

Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Asia Oceania Association for the Studies of Obesity – (AOASO)

Council Meeting– 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 – Time 12.00 noon to 1.00pm

Venue – Nagoya Congress Center (Conference Room No 437),

1-1 Atsuta – Nishimachi, Atsuta – Ku, Nagoya 456-0036. Japan

#### Present:

## **AOASO Executive Officers**

Emeritus Prof. Mohd Ismail Noor - (MASO) - President
Prof. Jeong – Taek Woo – (KSSO) – Vice President
Dr. Pallavi Sodhi Patankar – (AIAARO) – Secretary General

## **Honorary ExCo Members**

Prof. Shuji Inoue (AOASO) - Founder President Prof. Yuji Matsuzawa (AOASO) - Past President

Prof. Timothy Gill (ANZOS) - Chair, Education Committee

#### AOASO - National representative

Dr. Francis Chun Chung Chow- (HKASO)
Prof. Masato Kasuga - (JASSO)
Prof. Moon- Kyu Lee - (KSSO)
Dr. Roberto C. Mirasol - (PASOO)
Dr. Tham Kwang Wee - (SASO)

Dr. Naunihal Singh – (AIAARO – Proxy for President)

## **Special Attendee**

Prof. Kazuwa Nakoa – Chairman International Affairs Committee – JASSO

Prof. Masamitsu Nakazato – Vice Chairman International Affairs Committee – JASSO

Prof. Takashi Kadowki - Chair Programme Committee AOCO 2015

Prof. Tohimasa Yamauchi – Secretary General – AOCO -2015

Prof. Iseki Takamoto - Secretary - AOCO 2015

Dr. Chung Horn Lee – (SASO)

Prof. Soon- Jib Yoo – Board of Director- (KSSO)

#### **Observers**

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Prof Soon- Jib Yoo - (KASO)
Prof. Poh Bee Koon - (MASO)
Dr. Phong Ching Lee - (SASO)
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# Absent (with apology)

Dr. Shashank Shah (AIAARO) - President

Dr. Gaga Irawan (ISSO) -Treasurer (AOASO)

Prof. Gary Wittert (ANZOS) – Chief Editor – Obesity Research and Clinical Practice – (ORCP)

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

Dr. Dante Saksono Harbuwono – (ISSO)

Prof. Apichati Vichanyanrat – (TSSO)

The Agenda of the meeting was approved as submitted with an additional item the Nagoya Declaration 2015 as proposed by JASSO.

#### 1) Welcome Remarks

Emeritus Prof. Dr Mohd Ismail Noor, President, AOASO, welcomes AOASO Council members to the 17<sup>th</sup>, Council meeting held during the 8<sup>th</sup>.AOCO in Nagoya, Japan. On behalf of AOASO, he thanked Prof. Masato Kasuga and JASSO for successfully hosting the 8<sup>th</sup>. AOCO held in conjunction with the 36th Annual Meeting of JASSO. He also extended apologies and good wishes from several members of the Council (listed above) who were not able to attend the meeting in Nagoya, Japan.

- **2)** Adoption of Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> AOASO Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 12.45 to 14.45 pm, in Room # 309, Kuala Lumpur Convention Center, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in Conjugation of ICO 2014.
  - 2.1) The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup>. AOASO Council meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia was adopted without any amendments.

#### 3) President's Report -

3.1) After several correspondence with Prof. Kuo Chin Huang (Immediate Past President AOASO and President, TMASO) the AOASO website (initially set up by TMASO) have now moved to Kuala Lumpur and the current AOASO website www.aoaso.org is being handle by Prof. Poh Bee Koon – Secretary MASO. On behalf of AOASO, Prof. Ismail thanked TMASO for the fine effort to initiate the AOASO website.

