



## **The Minute of the 5<sup>th</sup> AAEMS Executive Committee Meeting**

### **Venue**

Jia Nian Hall, Zhejiang NARADA Grand Hotel, Hangzhou, China

### **Date**

October 23, 2012

### **Time**

4.00 – 6.00 pm

### **Participants**

#### **AAEMS Executive Committee members**

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| 1. Jia Cao                | President (CEMS)         |
| 2. Ashok Kumar Giri       | Member (EMSI)            |
| 3. Takehiko Nohmi         | Secretary General (JEMS) |
| 4. Masami Yamada          | Treasurer (JEMS)         |
| 5. Hiroshi Kasai          | Member (JEMS)            |
| 6. Jun Yang               | CEMS                     |
| 7. Byung-Mu Lee           | Member (KEMS)            |
| 8. Hai Won Chung          | Member (KEMS)            |
| 9. Sepideh Arbabi Bidgoli | Member (IREMS)           |

#### **Observers**

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| 1. Stefano Bonassi | President, IAEMS |
| 2. David DeMarini  | EMGS             |
| 3. William Au      | CEMS             |

### **Agenda**

1. Greetings from Dr. Cao, the chairperson of the board meeting
2. Self-introduction of each participant
3. Current status of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACEM (reported by Dr. Cao)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> ACEM is held from October 24 to 26, 2012 in Zhejiang NARADA Grand Hotel, Hangzhou, China. Approximately 350 people attend the meeting and they represent 12 different countries, i.e., Canada, China, Czech Republic, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, the Netherlands and USA. The main theme the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACEM is “environmental effects on

human health in rapidly developing Asian countries”.

#### 4. Current status of the 4<sup>th</sup> ACEM in India (reported by Dr. Giri)

The 4<sup>th</sup> ACEM will be held on December 2-5 in Kolkata, India. The organizers will increase the numbers of young scientists and overseas people in the meeting, thereby Asian participants can meet European and American scientists with low traveling cost. More information will be uploaded on the AAEMS home page.

#### 5. ICEM in 2017

Dr. Bonassi suggested that the venue of ICEM in 2017 shall be in Asia and asked to decide which country can be the candidate. Since ICEM has been already held in Japan twice, other countries are expected to take this opportunity. Perhaps Korea is the best candidate because of the experience of International Conference of Toxicology next year (ICT2013). Dr. Lee, KEMS, promised to make their decision after discussion at a domestic committee next month. Satellite meetings in China and Japan may be held at the before or end of ICEM2017. International workshop on Genotoxicity Testing (IWGT) is a candidate for the satellite meeting. Dr. DeMarini gave a comment that student scholar ship was given in 9<sup>th</sup> ICEM and also that it would become difficult to hold ICEM these days due to the depressed economy.

#### 6. President of IAEMS (2013-2017)

Dr. Bonassi said that it is a big task to decide the next president of IAEMS as well as the treasurer at ICEM2013. He suggested that the treasurer would be in the same country as the President due to the convenience for communication. Election will be made between two candidates for each position. He suggested AAEMS might have a good candidate. It was proposed Dr. Nohmi (JEMS) as a president candidate due to his great achievement of the 1<sup>st</sup> president of AAEMS. He is also very well known in this field. Dr. Nohmi asked the difficulties of the treasurer's job. Dr. DeMarini explained that a contract company would take care of actual money handling. The treasurer would make proper suggestions and decisions. The way works very well in EEMS and EMS in US. Dr. Nohmi nominated Dr. Masami Yamada (JEMS) as a candidate for the treasurer.

Name change: CEMS almost decided to change the name of the society in Chinese language as “Chinese Environmental, Gene and Health Society” but is waiting for the approval from the government. The English name of CEMS will be changed once IAEMS decides to change the present name to a new one. JEMS did not change the name because the board members' opinion was divided into three, i.e., agree to a new name such as Environmental Genomics Society, disagree to change the name, agree to change but disagree to the proposed one. In addition, Japanese translation of the English name does not always sound good. JEMS may not change the English name.

#### 7. Current financial status of AAEMS (reported by Dr. Yamada)

As decided in the 4<sup>th</sup> AAEMS committee meeting in Thailand, a financial account for AAEMS has been opened in Japan. The account information is as follows:

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ,  
Account No. 0092779  
Account holder's name: AAEMS  
Fixed account (an ordinary account)  
Tamagawa branch (No. 131)

US dollar is used for the currency because each country in AAEMS uses different currency. The remittance fee should be paid by the remitter. The remitter should inform the treasurer via e-mail when and who sent how much money. The account in Japanese Yen (JPY account) was also opened to avoid any delay of the remittance due to an unexpected fee.

Thai EMS (TEMS) provided a portion of the surplus of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACEM in Thailand, i.e., USD1,000, as the seed money for this account. After adjustments by returning the deposit of USD50.00 to the JPY account and gaining new interest, the balance of the AAEMS account is USD950.14 on October 21, 2012. The AAEMS bank account was temporarily used for remittance of USD1,000 from TEMS to JEMS for the relief of the victims of the Tohoku earthquake. The balance of the AAEMS JPY account is JPY3,438 on October 21, 2012. Related to the financial issue, Dr. Giri (EMSI) proposed life-time membership fee for AAEMS.

#### 8. Announcement

The next (6<sup>th</sup>) AAEMS executive committee meeting will be held in Brazil at ICEM2013. At that time, the next board members (2014 to 2015) will be decided. Dr. Giri will send his proposal for the 4<sup>th</sup> ACEM to all the board members via e-mail, and the proposal will be one of the topics at the meeting.

#### 9. Others

Current status of IAEMS and the name issue were reported by Dr. Bonassi. A possible participation of Australian EMS to AAEMS has been discussed.