



ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFEDERATION

MINUTES of the 6th General Meeting

Held on Thursday 4th September 1997 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Seoul, Korea

1. ***The meeting was opened*** at 7.00 pm by the President, Dr Gary Cheung, who welcomed all members present and Mr Bruce Shefsky of the EIE/Analytic company who very generously sponsored the Scientific meeting to be held on Friday 5th September in conjunction with the Korean Academy of Endodontics.

Members present: **Dr Gary Cheung** (Hong Kong) - President - in the Chair
Dr Paul Abbott (Australia) - Treasurer
Dr Sui-Fai Leung (Hong Kong) - Secretary
Dr Seung-Jong Lee (Korea)
Dr Koukichi Matsumoto (Japan)
 12 other members

Apologies received from: Dr Ernesto Vizcarra (The Philippines)
 Dr Elvira Ansaldo (The Philippines)
 Dr Edna Jimena (The Philippines)

2. ***Confirmation of the Minutes of the 5th General Meeting***

The Minutes of the 5th General Meeting of APEC held in Manila, The Philippines on 4th February 1994, were read and confirmed as being a true and accurate record of that Meeting. Moved: Dr. P. Abbott Seconded: Dr. S-J. Lee

3. ***Matters arising from the Minutes:***

- 3.1 Expansion of membership - discussion deferred to Item 6.
- 3.2 Hong Kong Scientific Meeting - see the President's Report

4. ***President's Report:***

Dr Cheung presented the attached President's Report and outlined the various activities of APEC during his term of office.

5. ***Treasurer's Report:***

Dr Abbott presented the Treasurer's Report for the period 1994-97 and a copy is attached to the Minutes. Attached. Dr Abbott recommended that the APEC subscriptions for 1998-99 remain the same as for 1996-97.



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6. **Membership Issues:**

6.1 **Current status** - APEC has member societies from the following countries:

- Category A (up to 100 members) - The Philippines
- Category B (100 - 200 members) - Malaysia and Korea
- Category C (more than 200 members) - Australia and Japan

There are also 18 Individual members who have paid subscription fees.

6.2 **Membership categories** - It was noted that the current Constitution does not accurately represent the manner in which APEC is currently operating, particularly with respect to the different country membership categories. More detailed definitions about individual members are also required. This prompted the recommendation that the incoming Council should review and update the Constitution. A revised Constitution should be drafted and circulated to all members by late 1998 for comment. Then, the revised version can be presented and voted upon at the next General Meeting. Dr Abbott will pursue this matter in conjunction with the new Councillors.

Other matters regarding the Constitution were also raised at this point. Dr Abbott suggested that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer could be combined to simplify the administration of the Confederation. It was agreed that the Constitution should have provision either separate or combine these positions. Draft wording will be circulated to members, as above.

Council members also felt it would be desirable to have a representative from each country member society on the APEC Council. The Constitution will be amended accordingly.

6.3 **Increasing membership** - Possible methods to increase the number of members, particularly country members. The incoming Council is to write to all endodontic associations and to any individuals with an interest in endodontics in the Asian Pacific region with an invitation to join APEC. Dr Matsumoto suggested sending a copy of the constitution with the invitations and this was accepted. Dr Cheung also mentioned that the Constitution is available on the APEC's internet home page.

7. **Subscription Fees:**

Dr Cheung reported that Council had decided to waive subscription fees for one year - hence members had been charged only one fee for 1996-97. As outlined in the Treasurer's Report, the current subscription fees will be maintained for the 1998-99 period, and the fee will apply for the 2 year period.

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8. *Relationship of APEC and IFEA:*

Dr Matsumoto suggested that APEC should have a representative on the Board of Directors of the International Federation of Endodontic Associations (IFEA). However, it was pointed out that IFEA have recently restructured their Board of Directors and it now contains Regents from all areas of their membership. The regions covering the APEC countries are Oceania and Asia - so, in effect, we will have 2 representatives on the Board of Directors although they will not be officially representing APEC since APEC is not a member of IFEA. APEC can not join IFEA as it consists of national society members rather than a regional group such as APEC. Nominations for the IFEA Regents must be made through the national member societies and not through IFEA.

