



**Minutes of 19th AOASO Council Meeting
Room No E1 – Adelaide Convention Centre – Adelaide, Australia.
4TH October 2017
1300 to 1400 hrs.**

Present

AOASO Main Office Bearers

Emeritus Prof Mohd Ismail Noor (MASO) - President

Dr Pallavi Sodhi Patankar (AIAARO) - Secretary.

Dr Gaga Irawan Nughra (ISSO) – Treasurer

Prof. Gary Wittert (ANZOS) – Editor-in-Chief, Obesity Research & Clinical Practice

Prof Timothy Gill (ANZOS) - Chairman Education Committee.

Honorary Executive Members

Prof. Ian Caterson (ANZOS) - President – WO/ Past-President AOASO

Prof. Kuo Chin Huang (TMASO) –Immediate Past President AOASO

AOASO - National Representatives

Dr Banshi Saboo, President, AIAARO

Prof Brian Oldfield, President, ANZOS

Dr Francis Chun Chung Chow, President, HKASO

Dr Tham Kwang Wee, President, SASO

Prof. Yi-Ching Yang, President, TMASO

Prof Mazito Nakazato, JASSO (Proxy)

Prof . Soon-Jib Yoo, KSSO (Proxy)

Dr Robert C.Mirasol, PASSO (Proxy)

Observer's

Prof . Kyoung Kon Kim (KSSO) – Director – Committee of International Affairs.

Harry Mohammad (ISSO) - Indonesia

Shilpa Joshi (AIAARO) National Secretary - India

Phong Ching Lee (SASO) - Singapore

Absent (with apology)

Prof. Jeong-Taek Woo (KSSO) - Vice President – AOASO

Dr Dante Saksono Harbuwono – President – ISSO

Prof. Apichati Vichanyanrat - President - TSSO.

1) Welcome Remarks and adoption of Agenda

1.1 Emeritus Prof Ismail Noor, President AOASO welcomes Council members, National (proxy) and observers to the 19th AOASO meeting held in conjunction with the Joint Scientific Meeting – ANZOS – OSSANZ – AOCO 2017 from 4th to 6th October in Adelaide – Australia. On behalf of AOASO, he thanked Prof Brian Oldfield for hosting 9th AOCO, AOASO biennial Conference since 2001. He appreciated the good turn out from member countries and accepted apologies and good wishes from member's who were not able to attend the meeting.

1.2 Attendance list of Council members and Observers for 19th AOASO Council Meeting in Adelaide, Australia (**Attachment 1**)

1.3 The Agenda of the meeting was approved by the Council and the meeting was called to order at 1.10pm.

2) Adoption of minutes of 18th AOASO Council meeting held on 2 May 2016 in Vancouver Convention Centre, Canada in conjunction with ICO 2016.

2.1 The minutes of 18th AOASO Council meeting held in Vancouver Canada was adopted without any amendments.

3) Matters arising therefrom

3.1) None

4) Report of the 9th. AOCO 2017, Adelaide by Prof. Brian Oldfield

4.1 This meeting bringing together the Australian and New Zealand Obesity Society, the Obesity Surgery Society of Australia and New Zealand (now ANZMOS) and the Asia-Oceania Congress on Obesity was the most successful meeting yet sponsored by ANZOS.

4.2 A total of 603 registrations were received, a record attendance for ANZOS.

4.3 There was a total of **AUD\$48,174** provided for travel and other support for AOASO members at the meeting that was primarily directed to student travel and also supported representatives of the different Societies presenting in the regional update.

4.4 Details of the report (**Attachment 2**)

5) President's Report

5.1 On behalf of AOASO, Prof Ismail congratulated ANZOS for the success in hosting ANZOS/OSSANZ/AOCO 2017 in Adelaide during the Opening Ceremony.

5.2 Prof. Ismail expressed heartfelt thanks to ANZOS, Adelaide Convention Centre and Prof. Brian for the financial support to some 18 participants from AOASO member countries which include Presidents of member Associations, Symposia speakers and young researchers from the region.

5.3 He also thanked all the reviewer's (7/11 proposed by member countries) for the AOASO 'Rising Star Symposium'. Abstracts nominated from ten (10) member countries (AiAARO, ANZOS, HKASO, ISSO, JASSO, KSSO, MASO, PASOO, SASO, TMASO) were reviewed and six (6) best abstracts from ANZOS, HKASO, JASSO, KSSO, SASO, TMASO were awarded the travel grant and accommodation.

5.4 Prof. Ismail was an invited speaker for the Seoul Declaration 10th Anniversary held in conjunction of ICOMES 2017, 30 Sept-2 Oct 2017 in Seoul, Korea. The Seoul Declaration was signed by AOASO member countries when KSSO organized the 4th. AOCO on 9-11 February 2007 in Seoul, Korea.

