

## MINUTE OF 6<sup>TH</sup> AOASO COUNCIL MEETING

8<sup>th</sup> September 2003 at the Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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The President, Prof. Ian Caterson, call the meeting to order at approximately 1600 Hrs and welcomed the members of the Council. He thank Prof. Noor and the Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity for hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. He also congratulated the MASO for a successful Second Asia-Oceania Conference on Obesity. A total of more than 300 delegates were present and a standard of excellence for holding a Conference has been set and which must be lived up to in the future.

The President suggested the setting up of new members to the Association (AOASO) that may include Vietnam, Pakistan, etc.

On the NEWSLETTER, Prof. Caterson reported that the person in charge, Ms. Janet \_\_\_\_\_ died (?) of \_\_\_\_\_, and that he was looking into younger people who could put up the Newsletter which could be issued after this meeting. Contents could include newsworthy items from the member associations, a report on the present conference, as well as, other current events of import on the fight vs. obesity.

Abbott and Roche contributed a minimal amount (\$10,000) for the travel scholarships to this Conference. The scholarships were awarded to young investigators.

He also said that he will ask IASO to remit back to AOASO half of the fees of members citing a precedent from the European association.

The Secretary announced that there are changes in the Council, to wit;

Indonesia will be represented by the Indonesian Association for the Study of Obesity with Prof. Askandor Trojoprawiro as the official member.

Singapore will be represented by the Singapore Association for the Study of Obesity, which heretofore had the Singapore Nutrition and Dietetics Association as the member society. Official representative will be Prof. Cheah Gin Seng.

Prof. Inoue recommended that the AOASO hold its conference every two years. No objections were noted.

The host country for the Third Asia-Oceania Conference on Obesity will be Taiwan – this will be in 2005.

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The estimate for the holding of a Conference is \$200,000.

The next Council meeting of AOASO will be in Prague in connection with 2004 ECO at which the progress of the Taiwan Conference will be taken up. It was proposed and approved that the Council members be part of the Scientific Program Committee. The theme for the Taiwan Conference should also be presented at the next council meeting.

Prof. Caterson also proposed for consideration that the IASO be the Organizer of the meeting. This will entail having the IASO share in the profit, e.g., 50% of the net proceeds with the national association getting 10%. The remainder will stay with the AOASO (40%). A proposal was made to request the IASO to lower their share to 10%

REGIONAL ISSUES were also taken up:

1. What specific problems dominate in the region? – such as those which pertain to indigenous populations.
2. The problem of childhood obesity in the region – we should contribute to the production of a document to this effect
3. The IASO Email network: this contains inputs from member countries and should be distributed to us.

The members of the Council were expected to contribute to the above.

The meeting was adjourned at about 1730hr.

14 April 2004

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Dear Ian,

Herewith is rough draft of the minutes of our Council meeting. I deeply apologize for the great lateness of this, but there were unforeseen circumstances.

May I request your clarifications/ corrections especially on the issues of:

1. The Newsletter, especially the last name of Janet. I hope that I did not create a very grave error – was she sick or did she really succumb to an illness?
2. Some items on the IASO – did I quote you correctly?
3. Finally, I have some illegible notes on what Dr. Tim Gill was to apprise us in the next 18 months - ? topics on peoples?

Finally, the best of wishes, and I do hope this finds you in the best of health

Yours sincerely,

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