9. *Election of Officers for 1997-99:*

The following nominations were received and, since no positions were contested, the nominees were declared as elected for the period 1997-99:

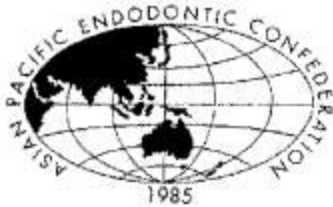
- President - **Dr Paul Abbott** (Australia)
- Vice President - **Dr Edna Jimena** (The Philippines)
- Secretary - **Dr Siu-Fai Leung** (Hong Kong)
- Treasurer - temporarily vacant (no nominations - see below)
- Councillors - **Dr Gary Cheung** (Hong Kong) - Immediate Past President
Dr Ernesto Vizcarra (The Philippines)
Dr Chihiro Kobayashi (Japan)
Dr Seung-Jong Lee (Korea)
 Representative from Malaysia to be invited (see below)

There were no nominations for Treasurer. However, Dr Abbott will approach Dr Phillippe Zimet, an endodontist in Melbourne, Australia to see if he is interested in this position. It would be desirable to keep the bank account in Australia as the current financial arrangements are working well. The new President will advise members of the outcome of his discussions with Dr Zimet.

As agreed in Item 6.2 above, each member country society should have a representative on APEC Council - therefore, the Malaysian Endodontic Society will be asked to nominate a representative.

10. *General Business:*

- 10.1 **Meeting Report** - Dr Lee reported that the expected attendance for the APEC/KEA Scientific meeting was not as high as expected. The Korean Academy of Endodontics had decided to cover any deficit that may arise and therefore APEC would not any financial loss from this meeting. The visiting lecturers had also agreed to forego any honorarium from the



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Korean Academy of Endodontics to minimise the deficit. Generous sponsorship had been received from the EIE/Analytic company towards the cost of the meeting - the President, Dr Gary Cheung, thanked Mr Bruce Shefsky from EIE/Analytic and expressed the appreciation of the members of APEC for EIE/Analytic's support.

- 10.2 **Vote of Thanks** - Dr Abbott proposed a Vote of Thanks for Dr Gary Cheung as the outgoing President of APEC. Dr Cheung has worked tirelessly for the Confederation over the last three years and has made several innovations to promote the Confederation's activities in the region. The conferences organised by Dr Cheung have been very successful. Members thanked Dr Cheung with acclamation.

Dr Cheung replied by thanking the meeting and also by thanking the Council members who had provided assistance throughout his term of office. He congratulated Dr Abbott and the other Officers on their election and wished them well for a successful term of office.

11. **Next meeting:**

Discussion was held regarding the possible timing of the next meeting. Members felt the APEC meetings should be held in conjunction with the Asian Pacific Dental Congresses when possible but the next APDC is due to be held in Bangkok in January 1998 which is too soon to arrange an APEC meeting.

The 1999 APDC is scheduled for April in Singapore and this was voted as an appropriate time and place for our next meeting provided we can gain the support and approval of the local organising committee. Dr Abbott will contact the Singapore organisers and keep members informed.

Other possible conferences that could be linked to an APEC meeting were the South-East Asian Section of IADR - but this is not attended by general dentists or clinicians. The International Association for Dental Traumatology (IADT) will meet in Melbourne, Australia in March 1999 - this is a possible alternative if the Singapore meeting can not be arranged although it is difficult to determine how many overseas dentists will attend from the Asian Pacific region. If neither of these dates are suitable, then a meeting could be organised in conjunction with one of the member nation's meetings, such as The Philippines, Hong Kong or Malaysia. Dr Matsumoto felt that Japan is probably not suitable as most Japanese dentists do not understand English well enough. Dr Abbott and the new Council will arrange a meeting in 1999 and inform members.

12. **Closure of Meeting:** The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

*** **Signed and dated by the President as a true record:**


DR. PAUL ABBOTT

19/4/99

It was a challenge to me when I tookover from Dr. J. Booth (Australia) as the President of APEC in February 1994 during its meeting held in Manila, the Philippines.

The first job of my portfolio was to organise a scientific meeting of the Confederation in conjunction with the FDI Annual World Dental Congress in Hong Kong in October 1995. Unfortunately, the FDI Organising Committee then declined my proposal to include our meeting as a pre-congress session and we were forced to organise and hold our own scientific session. Our meeting turned out to be a successful one with more than 120 dental practitioners from 5 countries participated in the event. Dr. Chris J.R. Stock from Eastman Dental Hospital, London, UK and Professor James H.S. Simon from the VA Medical Centre, Long Beach, CA, USA were featured as the keynote speakers for the half-day scientific meeting. Other speakers included Dr. S.F. Leung and Dr. Alex W.K. Chan, both from Hong Kong.

