

# IFFAS Meeting Minutes

**IFFAS Council Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA.  
September 11, 2002**

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## **Yoshinori Takakura, M.D., Presiding**

Dr. Takakura expressed thanks to all the Council members for assisting him during his presidency. He asked Dr. Coughlin to chair the meeting.

### **1. Minutes**

Dr. Dereymaeker noted that Dr. Giannini's name had been misspelled and should be corrected in the minutes. It was moved and seconded that the corrected minutes be accepted. The motion was approved.

### **2. Council Representation**

Council accepted proxies for Dr. Vadell and Dr. Park. AOFAS President Greer Richardson replaced former AOFAS President Pierce Scranton as a member of the U.S. delegation. The council confirmed the new members, who will take office following the meeting. These included Haruyasu Yamamoto, Japan; Haruhito Aoki, Japan; Caio Nery, Brazil; Alberto Macklin Vadell, Argentina; Sandro Giannini; Italy; Hans Kuester, Germany; and Thomas O. Clanton, USA.

Dr. In Heion Park will remain on the Council for one more year.

Retiring from Council will be Yoshinori Takakura, Japan; Ronald Smith, USA; Suguru Inokuchi, Japan; Michael Stephens, Ireland; Greta Dereymaeker, Belgium; and Zelman Simonovich, Argentina.

It was noted that election of officers occurs every two years in the European Society and South American Federation. The AOFAS president who takes office during the IFFAS Triennial Meeting remains on the Council for three years. Each succeeding AOFAS president remains on the Council during the term of his/her office.

### **3. Triennial Meeting**

Dr. Smith reviewed the program for the 2002 Triennial Meeting in San Francisco. The meeting will feature 156 paper presentations and 45 posters. Dr. Smith noted the social program will include an international presidents' dinner as well as the opening reception and gala affair on Saturday night.

Dr. Dereymaeker reported on plans for the next Triennial meeting to be held in Naples, Italy, September 14-18, 2005. Dr. Giannini will serve as chair of the local committee. Dr. Dereymaker solicited suggestions for symposium topics.

### **4. Calendar**

Council reviewed the international calendar. It was noted that the listing for Specialty Day held during EFORT meetings should indicate that this is an EFAS event. Mr. Cantrall requested that Council members send photos, hotel information, and other promotional literature about upcoming meetings that could be posted on the IFFAS web site.

### **5. Finances**

Dr. Dereymaeker reported on IFFAS income and expenses for the past two years. Apart from the management fee, the major expense was for design, redesign and printing of the new IFFAS logo. Net income for the past two years was \$1,612.63. It was moved and seconded that the financial report be accepted. The motion was approved.

Council agreed that dues will remain the same for 2002-2003 and that the dues invoice will be sent out in October.

## **6. Recognition Awards**

Dr. Takakura presented the new presidential medallion. The medallion will include the names of all the IFFAS presidents and will be held in trust by each new president. It will be passed on to the next president at the beginning of his/her term of office. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to founding members and officers as well as past and present council members. These individuals also will be recognized during the opening ceremonies.

Dr. Benamou presented sample IFFAS membership pins. These are available in gold, silver and bronze. He suggested that each federation give pins to each national society member. Dr. Smith noted that IFFAS is not a membership organization, i.e., IFFAS has no individual memberships, but only regional affiliations. Consequently, distributing pins to individuals other than Council members is not appropriate. Dr. Coughlin suggested that a gold pin be presented to each past president and a silver pin be presented to his/her spouse. He further suggested that each new president pay for the past president's pin. Dr. Smith expressed the view that the federation should bear the expense for a past president's pin so that a uniform standard would be applied. Dr. Benamou suggested that the pin should be available for anyone to purchase and that it was not economically feasible to produce the pins in such small quantities. Mr. Cantrall suggested that rather than a membership pin, a commemorative pin be developed for each triennial meeting. Council agreed to this and thanked Dr. Benamou for his work on this project.

## **7. Council Transition and Election of Officers**

Council asked the secretariat to e-mail past and future members with a list of current Council appointments and the dates when appointments will change.

Council elected its new officers. Michael Coughlin, USA, was elected President. Sandro Giannini, Italy was named President Elect. Haruyasu Yamamoto, Japan, was elected secretary. Fernando Fonseca Filho, Brazil was elected treasurer.

## **8. Next Council Meeting**

Suggestions for the next IFFAS Council meeting site included Vitoria, Brazil in May, Helsinki, Finland in June or Hilton Head, South Carolina in late June. It was noted that meetings can be held by web or teleconference.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Hilton Head and that those who could not attend participate through teleconference. It was further agreed that if at least seven Council members register for the Latin American Congress, the Council meeting be held in Brazil.

It was agreed that the agenda for the next meeting include a discussion on encouraging national foot and ankle societies.