



The Minute of the 6th AAEMS Executive Committee Meeting

Venue

IGUAÇU III, Bourbon Convention & Spa Resort Cataratas do Iguassu, Brazil

Date

November 3 (Sun), 2013

Time

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Participants

AAEMS Executive Committee members

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| 1. Jia Cao | President (CEMS) |
| 2. Ashok Kumar Giri | Vice-President (EMSI) |
| 3. Takehiko Nohmi | Secretary General (JEMS) |
| 4. Masami Yamada | Treasurer (JEMS) |
| 5. Hiroshi Kasai | Member (JEMS) |
| 6. Myung-Haing Cho | Member (KEMS) |
| 7. Young-Joon Surh | Member (KEMS) |
| 8. Sepideh Arbabi Bidgoli | Member (IREMS) |

Observers

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| 1. David M. DeMarini | EMGS/ex IAEMS president |
| 2. Yasunobu Aoki | JEMS |
| 3. Keiji Wakabayashi | JEMS |
| 4. Masamitsu Honma | JEMS |
| 5. Young-Rok Seo | KEMS |
| 6. Kyung-Chul Choi | KEMS |

- ✧ Greetings from Dr. Cao, the chairperson of the board meeting
- ✧ Self-introduction of each participant

Agenda

1. Nomination of AAEMS executive committee members (2014 to 2015)

It was decided that the following persons would be the executive board of AAEMS (2014 to 2015)

The President: Dr. Ashok Kumar Giri (EMSI, the president of the 4th ACEM)

The Vice-president: Dr. Jia Cao (CEMS, the president of the 3rd ACEM)

The Vice-president: Dr. Myung-Haing Cho (KEMS, the president of the 5th ACEM)

Secretary General: Drs. Masamitsu Honma (JEMS)

Treasurer: Dr. Yukari Totsuka (JEMS)

Drs. Masamitsu Honma and Yukari Totsuka need formal approval by JEMS executive committee in November 2013.

2. The 5th ACEM is held in Korea in 2017 as a joint meeting with the 12th ICEM and KEMS annual meeting

The host country for the 12th ICEM 2017 is Korea. Because Korea has not held ACEM yet, it was proposed that the 5th ACEM would be held in Korea in 2017 as a joint meeting with the 12th ICEM. Dr. Ashok Kumar Giri suggested, however, that ACEM should be held in every two years and also that 5th ACEM should be held in 2016 instead of 2017. Dr. Young-Joon Surh said that it would be hard to hold ACEM in 2016 and ICEM in 2017 in the same country. Dr. Nohmi said that holding ICEM and ACEM together in 2017 would give a benefit for Asian participants because they could meet American and European scientists in Korea. He proposed to hold a symposium about Asian-specific topics in ICEM to emphasize that it is a joint meeting with ACEM. Dr. Keiji Wakabayashi suggested joining of the KEMS annual meeting to ICEM. Finally, Dr. Myung-Haing Cho, the president of KEMS/KSOT, has accepted the idea to hold the meetings, i.e., KEMS annual meeting, the 5th ACEM and the 12th ICEM, together in 2017. It was proposed that satellite meetings should be held around Korea in 2017. Dr. Masamitsu Honma suggested the 7th IWGT in western part of Japan for travel convenience, and Dr. Jia Cao suggested a symposium about air pollution somewhere in China. Dr. Young-Rok Seo suggested Jeju Island in Korea as a venue for a satellite meeting. Dr. Takehiko Nohmi suggested DNA repair might be a good topic for the satellite meeting.

3. Support for 4th ACEM in Kolkata in India (December 10-12, 2014)

Dr. Ashok Kumar Giri introduced the first circular of the 4th ACEM and reported that registration fee for foreign participants would be \$300 including shuttle bus service to/from the airport. It does not include the meals and the accommodation fee. He requested financial support for the 4th ACEM from each EMS. Dr. Hiroshi Kasai, the President of JEMS, said that JEMS would financially support the 4th ACEM and also that the amount of the support would be decided by JEMS board meeting at the end of November. Dr. Yasunobu Aoki, the next president of JEMS, promised to send a list of possible invited speakers from JEMS to Dr. Ashok Kumar Giri. It was decided that the president and vice-president of each society of AAEMS were invited to the 4th ACEM. The conference would provide financial support to those who cannot afford to participate the meeting. Dr. Takehiko Nohmi proposed that the Program Committee should include EEMS and US EMGS members as well to have international flavor of environmental mutagenesis and genotoxicology.

4. Others

Dr. Sepideh Arbabi Bidgoli reported that the web site is now ready for IrEMS.

The issue about the host country for the 6th ACEM was briefly discussed. Dr. Takehiko Nohmi said that he asked Dr. Michael Fenech, Australian EMS, to have it in Australia if the Australian EMS was willing to join AAEMS. However, there is no response in this issue from Dr. Michael Fenech yet.

EMS and IAEMS have changed the names to EMGS and IAEMGS, respectively. Dr. David DeMarini (EMGS) said that the number of the participants of EMGS annual meeting last month, which was the first meeting after changing the name, increased perhaps due to the participation of researchers in the field of genomics.

Dr. Masamitsu Honma was requested to set up the 7th AAEMS executive board meeting at 4th ACEM in Kolkata.

Dr. Masamitsu Honma said that he wished to have the annual meeting of JEMS 2021 as a joint meeting with the 13th ICEM in Japan because the year 2021 is the exact year of the 50th anniversary of JEMS. He understands, however, that it is difficult to hold ICEM sequentially in two Asian countries, i.e., Korea and Japan. He wished to have some memorial event in the JEMS meeting in 2021. Dr. Takehiko Nohmi said that as the president of IAEMGS (2013-2017) he was strongly interested in the host country for the 13th ICEM.



The 6th AAEMS executive committee meeting in Iguassu, Brazil, on November 3, 2013

From left to right: Young-Rok Seo (KEMS); Kyung-Chul Choi (KEMS); Myung-Haing Cho (KEMS); Young-Joon Surh (KEMS); Ashok Kumar Giri (EMSI); Masami Yamada (JEMS); David M. DeMarini (EMGS); Jia Cao (CEMS); Masamitsu Honma (JEMS); Takehiko Nohmi (JEMS); Sepideh Arbabi Bidgoli (IREMS); Hiroshi Kasai (JEMS); Yasunobu Aoki (JEMS); Keiji Wakabayashi (JEMS)