

FEDERATION OF ASIA OCEANIA PERINATAL SOCIETIES

Mid-year Council Meeting, 27th July 2015

Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo Sri Lanka

Minutes Overview

AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Attendance and declaration of quorum
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes from last council meeting
5. Business arising from minutes of last council meeting
6. New Agenda:
 - a. Report of 18th FAOPS Congress in Bangladesh
 - b. Update on the 19th FAOPS congress in Taiwan
 - c. Treasurer's report and financial matters
 - d. Presentation from MCI group
7. Other matters

MINUTES OVERVIEW:

1. The meeting was called to order at 1620H by the President Mohammad Shahidullah
2. Attendance:
 - a. Mohammad Shahidullah, President
 - b. David Ellwood, Immediate Past President
 - c. Chien-Nan Lee, President-Elect
 - d. Socorro De Leon-Mendoza, Secretary General
 - e. Laila Arjumand Banu, Deputy Secretary General, Western Region
 - f. Sujeewa Amarasena, Sri Lanka Country Representative to FAOPS
 - g. Athula Kaluarachchi, President, Sri Lanka Perinatal Society

Regrets sent by:

- a. Satoshi Kusuda – Treasurer
- b. Han Suk Kim – Deputy Secretary General, Eastern Region

No response : Victor Samuel Rajadurai – Deputy Secretary General, Central region

Quorum was established with 5/7 Council members in attendance

3. Agenda was approved by all present and no other matters were put forward.
4. Minutes of last council meeting held on 8th Nov 2014 was moved for approval by David and seconded by Sujeewa.
5. Business arising from review of minutes of last meeting:

Item	Minutes	Status	Plan	Person /s Responsible
5.1 Perinatal Workshops	5.1 Planned Workshops for 2015-2016: a. Sri Lanka (Western region) b. Vietnam (Central region)	a. Initiated and carried-out in collaboration with Sri Lanka Perinatal Society b. Vietnam – contact of David has retired and at the moment, there is no point person with whom coordination can be initiated	For Vietnam, Chien will explore/ send communication to a contact person	Chien-Nan Lee
5.2. Engage other perinatal societies	5.2.1 Follow-up of Vietnam as member as previously started by Dr. Pejaver 5.2.2 An invitation will be extended to China 5.2.3 A formal letter of invitation to join FAOPS to all perinatal societies in the region will be written and sent 5.2.4 Update Contact List	As above David's contact also no longer available Sookee reports very poor response rate despite at least two communications sent via perinatal society websites/ email addresses Continuing efforts by Sookee	Will follow-up through Chien's contact Chien will explore contact with Beijing High Risk Pregnancy Society Laila will share contact addresses obtained from last FAOPS congress in Bangladesh Sujeewa will furnish contacts from other countries through their pediatric societies	Chien-Nan Lee Chien-Nan Lee Laila/Sooke/Shahidullah Sujeewa/Sookee

<p>5.3 Amendments to the FAOPS constitution</p>	<p>5.3.1 Finalization of amendments as ratified in last general assembly meeting</p> <p>5.3.2 Affiliate member countries from regions outside the FAOPS region and membership dues</p>	<p>Constitutional amendments ratified in AGM 8Nov2014 and incorporated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bidding process for next congress 2. Congress fee remitted to FAOPS should be no less than US\$5,000 3. More than 1 perinatal society from each country can be a FAOPS member <p>Additional objective on ethical practice was not ratified due to country differences in standards of ethical practice.</p> <p>All of the above amendments in the constitution were circulated via email to all office bearers and country presidents/representatives at their last known address and no further comments nor objections were received.</p> <p>All agreed that no membership dues shall be charged to these countries since the constitution provides that no voting rights are given to these</p>	<p>Amended constitution will be published in the FAOPS website</p> <p>Will leave current list of affiliate country members and continue to try to maintain contact</p>	<p>Sookee</p> <p>Sookee</p>
<p>5.4 FAOPS newsletter</p>	<p>5.4.1 Country Perinatal updates will be requested of member countries'</p>	<p>Everyone agreed to publish a FAOPS Newsletter: soft copy to all country reps and publish in website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinator : Ranjan 	<p>Sookee to follow-up with Ranjan and other deputy secretaries from the regions</p>	<p>Sookee/Ranjan</p>

	society and a FAOPS newsletter is proposed	2. Dep Sec gen to ask contributions from their regions 3. News items re FAOPS congress		
5.5. FAOPS Secretariat	5.4.4 A FAOPS secretariat will be established in one country and Philippines will explore this possibility in their country as they have a permanent office for their Society. This was proposed after learning that Singapore's Perinatal Society does not maintain an office.	Sooke submitted a concept proposal obtained from PAP president for Council members to approve, two years ago but not resolved	Sujeewa proposed for Sooke to re-send/update this proposal to the council	Sooke
5.6 FAOPS Advisory Board	5.6.1 Council agreed to the creation of a FAOPS Advisory Board as proposed by Shahidullah, consisting of Past Presidents	Not yet initiated	a. Will write a formal letter of invitation to all Past Presidents in the last 10 years b. A confirmation of participation will be sought c. Function of such Board will be proposed and opinions and agreement from the Board will be sought	Sooke/Shahidullah

			d. Induction of members to the Advisory Board will be done in the next Congress by the outgoing President e. Incorporation of this item in the Constitution	
5.7 Cost of holding a perinatal workshop for better fund allocation	No feedback since last council meeting	Sujeewa and Athula shared that current workshop in Sri Lanka cost estimate is around US\$12,000 for 100 participants with 5 foreign resource speakers/facilitators. WHO and UNICEF provided the greater support for the workshop.	FAOPS will increase seed money per country-initiated perinatal workshop.	Satoshi

6. New Agenda:

6.1 Report on the 18th FAOPS Congress was given by Laila Arjumand Banu

6.2 Update on the upcoming congress in Taiwan was presented by Chien-Nan Lee

6.3 Cash flow and bank balance was provided by Satoshi.

6.4 Presentation from MCI-Global through its Asia Pacific Regional representative Mr. Marcel Ewals was received. Proposal for FAOPS association management and events coordination was offered and discussions ensued. No resolutions regarding the proposal was reached by the Council. Dinner was also hosted by Mr. Ewals.

6.5 Additional suggestion from Laila (to Sookee/Shahidullah) to widen/improve engagement of other countries to join FAOPS is to offer to sponsor a FAOPS symposium within the program of annual perinatal conference usually held by the country perinatal societies.

7. Adjournment: 1745H

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Approved by:

Mohammod Shahidullah
President