

**(Draft) Minutes of the Thirteenth Council Meeting, Joint with  
The Fifth Ordinary General Meeting of  
The Association of Asia Pacific Physical Societies (AAPPS)  
Solo Room, Horison Hotel, Hanoi, Vietnam,  
13:00, October 24, 2004**

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Present were:

Council Members (7)

Swee-Ping Chia  
Nguyen Van Hieu  
Won Namkung (President)  
Kok Khoo Phua  
Dongchul Son (Secretary)  
Hiroshi Toki  
Tien T. Tsong (Vice President)

Proxies (4)

Jier Chen (Ling -an Wu), Ito (Toki), John O'Conner (P. Johnston),  
Kenneth Young (D. Son)

Apologies (5)

Bing-Lin Gu, Santosh Kumar Gupta, Bruce H. McKellar, Caesar Saloma,  
In Soo Ko (Treasurer)

Special Advisor (1)

Michiji Konuma

Special Invitee as an Observer (1)

Ching Ray Chang (in lieu of Pauchy W.-Y. Hwang. Editor-in-Chief,  
AAPPS Bulletin)

Invited Guests as Observers (2)

A. Viet (Vietnam)  
Seunghwan Kim (APCTP, Korea)

Official Representatives from Member Societies to the OGM (10)

Peter Johnston (Australian Institute of Physics)  
Ling-an Wu (The Chinese Physical Society)  
Pak Ming Hui (Hong Kong Physical Society)  
Ching Ray Chang (The Physical Society located in Taipei, China)  
Thiraphat Vilaithong (Thai Institute of Physics)  
Phan Hong Khoi (Vietnam Physical Society)  
Hideaki Takabe (The Physical Society of Japan)  
Kunio Tada (The Japan Society of Applied Physics)  
Dongchul Son (The Korean Physical Society)  
Swee-Ping Chia (Malaysian Institute of Physics)

## **1. Opening**

The Council Meeting, jointly with the reconvened 5<sup>th</sup> OGM was opened at 13: 00, October 24 by Prof. Won Namkung, President of AAPPS.

## **2. Quorum**

It was noted that the presence of seven members with four proxies meet the quorum for a Council Meeting, and that therefore the meeting was valid.

## **3. Agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

## **4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Secretary reported the Minutes of the Twelfth Council Meeting held on May 31-June 1, 2004 in Gyeongju, Korea. The minutes were corrected for the type-errors and confirmed.

## **5. Discussion and suggestions**

- (1) The President asked the members to update the information of member societies such as terms of president of member societies, and contact persons.
- (2) Prof. Johnston suggested that Sri-Lanka, Papua -New Guinea could be contacted for new membership.
- (3) President would contact the Physics Teachers Society in Indonesia and Prof. Chia will help on the Indonesian situation. Professor Tada suggested that Indonesian Institute of Science and Technology be contacted.

## **6. Report on the AAPPS Bulletin**

- (1) In lieu of Prof. Pauchy Hwang, Prof. Chang, reported the status and plan of 2005.
- (2) The bulletin publication of 6 issues per year will be maintained and the website for the AAPPS Bulletins, as well as APCTP information would be desirable.
- (3) The bulletin could have a goal of an Asian Physical Journal like the Physics Today of Asia. Prof. Tsong suggested that it would increase the visibility by improving quality of each issue.

## **7. APCTP Report**

Prof. Seunghwan Kim, the Executive Director, reported the APCTP Status.

## **8. World Year of Physics in 2005**

Updated reports of activities were presented from

- (1) Taipei (Chang)
- (2) Australia (Johnston)
- (3) Korea (Namkung)
- (4) Malaysia (Chia)
- (5) Hong Kong (Hui)
- (6) China (Wu)

President asked members to update information on the website at <http://www.wyp2005.org>.

## **7. AAPPS Website issue**

The official website for the AAPPS was discussed. It was suggested that the AAPPS website, <http://www.aapps.org> should be kept at the moment.

## **10. Follow-ups on an idea of “the AAPPS Headquarters” in Okinawa, Japan.**

- (1) Prof. Toki reported that back to JPS after the last Council Meeting the JPS decided to withdraw the idea of “the AAPPS Headquarters” in Okinawa and that instead, the JPS decided to have the Administration Office for Japanese AAPPS activities, which could be in Okinawa or at some other place.
- (2) Prof. Toki asked other Council members to think about ways of enhancing the AAPPS activities.
- (3) Prof. Tsong and other members agreed that the JPS direction toward having such an office for Japanese AAPPS activities is recommended.

## **11. Sponsorship to future scientific meetings**

The following scientific meetings were endorsed for the AAPPS sponsorship:

- (1) IMFP2005 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 25-29, 2005)
- (2) ICALEPCS2005 (Geneva, Switzerland, October 10-15, 2005)
- (3) Worldview on Physics Education (New Delhi, August-September, 2005)
- (4) Ten Faces Physics (Dashavtatar, India)
- (5) IUPAPC20, Conference on Computation Physics (CCP2006) (Gyeongju, September, 2006)

## **12. Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 18:00 on October 24, 2004.

(Drafted by D. Son and Edited by W. Namkung)