A business/council meeting was not held on that occasion because of an insufficient quorum for such meeting. Nonetheless, numerous correspondences to all council members had provided the necessary communication to resolve issues that arose.

Soon after the 1995 Scientific Session, I started the one-page "Communications from the President", which provided a means to keep our members informed of the activities planned and organised by the Confederation. This replaced the Newsletter during my term because the Newsletter had proved to be costly both on manpower and money-wise for its production. A total of 3 issues of "Communications" were produced and distributed to all members.

The World-Wide-Web has been the greatest means of information dissemination throughout the globe. In order to publicize our presence, I took the initiative and produced a WWW homepage for the Confederation. This may be found at <http://www.hku.hk/consden/apec>.

Albeit somewhat basic and lacking in exotic pictures, the site has provided a useful form of publicity since late 1996/ early 1997. A number of interested practitioners from the Asia-Pacific region had enquired and became members of APEC, thanks to the communication enabled via the WWW.

1996 was a relatively quiet year. This was because the Council had decided not to proceed with a meeting during the APDC period in 1996, which was deemed to be too soon from the October meeting in the proceeding year. Because of the lack of activities, I announced a waiver of the annual subscription for the year 1996-97 after consultation with our Treasurer, Dr. Paul V. Abbott.

One of the objectives of the APEC was to promote endodontic education in the Asian Pacific region. To that end, I had called for support from all member societies/associations as well as other endodontic organisations in the region. Australia, Malaysia, India and Hong Kong had agreed to offer a reduced course fee at the same level applicable to their own membership for those APEC members who may decide to travel and take the courses in these countries. I would like to thank these associations in providing the opportunity for our members to update their knowledge and/or skills.

In the meantime, officers of APEC had taken a pro-active approach and had been going abroad to give lectures and courses in countries requesting them. In the future, I trust the promotion of endodontic education will remain as a major objective of our Confederation.

In 1997, we planned to hold an APEC meeting. The choice of venue was between Colombo, Sri Lanka (APDC, April) and Seoul, Korea (FDI, October). Finally it was decided to organise our scientific and general meetings in Seoul because of the apparent political instability in Sri Lanka at the time.

Thanks to the effort and devotion of Dr. S-J Lee, one of our councillors, the APEC Scientific Session was successfully held on 5th September 1997. It was a conjoint effort between the APEC and the Korean Endodontic Association, and attracted close to a hundred participants. The keynote speakers were Dr. C. Baumgartner, Dr. S-H Baek, Dr. K. Matsumoto, Dr. P.V. Abbott and Professor S. Kim. I should also thank the eie/Analytic company for sponsoring the dinner after the general assembly, which took place on 4th September 1997.

In the general meeting, Dr. Abbott was elected as the new President. To him, I would express not only my congratulation, but also my sincere thanks because he had provided numerous advice and support during my term of presidency.

Having served for more than 3 years, I have managed to contribute only a modest amount to the Confederation but hope that this will be acceptable to our members. I attach overleaf a summary of activities that were carried out during my term.

Finally, I would like to conclude my report by thanking all my council members, Dr. S.F. Leung (Hong Kong), Dr. P.V. Abbott (Australia), Dr. E. Jimena (Philippines), Dr. S-J Lee (Korea) and Dr. Y-T You (Taiwan - now in Philadelphia, USA) for their participation and contribution to the Confederation. I trust our new President, Dr. Abbott will bring the APEC to a new era and I wish him every success in his endeavour.

Dr. Gary Cheung
President 1994-97
Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation

ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF 1st GEN. MEETING

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Activities:

- Oct. 21, 1995 Scientific Session, Hong Kong.
- Feb., 1996 Dr. G. Cheung visited to lectured at the ESP Biennial Meeting and Induction Ceremony.
- Mid-1996 Newsletter (communication from the President).
- Late 1996 Setting up a web page on the internet
<http://www.hku.hk/conden/apec>
- Feb. 1997 Announce to all membership the waiver of subscription for the year 1996-97.
- Feb. 1997 Newsletter (communication from the President).
- Feb. - Mar. 1997 Dr. P.V. Abbott visited and gave a condensed endodontic course to the undergraduate students in Fiji.
- April 1997 Newsletter (communication from the President).
- April 1997 Call for a concessionary subscription rate to endodontic meetings/courses in the Asian Pacific region for members of the APEC.
- Sep. 4, 1997 General assembly and meeting.
- Sep. 5, 1997 Scientific Session, cohosted by APEC and Korean Endodontic Association.