5.5 Prof Ismail represented AOASO in Union of International Association (UIA) Round Table Asia-Pacific 2017 in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 21-22 September 2017. The UIA Round Table Series provide an opportunity to its members to learn through networking and practices, to meet other international associations and share experience and knowledge to help run their organization better. One of the key objective of the RT was to bring together all Organizations (non -medical and medical and health sciences) to meet up with national Convention Bureau in their respective countries to collaborate and host future international events. The 6th.UIA Round Table Asia-Pacific 2018 will be held on 26-27 September 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Prof Ismail participation was sponsored by AOASO.

5.6 Prof Ismail Noor once again reminded all AOASO member countries to provide update regarding their Association/Society activities so that the website www.aoso.org can provide latest information of their respective Association/Society.

5.7 In view of the completion of the AOASO Council (4-year term) elected in 2014, next year, the AOASO Council will need to meet in 2018 to decide the new Council for 2018-2022. The two possibilities are during the Gulf Obesity Summit and Regional Congress, 19-20 April 2018 in Abu Dhabi and the European Congress on Obesity, 23-26 May 2018 in Vienna, Austria.

6) Secretary's Report

6.1 The first Teleconference meeting of ANZOS and AOASO representatives was held on 12th April 2017 to discuss and proceed with preparations of a Joint Scientific Meeting ANZOS/OSSANZ/AOCO 2017. The attendees were Prof Brian Oldfield, Prof Ismail Noor, Leonie Heilbronn, Pallavi Sodhi Patankar, Mike Pickford, Hannah Pickford and Jennifa Vo.

6.2 Onwards from the teleconference preparation for 2017 – JSM – ANZOS – OSSANZ – 9th AOCO have been in full swing. I appreciate the time and effort put by Mike, Hannah, Prof Brian Prof Ismail, Maxine and team to make ANZOS/OSSANZ /AOCO 2017 a big success.

6.3 I thank the AOASO member countries for updating with their contacts and addresses. The updated information can be seen in (**Attachment 3**)

6.4 Dr Muffazal Lakdawala, President, International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity- IFSO has proposed for joint conferences with AOASO and the local host country. Prof. Ismail have suggested that he contact the new AOASO President (2018-2022)

7) Treasurer's Report

7.1 Dr Gaga Irawan, Treasurer AOASO submitted the accounts as of 23 April 2016 to 27 September 2017. The current balance is USD5724.22.

7.2 The account was accepted by the Council (**Attachment 4**).

8) AOASO Editor Journal Report

8.1 Prof. Gary Wittert reported that the 2016 Impact Factor for the journal is **2.606**, an impressive 24% increase over the 2015 figure. The journal is ranked 80/138 in the Clarivate (Thomson Reuters) subject category “Endocrinology and Metabolism” and 38/81 within the “Nutrition and Dietetics” category. Note the healthy increase of citations each year.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
IF	0.324	0.506	0.697	1.177	2.094	2.606
Cites	61	103	149	277	472	794
Articles		37	59	68	73	90

Details of ORCP performance (**Attachment 5**)

9) Host for the 10th. AOCO

With regards to the hosting of the 10th. AOCO in 2019, Prof Ismail received two letters “expression of interest” from:

- 1) Korean Society for Studies of Obesity - KSSO and
- 2) All India Association for Advancing Research for Obesity – AIAARO.

Both Associations were given a slot to present their proposal at the meeting and the Council returned a majority vote for KSSO hence, the 10th. AOCO will be held in Seoul, Korea tentatively on 29th August to 1st September 2019.

10) Other matters

10.1 Status of TSSO in AOASO

The President have sent several letters/emails to the President TSSO to attend or alternatively nominate a Representative (fully sponsored by ANZOS) to attend the 9th. AOCO in Adelaide. The offer was not taken. It is also worth mentioning TSSO have not been actively involved in AOASO activities since the 1990's and they are no longer a member of WO. Thailand is currently represented by BARSO in WO. I would like to suggest that their interest in AOASO be monitored by the next AOASO Council to determine if they should remain as AOASO member.

10.2 Membership applications from VINUTAS (Vietnam) and BARSO (Thailand)

The President informed the Council that he had received letters "expression of interest" to be member of AOASO from two (2) countries namely:

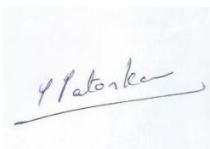
- 1) Vietnam Nutrition Association (VINUTAS), Vietnam **(letter attached)**
- 2) Bangkok Association of Regenerative Health and the Study of Obesity (BARSO) Thailand **(letter attached).**

The AOASO Council unanimously accepted both VINUTAS and BARSO applications to be a member of AOASO

11) Date and Venue for the 20th. AOASO Council Meeting

Although no decision was reached in this meeting, since WO will have the General Council meeting to appoint new Executive Council for 2018-2020 during ECO 2018 in Vienna, it was proposed **(through subsequent emails to member countries)** that the 20th.AOASO Council meeting and AGM will take place on **Thursday 24th. May 2018, 1300-1500 hrs during ECO 2018 in Vienna, Austria.**

Minutes prepared by:



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Secretary AOASO

Confirmed by:



Emeritus Prof. Dr Mohd Ismail Noor
President AOASO

