

Minutes
International Federation of Foot & Ankle Societies
Thursday, February 18, 2011
Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, San Diego, California USA

Council Members Present

Asian Federation

Mitsuo Kinoshita, MD (Japan), Vice President.
Yasuhito Tanaka, MD (Japan)

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)

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm PT by Dr. Osny Salamao, president.

Minutes – The minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting in National Harbor, Maryland were reviewed.

Motion: That the minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting in National Harbor, Maryland be approved
(Motion approved)

Report of the Asian Federation – Dr. Mitsuo Kinoshita reported on plans for the 4th Triennial IFFAS Meeting to be held Sept. 19-23, 2011 in Nara, Japan. The meeting will include 54 faculty members. A total of 284 abstracts have been received for the meeting, and the abstract deadline has been extended to Feb. 19, 2011. The meeting registration fee is 50,000 Yen, which is approximately \$600 USD. The Japanese Society will hold its meeting just prior to the IFFAS meeting and 500 registrants are expected. It is anticipated that 60% of these attendees will also register for the IFFAS meeting. The IFFAS organizing committee is planning a gala event that will be included in the registration fee, and the Japanese Society will host a party for VIPs on Friday evening.

IFFAS Awards – The IFFAS Council previously established the IFFAS Awards for Excellence with a cash prize of \$1,000 USD and certificate to be awarded at each meeting of the four federations. Since the federations of Asia, Europe and South America meet every two years and the AOFAS meeting is held annually, the AOFAS representatives recommended that the IFFAS Award for Excellence at the AOFAS meeting be reduced to \$500 so that the cash disbursement would be equal across the federations.

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Motion: That the IFFAS Award for Excellence at the AOFAS meeting be \$500 USD, rather than \$1000 USD, so that the cash disbursement for the award would be equal across the federations. (Motion approved)

Report of the European Federation – Dr. Sandro Gianinni reported that there were approximately 350 attendees at the last EFAS meeting and extended greetings from EFAS to the IFFAS Council.

Report of the AOFAS – Dr. Keith Wapner reported that the AOFAS is developing plans for the 5th Triennial IFFAS meeting to be held in 2014 in the USA. The AOFAS Board will hold a retreat in April and make a final decision on the location and dates of the meeting. He noted that Dr. Steven Ross's three-year term on the IFFAS Council expired in Sept. 2010 and indicated that the AOFAS Board will appoint another representative to this position for a three-year term (Oct. 2010 – Sept. 2013) in April. At that time the AOFAS Board will also select a member to succeed Dr. Robert Anderson, whose three-year term (Oct. 2008 – Sept. 2011) will expire in September.

The term for Dr. Kinoshita, currently the Vice President/2011 Program Chair, will become the IFFAS President at the meeting in September in Japan and his term will conclude with the 2014 5th Triennial IFFAS meeting in the USA. In accord with rotation of the 2014 meeting to the USA, the AOFAS will select Dr. Anderson's successor with the understanding that this individual will serve for Oct. 2011 – Sept. 2014 as the IFFAS Vice President/2014 Program Chair and then elevate to IFFAS President in Oct. 2014 for a three-year term concluding with the 6th Triennial IFFAS meeting to be held in Europe in 2017.

Report of the Latin American Federation – Dr. Osny Salamao reported that the Latin American Federation meeting was held in November in Chile with 350 registrants and that Dr. Caio Nery was elected the new president of the organization for a two-year term. The next meeting will be held in 2012 in Brazil. Dr. Salamao noted that the Mexican Society of Foot & Ankle Surgeons had joined the Latin American Federation.

Report of the Treasurer - Dr. Anderson reported that all federations were current in their annual dues and that 2011 dues would be due by the end of July 2011. He recommended that Ms. Lofgren explore options to invest a portion of the IFFAS funds and report back. The current balance in the IFFAS account is \$36,880.65.

IFFAS Website – Ms. Lofgren recommended that the IFFAS Council consider changing the URL from www.globalfoot.org to www.iffas.org to aid in branding the organization. The URL IFFAS.org was purchased several years ago to keep other entities from using it and the current site could easily be redirected to a new URL.

Motion: That the URL be changed from www.globalfoot.org to www.iffas.org. (Motion approved)

Terms - Terms for IFFAS representatives were brought up again for discussion because meetings of the Asian, European and Latin American federations occur every two years and its officers serve two year terms. In accord with the IFFAS Bylaws, the terms of IFFAS Council members are three-years. The terms were set at three years to coincide with the triennial IFFAS meetings with representatives having staggered three-year terms so that one-third of the council turns over each year to provide for organizational continuity. The IFFAS Council members do not have to be the current presidential line of the various federations but it is expected that the governing body of each federation will select its official representatives to the IFFAS Council. A federation may appoint an individual to replace a Council representative during his/her term.

Next Meeting – Dr. Salamao reported that the next Council meeting would be held in July in Keystone, Colorado USA during the AOFAS Annual Meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm PT.

Respectfully submitted,

Louanne Lofgren, CAE, Secretariat