- 3.2) Prof. Ismail through several email correspondence have gathered updated contact address of all member organizations including Thailand Society for the Study on Obesity (TSSO) who have not been with us for the past 10 years. The current President of TSSO (2014-2017) is Prof. Apichati Vichanyanrat (sipvc@mahidol.ac.th) from Mahidol University and the Secretary Dr. Chaicharn Dee <a href="mailto:chaicharn dee@hotmail.com">chaicharn dee@hotmail.com</a>. He expressed his thanks to all member countries for the providing this basic but important information to enable us to remain in contact with one another.
- 3.3) Prof. Ismail attended the WO Executive meeting held on 7 May 2015 during the ECO 2015, Prague, Czech Republic. Member countries would have received communications from the WO Secretariat in London on WO future activities which could also be found in the WO website.
- 3.4) Prof. Ismail updated members on the funds received for AOASO activities. On record, AOASO received a sum of US\$3000 from PASOO for hosting the 6<sup>th</sup>. AOCO in Manila, Philippines in 2011 (minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup>. AOASO Council meeting held on 10 May 2012, Lyon, France). The money (US\$2,986.27) was transferred by Dr Leonard Kim, Secretary AOASO (2010-2014) to Dr Pallavi, Secretary AOASO (2014-2018) on 15 April 2014. Dr. Pallavi will update us on the current status of the fund.
- 3.5) Prof. Ismail informed the Council that in line with previous mutual understanding, member countries who wishes to host the Asia-Oceania Conference on Obesity are invited to submit their letter of intent to the President and Secretary of AOASO.
- 3.6) Council members were informed that a month prior to the Council meeting in Nagoya, Prof. Kasuga and JASSO proposed to initiate the "Nagoya Declaration 2015" and seek AOASO support. The document for the Declaration was circulated and briefly discussed by the Council. Member countries present unanimously agreed to be it's signatory.

#### 4) Secretary's Report

- 4.1) The New Executive committee appointed during the 16<sup>th</sup> AOASO General Assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in Kuala Lumpur will serve a term of 4 years, from 2014 to 2018 .
- 4.2) The organization funds of \$ 2,986.27 was transferred by then outgoing secretary Kyoung Kon Leonard Kim from Korea to my personnel account in India on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

On  $18^{th}$  March 2014 in KL resolution was passed to open a bank account in the name of the organization ie AOASO as there was no bank account in the name of the organization. Dr Gaga Irawan – treasurer – AOASO was instructed for the same. Bank Account in the name of AOASO - Bearing Account No -0353702349 was opened with BNI Bank , Perguruan Tinggi , Bandung , Indonesia. Official permission had to be taken from Reserve Bank of India to transfer the amount of \$ 2849 /- from Mumbai India to Bandung on 28 Nov 2014 at a fee cost of \$ 36.24 /-.

- 4.3) Prof Timothy gill suggested to have an AOASO bank account which can be accessed from any east Asian members countries of AOASO. The same has to be conveyed to Dr Gaga Irawan if the organization's current bank has the facility ie core banking.
- 4.4) International Congress Calender in 'Year Book of International Organization www.uia.org our Ref # is D-7581, AOASO details have been updated on 22 July 2015.

## 5) Report from the Treasurer –

5.1) In the absence of Dr Gaga Irawan, Treasurer AOASO, Dr Pallavi presented the accounts of AOASO and the details can be found in ( **Attachment 6**)

# 6) Report from The Editor -

6.1) In the absence of Prof Gary Wittert - Chief Editor of Journal 'Obesity Research and Clinical Practice' (ORCP), Dr. Pallavi circulated his report received via email to update members on the status of the Journal. (Attachment 4 & 5)

## 7) Venue for the 9<sup>th</sup>. AOCO 2017

- 7.1) Prof. Ismail was pleased to announce that he have received a letter of intent from Prof. Brian Oldfield, President ANZOS, indicating of ANZOS interest in hosting the 9<sup>th</sup>. AOCO 2017. Although AIAARO did express interest, no formal letter was received by the President, before the dateline
- 7.2) In the absence of Prof. Brian Oldfield, President ANZOS, Prof. Tim Gill representing ANZOS, presented some preliminary information on the 9<sup>th</sup>. AOCO 2017 to be held in Adelaide, Australia.

### 8) Any Other matter

8.1) At the 8<sup>th</sup> Asia Oceania Conference of Obesity -2015 (AOCO 2015) the AOASO council adopted the *'Nagoya Declaration – 2015'*. A special session to introduce the "Nagaya

Declaration 2015"was held in Hall 1, at 13.50-14.10 on Saturday 3 October 2015. (Attachment 7)

# 9) Date and Venue of Next AOASO Council Meeting

The  $18^{th}$  AOASO Council Meeting will be held during ICO 2016 scheduled on 2nd May 2016 Room No 15 – Vancouver Convention Center -Vancouver - Canada . Time - 12.00 to 13.15 hrs

10 ) Attachment 8 - Signatures of all executives present at the 17<sup>th</sup> AOASO meeting.