

FEDERATION OF ASIA AND OCEANIA PERINATAL SOCIETIES
Special Council Meeting
May 14, 2020, 12:00 NN (Manila time) via Zoom.us

AGENDA

1. Call to order
 2. Attendance and declaration of quorum
 3. Approval of Agenda:
 - Cancellation of FAOPS 2020 Congress in Tokyo, Japan and next steps.
 - Update on Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine
 - Update on Member countries membership fees and financial status
 - Pending Activities – Myanmar workshop and Bangladesh EPIQ workshop
 - Other matters
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 o'clock noontime, by S. De Leon-Mendoza, President.
A one-minute silent prayer was offered to all COVID victims and to all who continue to suffer in this pandemic.
2. Attendance:
 - 2.1 Satoshi Kusuda
 - 2.2 Laila A. Banu
 - 2.3 Han Suk Kim
 - 2.4 Victor Sam Rajadurai
 - 2.5 Milind Shah
 - 2.6 Mohammad Shahidullah
 - 2.7 Ranjan Pejaver
 - 2.8 Mamoru Tanaka (Guest)Apologies
 - 2.1 Chien Nan Lee
 - 2.2 Te Fu Chan
3. Agenda was approved by everyone with the following additional items from S. Kusuda –
 - 3.1 Include in the by Laws –Virtual meetings during extraordinary times such as this (due to COVID-19 pandemic) be recognized as official meeting with a statement to this effect written in the FAOPS By-Laws.
 - 3.2 Proposal to invite Mamoru Tanaka to the FAOPS Council – to be discussed in next meeting
4. Minutes:
 - 4.1 Cancellation of FAOPS 2020 Congress, Tokyo Japan – Mamoru Tanaka, Congress President-
 - expressed apologies for the cancellation of the congress and relayed that the Board of the Japan Society of Perinatal-Neonatal Medicine (JSPNM) arrived at the decision to cancel due to budgetary factors and the uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic. He also stated that the JSPNM conferences which happen annually in July are planned 5 years ahead of time, including budget. Hence it is not possible for JSPNM to co-host the FAOPS congress in 2021 but he can ask the JSPNM President the possibility of hosting it by 2023
 - S. Mendoza stated Japan's decision will be awaited before any bidding for the next congress will be held, to give them the priority of choosing the time they can host the Congress and all agreed.

- M. Shah inquired about the status of preparation of the next hosts, Indonesia & Malaysia. S. Mendoza is aware that Indonesia is already preparing for the 2021 Congress but will inquire from Dr. Lusyati exactly their plans. **** UPDATE-** Dr. Lusyati confirmed with S. Mendoza they are looking at Oct 2021 as date for the FAOPS Congress. Details to follow.

4.2 V. Sam Rajadurai on the planned workshop in Mandalay, Myanmar:

- Originally scheduled for June 2020 is being planned for later in the year if travel restrictions will be lifted. But more realistically, might be in the first half of 2021. The proposed program of activities (lectures & skills workshop) including the possibility of enticing the Myanmar Society to join the FAOPS, have been approved previously by the FAOPS Council.
- M. Shah brought up the possibility of conducting the seminar on-line(webinar) for Myanmar, instead of actual workshop. R. Pejaver mentioned internet access may be difficult in many parts of Myanmar & V. Sam Rajadurai does not know exactly if this modality will be feasible; He can inquire about this. S. Mendoza commented that given the other objectives of this activity, i.e. skills workshop and organization of a perinatal society that can be part of FAOPS in the future, a face-to-face workshop/meeting would be needed.

4.3 S. Kusuda update on the Journal of Maternal-Fetal Neonatal Medicine:

- Showed the last communication between R. Niall and FAOPS colleagues in July 2019 wherein 28 free accounts (15 for each country member and 13 for Council members) to a maximum of 40 accounts were being requested. No reply has been received. S. Kusuda believes they like to have individual accounts for better promotion of the Journal. In regards to the MOU proposed, there is no individual subscriber mentioned, hence subscription cannot increase.
- S.Kusuda proposed we offer to the Journal a subscription fee per country member.
- R. Pejaver feels their non-response to the email may be due to lapses in communication and not necessarily because they don't agree with FAOPS request/MOU. He suggests to write first a reminder before we conclude that they are not interested. He also offered to mention this to C. Di Renzo (Editor of the Journal) the next time they communicate to him regarding papers for publication. All in attendance appreciated R. Pejaver's offer.
- S. Kusuda will send a follow-up email first and await their response for at least 3 months before alternative proposals on the MOU will be offered.

4.4 Han Suk Kim gave the financial report (sent via email ahead of the meeting).

- Beginning balance: USD 99,571.14
- Additional deposits: USD 10,639.11
- Disbursements 2019 USD 12,624.41.
- Fund Balance (03032020): USD 95,048.61
- Words of appreciation were expressed to Han Suk for his efficient work as Treasurer. He will follow-up on the other country membership fees.
- Clarification by S. Kusuda that since no congress will be held this 2020, no sharing of Congress fee from Japan is expected.

4.5 M. Shahidullah expressed appreciation for the meeting and supported the decisions arrived at in the discussions. No new schedule for the EPIQ workshop has been decided and will propose later for 2021. He also agreed to a follow-up Council meeting after 3 months (August 2020) to be arranged by S. Mendoza. Before he left, R. Pejaver greeted him a "Happy Eid Mubarak" as the end of Ramadan was fast approaching.

4.6 S. Mendoza reminded the Council that her term ends in Dec. 2020. Since the Constitution does not provide for an extension of her position, she requested the Council to reflect on how this can be decided upon, since there will be no Congress (and AGM) this 2020. M. Shahidullah commented that since this is an extraordinary time wherein conferences cannot be held, he proposes that the current set of

Office bearers carry-over to 2021 and turn-over to the next team be done in Indonesia during the congress. This will be further discussed in the next Council meeting.

4.7 L. Banu update on the EPIQ:

- Originally scheduled for June 2020, has been postponed to 2021 with no definite date yet.
- The Program is ready including speakers and venue; slight changes may be done just before the workshop
- S. Mendoza mentioned that member countries already expressed interest in joining the workshop

4.8 Other matters:

- Han Suk asked inquired about timeline on decision of Japan to hold the Congress in 2023 As Korea is also thinking about hosting the Congress in the near future he would like to know when Japan will decide.S. Mendoza will ask Japan's decision before the Indonesia Congress in 2021
- S. Kusuda propose to have AGM this year for matters requiring decisions, like Council members; Communication with country representatives via email may be done to get their inputs. S. Mendoza is thinking about a virtual AGM and will propose in next meeting
- SDM shared the recent WAPM webinar on COVID-19 in Pregnancy with the rest of the Council and will share the slides with everyone, since not many from the Council were able to attend. She also shared that data from the Asia-Oceania region was included in the WAPM data reported by President Cihat Sen.

4.9 Adjournment with appreciation & well wishes: 1:05 PM

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