Responses received:

- Australian Society of Endodontology** — APEC members will enjoy local member's registration fee for its courses.
- Malaysian Endodontic Society** — APEC members may attend its course/symposium at its local non-MES member's fee instead of foreign dentist's rate.
- Indian Endodontic Society** — A fee of US\$100 for its Continuing Education Programme and Convention on November 20-23, 1997.
- New Zealand Endodontic Society** — cannot offer concession unless its parent association, NZ Dental Association gives permission.

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TREASURER'S REPORT - 1997

Statement of the Confederation's financial transactions for the period from 27th January 1994 until 31st August 1997

Notes: - All amounts are expressed in Australian Dollars
- This report should be read in conjunction with the attached notes on page 2 and the attached "Statement of Accounts" for the 1995 Scientific Session held in Hong Kong

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD (from 26/1/94): \$ 753.96

INCOME:

Subscriptions - 1994-95 and 1996-97	\$ 2718.07	
Advertising in 1994 Newsletter	75.00	
Bank Interest	78.50	\$ 2,871.67

EXPENDITURE:

Printing - 1994 Newsletter	\$ 688.12	
Postage	226.08	
Conference fees - 1995	68.18	
Bank Charges	10.00	
State Government Deposit Tax	1.50	
Federal Govt. Financial Institution Duty	1.71	(\$ 995.55)

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE: \$ 1,876.12

CASH BALANCE IN BANK ON 31/8/97: \$ 2,660.08

Paul V. Abbott
21/8/97


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TREASURER'S REPORT - 1997 (continued)

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Notes Accompanying the Treasurer's Report

- The above report does not include any income or expenditure for the 1997 Scientific Meeting in Seoul, Korea which will be held on 5th September - in conjunction with the Korean Academy of Endodontics.
- There are no known outstanding accounts as of 31st August 1997 (apart from any costs associated with the 1997 Meeting in Seoul) and the Confederation has no other liabilities or debts owing.
- The Confederation has no money owed to it as of 31st August 1997. Bank interest has been paid to the end of June 1997.
- The above figures are a true reflection of the Confederation's financial position as of 31st August 1997.

1996-97 Subscription Rates and Current Membership Status
1. Country Association or Society Membership:

For national or local endodontic associations/societies with -

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| A) Up to 100 members | \$ 115.00 |
| 1 member society (from The Philippines) | |
| B) 100 + 200 members | \$ 220.00 |
| 2 member societies (from Malaysia and Korea) | |
| C) More than 200 members | \$ 335.00 |
| 2 member societies (from Australia and Japan) | |

2 Individual Membership: (17 members) \$ 30.00

- NOTES: a) These subscription rates have included TWO years membership of the Confederation (that is, one payment for both 1996 and 1997).
- b) The Treasurer recommends that the above 2 year subscription rates be maintained for the remainder of APEC for both 1998 and 1999.

** Signed and certified by the Treasurer as a true record:

Paul V. Abbott
Dr Paul V. Abbott

Date: 21/8/97

** Attachment: APEC 1995 Scientific Session - Statement of Accounts

ANNOUNCEMENT TO MEMBERS OF 6TH GEN MEETING

19/9/99



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APEC 1995 SCIENTIFIC SESSION Statement of Accounts

<u>Income</u>	<u>HKS</u>
Sponsorship from Mallefer Instruments SA (US\$3,000 = HK\$38,250 after banking in)	38,250.00
Issuance of Certificates (60 certs. @50 each)	3,000.00
Total Income:	41,250.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>HKS</u>
Bank charges - commission	143.44
- recorded delivery/handling charge	305.80
Printing - posters	7,500.00
- cards	350.00
- programme books	5,600.00
Honorarium payable: Prof. J.H.S. Simon	10,869.00
Dr. C.J.R. Stock	9,800.00
Dinner for speakers	3,050.00
Postage	589.80
Car parking fee	256.00
Refreshment (catering service)	2,970.00
Total expenditure:	41,634.04
 <u>Balance</u>	 (5384.04)

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