

## Minutes of the AOASO Council Meeting

*held on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Obesity  
Room 203 Sydney Convention Center  
September 8, 2006*

### Present:

Prof. Ian Caterson	(ASSO)	President AOASO
Professor Shuji Inoue	(JASSO)	Past President-AOASO
Prof. Mohd Ismail Noor	(MASO)	Vice-President, AOASO
Mrs. Sanirose S. Orbeta, RD, FADA - for Prof. Augusto D. Litonjua	(PASOO)	Secretary, AOASO
Dr. Chang Chih Jen	(TMASO)	Treasurer AOASO
Dr. Yuji Matsuzawa	(JASSO)	
Dr. Yang Yi-Ching - for Chih Hsing Wu	(TMASO)	
Dr. Lee, Kyu, Rae - for Prof. Yoo Hyung Joon	(KSSO)	
Ms. Ann Shiu - for Gary Ko	(HKASO)	
Rachmad Soegih	(ISSO)	
Prof. Gary Wittert	(ASSO)	
Dr. Tim Gill – Reg'l Coordinator	(IOTF)	

### Other Present:

1. Dr. Susan Yu Gan – Philippine Association for the Study of Overweight and Obesity, Assistant Secretary for the Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President Prof. Ian Caterson at 1:35 pm.

The agenda was approved as presented.

### **I. Apologies**

- a. Prof. Litonjua could not attend, Mrs. Sanirose Orbeta will attend on his behalf and represent PASOO.
- b. Prof. Gary Ko cannot attend because he's organizing the East Meets West meeting. Ms. Ann Shiu will attend on his behalf.
- c. Dr. Apichati Vichayanrat, President TASSO cannot attend the meeting.

### **II. Approval of the Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> AOASO Council Meeting:**

Moved to be approved by Prof. Noor. Seconded by Mrs. Orbeta.

### **III. Business Arising from the Minutes:**

#### **1. AOASO Regional Obesity Journal**

- Prof. Gary Wittert cited the objectives:
  - o to create a regional journal
  - o give priority to regional issues
  - o for exchange of research
  - o to create cohesiveness in the area

- Prof. Wittert also discussed the following plans
  - o abstracts of conferences for each year will be published in the journal
  - o first edition will be out in January 2007
  - o enough papers have been submitted to fill out first few issues
  - o regional societies are requested to ask members to subscribe
  - o peer review process for papers submitted. Selection is on basis of importance. Papers will cover range of clinical, public health, physiological and biochemical research
  - o need for additional sponsorship from pharmaceuticals
- Prof. Caterson noted that there will be about 4 free pages. These can be used for news about activities of local societies.
- Prof. Wittert noted the abstracts from the February meeting in Seoul will be included in the March 2007 issue of the Journal.
- Prof. Inoue stated that one issue will contain 5-6 pages. Contract with Elsevier is for 5 years. We need to renegotiate this in the year before the next congress.
- Prof. Wittert replied that the journal will be promoted in our website as well as Elsevier's. It will also be included in libraries. The Journal would not expect to be listed in the ISN for 2-3 years. Elsevier has package for promotion.
- Prof. Inoue mentioned that Pediatric Obesity Society Journal has less than 50 subscribers but still publishes 2 issues per year. He estimates we will have more than 100 subscriptions.
- Prof. Caterson stated that the price of the journal is at USD 40 for first year, USD 60 for the subsequent year for regional subscribers. Amount will be more for others. Dr. Tim Gill suggested to block off certain number of issues from Elsevier so we can sell at lower price to member countries. Proposed price is USD 55 if buying 50 copies. The Secretary of AOASO will have to write Elsevier about this plan.

#### **IV. AOASO Conference 2007: Presented by Dr. Lee Kyu Rae**

##### **Progress Report**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Oceania Conference on Obesity is scheduled on February 9-11, 2007 (Friday to Sunday) at the Sheraton Grand Walkerhill, Seoul, Korea with the theme: Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome: from Obesity to Hypertension, Dyslipidemia and Diabetes.

The next AOCO was scheduled on a February because it is easy to solicit participation. Compared to other months, February has lower number of international conferences. Off season rates apply for airlines and hotels during this month. The next ECO is in April 22-25, 2007, we are expecting more Europeans can attend the February conference.

Official website is [www.obesity2007.org](http://www.obesity2007.org). The first brochure came out last May 2006, second brochures were distributed in the ICO Sydney Conference. Press release is planned during the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of JASSO in Oct. 2006.

Expected participants is around 600 persons, 400 domestic, 200 overseas/foreign.

Registration fees:

Category	Early bird (Sept. 30 2006)	Pre-reg (Dec. 30, 2006)	On-site (Feb. 9-11, 2006)
Member	230 USD	260 USD	300 USD
Non-member	250	280	320
Student	150	180	200
Accompanying person	150	150	150

Call for Abstracts: Deadline for submission is on October 31, 2006.

## VI. **AOASO 2009**

Prof. Caterson announced that the location of 2009 meeting will be decided in Seoul. He also announced the intention of Indian Society for Obesity to host the meeting. The president of the said society wanted to attend this council meeting but had to catch his flight home.

Prof. Caterson announced that other expressions of interest to host should be submitted in writing by Jan. 2007. Prof. Noor stated that the Indian society should first apply for membership to AOASO. Prof. Caterson noted that the new society should be included in our mailing list.

## VII. **Election of New Office Bearers**

Prof. Ian Caterson and Tim Gill acted as election officials.

Ballots were distributed. Each country present has one vote. Four individual names should be written on the ballot. Prof. Caterson as present President is automatically included. 2<sup>nd</sup> blank is the vote for president. 3<sup>rd</sup> blank is vote for vice-President, 4<sup>th</sup> blank is vote for Secretary and 5<sup>th</sup> blank for Treasurer.

Results of the election:

Prof. Matsuzawa and Prof. Noor tied for Presidency. However Prof. Noor announced he is withdrawing his candidacy but would like to be re-nominated in the next election.

Final result of the elections:

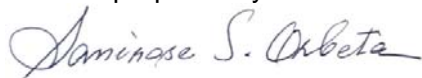
President	-	Prof. Yuji Matsuzawa (JASSO)
Vice-Pres.	-	Prof. Gary Wittert (ASSO)
Secretary	-	Prof. Chang Chih-Jen (TMASO)
Treasurer	-	Prof. Augusto D. Litonjua (PASOO)

## VIII. **Next Council Meeting:**

Next meeting will be held during AOCO 2007 in Seoul, Korea.

Prof. Caterson declared the meeting closed at 2:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by:



MRS. SANIROSE S. ORBETA, RD, FADA

Vice President, Philippine Association for the Study of Overweight & Obesity (PASOO)  
(on behalf of Prof. Augusto D. Litonjua - Secretary, AOASO & Pres. PASOO)