of the AFSUMB Education Committee held in Kyoto 2016 were circulated earlier and 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. After deducting the airfares of the speakers, the balance part of US\$ 10,000.00 will be sent directly to the bank

account of the organizing society.

#### **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 held in the China National Convention Center (CNCC) in Beijing, China. The expected number of participants would be around 600. Members suggested extending the program to at least two days taking into account of the speakers and the duration of previous workshops. Prof. Wan and Prof. Leung would contact Prof. Yu Xin Jiang for chalk out a 2-days workshop in Beijing instead of 1-day workshop. For reference a few program schedule would be sent to Prof. Jiang.

[Post meeting notes: The proposed AFSUMB workshop 2017 would be regarded as the official conference of Ultrasound imaging in Beijing Medical Imaging Development Forum of China-Hospeq 2017. The 26th China International Medical Equipment Exhibition & Scientific Conference (China-Hospeq 2017) would provide great opportunities to promote not only innovative technologies but also continuing medical education. A detailed introduction to China-Hospeq 2017 could be accessed:

<http://www.chinahospeq.com:9001/hospeq/introduction/964.jhtml>. For the workshop, two parallel programs would be held in two separated conference rooms simultaneously. They would be Ob/Gyn & Breast imaging and Advances in Ultrasound Medicine (including Abdominal, superficial organs, interventional ultrasound and Contrast enhanced Ultrasound etc). It is expected to attract around 600 domestic professionals with 300 in each conference room. Invited Speakers would be experts from AFSUMB and also from China.]

#### **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. 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. Prof. Wan commented that the dates of a workshop should not be too close to an AFSUMB Congress, and suggested that the workshop should be held at least two months after AFSUMB Congress in Korea in May 2018. This proposal on AFSUMB workshop 2018 would be placed at the next AFSUMB Council Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan for confirmation.

#### **6. Future programmes of the AFSUMB Education Committee:**

Prof. Bala commented that the frequency of the workshop should be annual as previously suggested. In addition to holding workshops, Prof. Chou suggested that an “Asian Symposium on Advanced US Technology, 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 in Korea in 2018. Members agreed the future AFSUMB education programs would include regular Congress and workshop as well as seminars on advanced technology.

Prof. Bala opined that at present Japan, Korea and Taiwan are three big affiliated societies capable of organizing WFUMB Congresses in Asia Region. India and China are two other big countries where WFUMB Congresses can be held in future. But before that, the two countries should increase their membership numbers around 10% of the total AFSUMB membership number. Prof. Bala was requested to raise this point at the next AFSUMB Council meeting in Taipei, Taiwan.

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 International 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 obtaining approval from Administrative Council and GA. Prof. Bala pointed out that, at present AFSUMB Constitution Committee was working on this issue, so necessary rules could be added to the constitution in the future after approval. Relevant rules of other international organizations would be used for references.

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 thanked Prof. Lee for his effort, they 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. Miscellaneous:**

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

**Prof. KY Leung**

Chairman

Education Committee

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in Medicine and Biology [AFSUMB]

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