

**Minutes
Council Meeting
International Federation of Foot & Ankle Societies
Thursday, July 16, 2009
Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, BC, Canada**

Council Members Present

Asian Federation

Yasuhito Tanaka, MD (Japan)

European Federation

Ian Winson, MD (UK), Secretary

Latin American Federation

João De Carvalho Neto, MD (Brazil)

Caio Nery, MD (Brazil)

Osny Salomão, MD (Brazil), IFFAS President

North American Federation

Robert B. Anderson, MD (USA), IFFAS Treasurer

Steven D.K. Ross, MD (USA)

Others Present – Emilio Wagner, MD, Chilean Foot & Ankle Society

Staff Present - Lousanne Lofgren, CAE, Secretariat

Absent (no proxy)

Mark A. Glazebrook, MD (Canada, North American Federation)

Mitsuo Kinoshita, MD (Japan, Asian Federation), Vice President

Hakon Kofoed, MD (Denmark, European Federation)

Jan Willem K. Louwerens, MD (The Netherlands, European Federation)

Inderjeet Singh Rikhraj, MD (Singapore, Asian Federation)

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm PT by Dr. Salomão and a quorum was declared present.

Minutes of the Council meeting held Feb. 27, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV, USA were presented.

Motion: That the minutes of the IFFAS Council Meeting held Feb. 27, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV, USA be approved. (Motion approved)

Old Business – An item tabled from the February 29, 2009 meeting was a motion that the president appoint an ex-officio (non-voting) Council member for a three-year term to promote IFFAS. There was no discussion of this issue and no action was taken.

Latin American Federation – Dr. Salomão introduced Emilio Wagner, MD, representative of the Chilean Foot & Ankle Society. Dr. Wagner reported that the Latin American Federation (FLAMECIPP) meeting originally scheduled to be held in El Salvador had been cancelled and rescheduled for November 15-16, 2010 in Santiago, Chile, preceding the Nov. 17, 2010 meeting of the Chilean Orthopaedic Society meeting.

New IFFAS Award – Dr. Salomão suggested that IFFAS establish an award to be presented at each of the federations meetings beginning in 2010 as a way to promote awareness and visibility for IFFAS. The following federation meetings will be held in 2010:

AOFAS – July 9-12, 2010, National Harbor, MD, USA (near Washington, DC)

Asian Federation – May 22, 2010, Johore Bahru, Malaysia (held jointly with the Malaysian Orthopaedic Association).

European Federation (EFAS) – September 1-3, 2010, Geneva, Switzerland

Latin American Federation (FLAMECIPP) – November 15-16, 2010, Santiago, Chile

Motion: That an IFFAS award, consisting of a certificate and a \$1,000 USD prize, be established and offered to each federation to award at its meeting starting in 2010; that each federation be able to set up its own criteria for the award; and that the award recipients be asked to submit their papers to IFFAS for posting on the IFFAS web site. (Motion approved)

Dr. Salomão also suggested that presentations be invited and posted on the web site.

Motion: That a page on the IFFAS web site be set up as the President's Corner and that the President select a topic and invite orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons to create a PowerPoint presentation to be posted on this section of the IFFAS web site . (Motion approved)

Dr. Salomão will invite Drs. Sandro Giannini and Richard Ferkel to prepare a PowerPoint presentation on state of the art of osteochondral lesions of the talus for posting on the IFFAS web site.

It was suggested that the host federation for each IFFAS meeting prepare visuals and a two minute video on the upcoming meeting and that these be posted on the IFFAS web site to generate interest in the next IFFAS meeting.

Mr. Winson reported that the Rugby World Cup will be held in 2011, and many physicians with a focus on foot and ankle will be involved. He will communicate with the event's officials and determine their interest in IFFAS.

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Anderson reported that the current balance of the treasury was \$44,254.17 as of June 30, 2009.

Asian Federation – Dr. Tanaka reported that the program committee for the IFFAS 2011 meeting in Nara, Japan has been selected. The Asian Federation will create a promotional video that can be presented at various foot and ankle meetings to encourage interest in the IFFAS 2011 meeting.

European Federation – Mr. Winson reported that there is a movement in Europe toward a European-wide certificate in foot and ankle.

AOFAS/North American Federation – Dr. Anderson stated that AOFAS has started preliminary discussions on the 2014 meeting to be hosted by AOFAS.

Next Council Meeting – Dr. Salomão stated that the next meeting of the IFFAS Council would be held in July 2010 during the AOFAS meeting in National Harbor, MD, near Washington, DC.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm PT.

Respectfully submitted,

Louanne Lofgren, CAE
Secretariat