

**Minutes
Council Meeting
International Federation of Foot & Ankle Societies
Thursday, July 8, 2010
Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland, USA**

Council Members Present

Asian Federation

Tsuyoshi Jotoku, MD (Japan) (proxy for Yasuhito Tanaka, MD)
Mitsuo Kinoshita, MD (Japan), Vice President.

Latin American Federation

João De Carvalho Neto, MD (Brazil)
Caio Nery, MD (Brazil)
Osny Salomão, MD (Brazil), IFFAS President

North American Federation

Mark A. Glazebrook, MD (Canada)
Steven D.K. Ross, MD (USA)
Keith L. Wapner, MD (USA) (proxy for Robert B. Anderson, MD)

Staff Present - Lousanne Lofgren, CAE, Secretariat

Absent (no proxy)

Ian Winson, MD (UK), Secretary
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 1:30 pm ET by Dr. Salomão and a quorum was declared present.

Minutes of the Council meeting held July 16, 2009 in Vancouver were presented.

Motion: That the minutes of the IFFAS Council Meeting held July 16, 2009 in Vancouver be approved. (Motion approved)

Federation Updates

AOFAS/North American Federation – Dr. Wapner reported that the AOFAS and AAOS will hold a jointly-sponsored foot and ankle course in Orlando, Florida in December 2012 targeting an international audience. As this is the year following the 2011 IFFAS meeting in Japan it was felt that this will not impact IFFAS and was accepted as information.

The AOFAS has had preliminary discussions on hosting the 2014 IFFAS meeting in the United States. Since the AOFAS annual meeting has been traditionally held in the summer and the IFFAS meeting has traditionally been held in early fall, the AOFAS delegation proposed that the two meetings be held back to back.

Motion: That the IFFAS and AOFAS meetings in 2014 be held back-to-back in the United States. (Motion approved)

Asian Federation – Dr. Kinoshita reported on plans for the 2011 IFFAS meeting to be held Sept. 21 (Wednesday) – Sept. 24 (Saturday) at the Nara Prefectural New Public Hall in Nara, Japan. He distributed a draft program format and preliminary list of speakers to be invited and requested input. Discussion followed. Council members recommended that the abstract deadline be changed February 1, 2011. They also recommended that the registration incentives be adjusted to minimize financial penalty to early registrants who have to cancel and that the deadline for early registration be changed to June 30, 2011.

Dr. Tze-Choong Low, organizing chairman for third triennial Asian IFFAS 2010 submitted a written report on the meeting held May 20-22, 2010 in Malasia. The next Asian IFFAS meeting will be held in 2013 in Hong Kong.

South American Federation (FLAMECIPP) – Dr. Salomão reported that the 2008 IFFAS meeting in Brazil had 650 registrants (including 42 who did not attend), and the program included six lectures, six panels, and 96 paper presentations. A total of 190 papers were accepted as e-Posters, and 70 papers were not accepted. Submitted papers were evaluated by two representatives from each federation. The Takakura Prize was awarded for the best clinical paper, and the Presidential Prize was awarded for the best research paper. The Takakura Prize, a glass award and a \$5,000 USD check, was funded by Dr. Takakura. The Presidential Prize, a glass award and a \$5,000 USD check, was funded by IFFAS and awarded in the name of Dr. Giannini, president at the 2008 meeting.

Report of the President – Dr. Salomão suggested that the award-winning papers at the triennial IFFAS meetings and the respective federation meetings be posted on the IFFAS website. He also requested that the IFFAS site link to Orthopaedia.com.

European Federation – No report.

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Ross presented the treasurer's report for Dr. Robert Anderson. As of June 30, 2010 IFFAS had a balance of \$34,172.40. Dues for 2010 had been paid by the Asian and South American Federations, and payments from the AOFAS and EFAS were expected.

IFFAS Prize –The IFFAS Award for Excellence, consisting of a certificate and a check for \$1000 USD, is available to each federation to award at its meeting, and the award criteria are set by each federation. AOFAS representatives pointed out that the AOFAS meeting is held annually, while the meetings of the European, Asian, and South American federations occur every other year. To make the IFFAS financial expense equal for all of the federations, AOFAS representatives recommended that the IFFAS Award for Excellence be set at \$500 for the AOFAS annual meeting and remain at \$1,000 for the Asian, European, and South American Federations.

Motion: That the IFFAS Award for Excellence be set at \$500 USD for the AOFAS annual meeting and the IFFAS Award at the European, Asian, and South American Federation meetings remain at \$1,000 USD as these meetings occur every two years. (Motion approved)

Secretariat Report - Ms. Lofgren reported that the IFFAS website lists the current IFFAS Council members, terms, and a promotion/link to the IFFAS2011 website. Links to a number of national and regional societies and meetings are included on the site, and these sites contain the most accurate information on foot and ankle meetings around the world.

Information on IFFAS2011 has been posted on a number of online and print communication channels and continues to be updated. An Asian Federation representative showed a promotional video on the IFFAS2011 meeting during the AOFAS Specialty Day program in March in New Orleans. The video will be added to the IFFAS website.

Announcement of the IFFAS Award for Excellence was distributed with a form for completion by federation representatives on their respective award winners. A certificate and \$1,000 check were sent to Dr. Akira Taniguchi (Japan) for his award-winning paper at the Asian IFFAS meeting, and a check and certificate have been prepared for Dr. Fabian Krause (Switzerland) in recognition of his award-winning paper at the AOFAS meeting.

Financial reports have been prepared.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Louanne Lofgren, CAE, Secretariat