



## The Minute of the 7<sup>th</sup> AAEMS Executive Committee Meeting

### Venue

A meeting room, CSIR- Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata, India

### Date

December 11 (Thu), 2014

### Time

13:30 – 14:30

### Participants

#### *AAEMS Executive Committee members*

1. Ashok Kumar Giri (EMSI) President akgiri15@yahoo.com
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3. Hoon-Jeong Kwon (KEMS) Vice-President hjkwon@snu.ac.kr
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7. Jun Yang (CEMS) Member gastate@zju.edu.cn

#### *Observers*

1. Takehiko Nohmi (JEMS) IAEMGS president nohmi@nihs.go.jp
2. Michael Fenech (MEPSA) IAEMGS secretary general Michael.Fenech@csiro.au
3. Masami Yamada (JEMS) IAEMGS treasurer myamada@nihs.go.jp

✧ Self-introduction of each participant

### Agenda

1. *Progress of the 5th ACEM is held in Korea in 2017*
2. *The 6th ACEM venue*
3. *Joining of MEPSA to AAEMS*

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#### *1. Progress of the 5th ACEM is held in Korea in 2017 as a joint meeting with the 12<sup>th</sup> ICEM and KEMS annual meeting*

- ✓ Dr. Kwon will be the president of the 12<sup>th</sup> ICEM and 5<sup>th</sup> ACEM.
- ✓ The web site for the ICEM will be open before AsiaTox2015 held in June.
- ✓ The program committee has not been prepared.

- ✓ The venue for the ICEM will be fixed by the end of 2015. Four places in Seoul are candidates at present.
- ✓ Eight hundred participants will be expected for four days of the meeting period.
- ✓ The candidates for the satellite meeting of the ICEM are Japan for IWGT and a scientific meeting, China for a meeting related to anti-mutagenesis/Chinese herb medicines, organized by Chinese Environmental Mutagens Society (CEMS), and easy to get some financial supports by commercial companies. Fukuoka, Kyoto, Osaka are candidate cities in Japan and which city is for the venues will be discussed in JEMS. Fukuoka might be preferable due to the distance to Korea. Qingdao is a candidate city for Chinese venue due to the short distance to Korea.
- ✓ Announcement in several meetings, such as EEMW2015, EMGS2015, SOT Japan etc., will be proposed. Dr. Fenech and Dr. Honma requested a slide and a circular for that purpose, respectively. Dr. Kwon will prepare them and send to the members by post.

## **2. The 6<sup>th</sup> ACEM venue**

- ✓ The ACEM history is as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007, Kitakyushu, Japan
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010, Pattaya, Thailand
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012, Hangzhou, China
  - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014, Kolkata, India
  - 5<sup>th</sup> November? 2017, Seoul, Korea

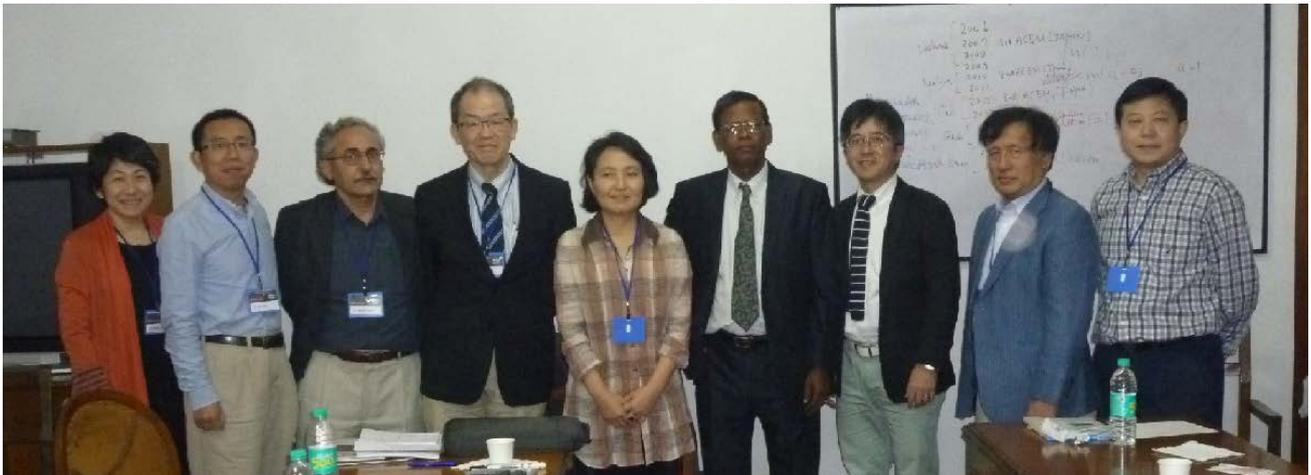
Although two countries, i.e., Philippines and Iran, have not held the meeting, the societies of them are supposed to be too small to hold the meeting. Thus, the first turn in the five countries will be completed at the 5<sup>th</sup> ACEM and back to the second turn. In addition, the original idea for the year of the ACEM was to be held between ICEMs. Thus, the 6<sup>th</sup> ACEM will be held in Japan in 2019, every four years after that. Dr. Aoki (JEMS, President) also stood as a candidate for 6<sup>th</sup> ACEMS in Japan.

## **3. Joining of MEPSA to AAEMS**

Former the Australian and New Zealand Environmental Mutagen Society (ANZEMS) was merged with the Australasian Society for Experimental Pathology (ASEP) and renamed as MEPSA, the Molecular and Experimental Pathology Society of Australasia in 2009. Dr. Fenech, MEPSA, was talked about the issue to join AAEMS with the president of MEPSA, Dr. Terry Piva, and he wished to join AAEMS. Thus, voting was conducted among the executive members of AAEMS, Drs. Giri (India), Cao (China), Kwon (Korea), Honma (Japan), Yang (China). All of them gave their approval toward joining of MEPSA to AAEMS. Dr. Honma (Secretary General) will also ask non-participants, Thailand, Philippines and Iran about this proposal by E-mail. If they will agree, MEPSA will be formally a member of AAEMS.

#### 4. Others

- The period for the president was confirmed as Dr. Giri will serve until the end of 2015, then the period for Dr. Kwon will be 2016-2017.
- Australia could be a candidate for 6<sup>th</sup> ACEM if it will become a member of AAEMS.
- Dr. Giri requested a document to recommend the importance of the field of environmental mutagenesis to submit to Indian government. Dr. Nohmi took this duty.



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From left to right: Masami Yamada (IAEMGS/JEMS); Jun Yang (CEMS); Michael Fenech (IAEMGS/MEPSA);  
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