

**Minutes
Council Meeting
International Federation of Foot & Ankle Societies
Friday, Feb. 27, 2009
Bally's Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA**

Council Members Present

Asian Federation

Ryuzo Okuda, MD (Japan), proxy for Mitsuo Kinoshita, MD (Japan), IFFAS Vice President
Yasuhito Tanaka, MD (Japan)

European Federation

Hakon Kofoed, MD (Denmark)

North American Federation

Robert B. Anderson, MD (USA), IFFAS Treasurer
Mark A. Glazebrook, MD (Canada)
Steven D.K. Ross, MD (USA)

South American Federation

João De Carvalho Neto, MD (Brazil)
Antonio Egydio De Carvalho Neto, MD (Brazil), proxy for Caio Nery, MD (Brazil)
Osny Salomão, MD (Brazil), IFFAS President

Staff Present - Lousanne Lofgren, CAE, Secretariat

Absent (no proxy)

Inderjeet Singh Rikhranj, MD (Singapore)
Ian Winson, MD (UK), Secretary
Jan Willem K. Louwerens, MD (The Netherlands)

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by Dr. Salomão. A quorum was present.

Report on the IFFAS Third Triennial Meeting, Sept. 17-20, 2008, Costa do Sauipe, Bahia, Brazil – Dr. Salomão reported that there were a total of 650 registrants (42 registered and did not attend). Registrants represented 39 countries, with 342 registrants being from Brazil. The total number of participants was 908, which included scientific registrants, exhibitors, service workers and staff.

Submitted papers were evaluated by two representatives from each federation, and prizes were awarded for the best clinical paper and the best research paper. The best clinical paper was recognized with the Takakura Prize, named in honor of and given by IFFAS founder Yoshinori Takakura, MD to Dr. Séergio Damião Prata, Brazil, for his paper: Radiological evaluation of the rheumatic foot. The Giannini Prize, the president's award given for the best research paper, went to James Brodsky, MD, USA, for his paper: A prospective gait analysis of patients before and after ankle replacement. The award is named in honor of the current IFFAS president. A total of 96 papers were presented from the podium and attendees had an opportunity to view 190 e-posters. Six lectures and six panels were presented.

Report of the President – Dr. Salomão proposed several items for consideration by the Council.

1) That a half page or full page of the AOFAS newsletter InStride be devoted to IFFAS news.

Motion: That council members submit information on meetings of their federation and societies within their federation to the Secretariat for the IFFAS web site, and the

information will be forwarded to the IFFAS council members for distribution through their respective newsletters and/or web sites. (Motion approved)

Ms. Lofgren stated that the IFFAS web site will be updated and information submitted on federation meetings and meetings of societies within the federations can be included.

2) That the IFFAS president be authorized to appoint an additional Council representative from his/her federation for a three-year term to promote and increase participation in IFFAS.

The potential role and voting/non-voting status of this position were discussed. It was noted that this proposal would increase the number of council representatives from 12 to 13 and that the council president would then be considered to be outside of his home federation's delegation. The following action was taken:

Motion: That the president appoint an ex-officio (non-voting) Council member for a three-year term to promote IFFAS. (Motion tabled)

Motion: That the role and scope of the proposed ex-officio (non-voting) Council position be defined and discussed further before a decision is made. (Motion approved)

3) That an IFFAS symposium be held at each annual meeting or congress of each federation, with costs to be paid by the host organization.

The proposal was discussed and no decision was made as each federation has its own process for development of its scientific program.

Council Representatives and Terms – At the September 19, 2008 meeting in Brazil a workgroup, comprised of one representative from each federation, was appointed to review the IFFAS Constitution and Bylaws regarding length of terms and develop a proposal on term length that favors continuity. Due to e-mail problems, this has not moved forward. Although presidential terms within each federation vary, Council members expressed that each federation should select its own Council representatives for three-year terms within the framework of the Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution and Bylaws allow for substitution of representatives within three-year terms.

Dr. Kofoed stated that the Southeastern Asian countries have communicated with the European Federation that they are unhappy with Japan's dominant role within the Asian Federation. Dr. Tanaka noted that the next meeting of the Asian Federation will be in 2010 in Malaysia and that the Federation will consider ways to be more inclusive.

Next Council Meeting – Dr. Salomão announced that the next meeting of the IFFAS Council would be held during the AOFAS meeting (July 16-18, 2009) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. This will be the annual meeting of the Council and the treasurer's report will be presented at that time.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm PT.

Respectfully submitted,

Louanne Lofgren, CAE, IFFAS Secretariat