

Minutes
International Federation of Foot & Ankle Societies
Thursday, March 6, 2008
San Francisco Marriott, San Francisco, California USA

Present: Voting Council Members and Terms:

Asia Federation

Yasuhito Tanaka, MD (Japan) (proxy for Mitsuo Kinoshita, MD, 2005-2008)
Satoru Ozeki, MD (Japan), 2005-2008
Inderjeet Singh Rikhranj, MD (Singapore), 2007-2010

European Federation

Sandro Giannini, MD (Italy), 2005-2008, IFFAS President
Thanos C. Badekas, MD (Greece) (proxy for Mr. Ian Winson, 2005-2008)

North American Federation

Judith F. Baumhauer, MD (USA), 2005-2008, IFFAS Treasurer
Mark Myerson, MD (USA), 2005-2008
Steven D.K. Ross, MD (USA), 2007-2010

South American Federation

Osny Salomao, MD (Brazil), 2005-2008, IFFAS President-Elect
Nuri Schinca, MD (Uruguay), 2005-2008
Joao de Carvalho Neto, MD (Brazil), 2006-2009

Others Present:

Michael Coughlin, MD, (USA), IFFAS Past President
Gino R. Diaz, MD (El Salvador)
Mark Glazebrook, MD (Canada)
Angel Meardi, MD (El Salvador)
Caio Nery, MD (Brazil)

IFFAS Secretariat: Lousanne Lofgren, CAE

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am PT by the President, Dr. Giannini.

Minutes – Dr. Giannini requested a correction to the minutes of the Feb. 15, 2007 meeting held in San Diego, California. After this meeting, the awards situation was clarified and the minutes should note that the Takakura Award will remain always, and that the President's Award will bear the name of the outgoing president and rotate with each triennial meeting. The 2005 meeting in Naples was awarded in the name of outgoing president Michael Coughlin, MD, and the 2008 should be awarded in the name of the outgoing president Sandro Giannini, MD.

Motion: That the minutes of the IFFAS Council Meeting held Feb. 15, 2007 in San Diego be corrected and approved. (Motion approved)

Motion: That the President's Award will bear the name of the outgoing president and rotate with each triennial meeting. (Motion approved)

Review of Council Representatives and Terms – According to the IFFAS Constitution and Bylaws, each federation has three representatives, each with a three year term. Ms. Lofgren distributed the Constitution and Bylaws and a spreadsheet prepared to show council positions and terms for the three representatives from each federation and the names of the individuals serving in those terms. The

information was reviewed, and new representatives and terms were noted to update the information. Dr. Inderjeet Singh Rikhranj of Singapore replaced Dr. Emil Tablante for a term Oct. 2007-Sept. 2010 representing the Asia Federation. Steven D.K. Ross, MD of the USA replaced Timothy Daniels, MD for a term Oct. 2007-Sept. 2010 representing the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society. Dr. Joao de Carvalho Neto, MD of Brazil replaced Dr. Alberto Vadell for a term Oct. 2006-Sept. 2009 representing the South American Federation. The following action was taken:

Motion: That the information on the chart of IFFAS Council Representatives (3 representatives from each Federation for 3 year terms each) be accepted. (Motion approved)

Report of the Treasurer – Dr. Judith Baumhauer reported that the IFFAS account balances total \$38,590.98 less \$18,547.10 owed to the AOFAS for administration (\$6,000 per year) for 2006, 2007, and 2008 plus \$547.10 for meeting and web expenses. The currently available balance is \$20,043.88. Dues of \$3,000 per year for 2007 and 2008 are due from the European Federation and the South American Federation. With payment of these remaining 2007 and 2008 dues, the balance on hand will be approximately \$32,000 less minor expenses for the San Francisco meeting. Upcoming organizational expenses for the Brazil meeting include certificates for outgoing Council members and the Council meeting.

Update on IFFAS2008, Third Triennial Meeting, Sept. 18-20, 2008, Brazil – Dr. Osny Salomao reported that 140 abstracts had been received and there were 227 registrants for the meeting to date. He stated that the South American Federation has been disappointed in the response so far and presented information on the number of abstracts submitted by each country. Discussion followed on the requirement that registration must precede abstract submission and that this may be a disincentive for abstract submission. Dr. Salomao stated that the registration policy would be changed and that abstracts may be submitted in advance of registering for the meeting.

Report of the Asia Federation – Dr. Yasuhito Tanaka reported that the Asia Federation meeting was held in 2007 in Singapore, and a decision was made to write bylaws for the federation. Representatives from China did not attend the meeting in Singapore. The next Asia Federation meeting will be in 2010 in Malaysia. In 2011 the IFFAS Triennial Meeting will rotate to Asia and will be hosted in Japan in either Osaka or Tokyo.

Report of the European Federation – Dr. Thanos Badekas reported that the EFAS Council had met in Brussels. Discussion items included the Takakura prize, abstract submission for IFFAS2008, and updates for the IFFAS web site. The EFAS bi-annual congress will be held in October 2008 in Portugal. He asked that the IFFAS Council minutes and financial report be circulated in advance of the meetings.

Report of the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society – Dr. Steven Ross welcomed the Council to the USA and to the meetings of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society. He stated that the AOFAS is interested in outreach to other foot and ankle organizations.

Report of the South American Federation – Dr. Salomao, IFFAS President-Elect, stated that IFFAS officers (President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer) would be elected for three year terms (Oct. 2008-Sept. 2011) during the IFFAS Council meeting in Brazil in September. He requested that information on meetings be sent to Ms. Lofgren for the web site.

Report of the Secretariat – Ms. Lofgren reported working with the IFFAS2008 organizers to facilitate exposure to target audiences of orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons. IFFAS2008 has exhibited at the AOFAS annual meeting in 2007, will be at the 2008 meeting, and has had promotional materials at the AAOS meetings. Dr. Salomao has made podium presentations to promote the IFFAS meeting, and a protocol for grading meeting abstracts has been sent to the IFFAS chairs. Ms. Lofgren has handled meeting arrangements and financial matters for the IFFAS Council. She requested that specific information on upcoming meetings be sent to her for the website.

Proposal - Dr. Giannini proposed that each federation meeting include an international symposium on foot and ankle in its scientific program, and that each federation then send a speaker to the IFFAS Triennial Meeting to encourage the international exchange of ideas. It was agreed that each federation would take this proposal back to their own organization for consideration.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the IFFAS Council will be held in Sauipe, Bahia, Brazil during the IFFAS2008 meeting in September 2008.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am PT.

Respectfully submitted,

Louanne Lofgren, CAE, Secretariat