Introduction and History of APEC
Background

In 1984, after the organization meeting of IFEA at the AAE Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, Dr. Ernesto R. Vizcarra of the Philippines and Dr. Atsunu Miyahara of Japan met to conceive the idea of forming a group of endodontists in Asia.
Getting Organized

- Constitution and By-Laws drafted by Drs. Miyahara and Vizcarra

- Communications with Endodontists in the Asian Pacific region

- Organizational meeting set
First Organizational Meeting

12th Asian Pacific Dental Congress
5th-10th December, 1985
Bangkok, Thailand

7th December 1985
1400-1700 : (IFEA) Asian Division, International Federation of Endodontic Associations
(By Invitation Only)
Rungsit Room, Hyatt Central Plaza Hotel
First Organizational Meeting, December 7, 1985, Rungsit Room, Hyatt Central Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand (Courtesy of Dr. R.C. Kakar).
Second Organizational Meeting

November 12, 1986, Mindoro Room
Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines

1. Attendance (20)
2. Approval in principle of the corrected Constitution and By-Laws
3. Approval of the name Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC)
4. Election of Officers
## Inaugural Officers

**1985 - 1989**

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Second Organizational Meeting, November 12, 1986, Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines (Courtesy of Dr. R. C. Kakar)
CERTIFICATE OF RATIFICATION

We, the undersigned, being all Charter Members of the Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC), hereby certify that we have approved and ratified the Constitution and By-Laws, hereto attached, and signify such ratification by affixing our signatures this 12th day of November, 1986 at the Mindoro Room, Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines.

1. Dr. ERNESTO R. VIZCARRA
   Philippines
   R. Walker.

2. Dr. RICHARD T. WALKER
   Hong Kong
   R.C. Walker

3. Dr. R.C. KAKAR
   India

4. Dr. ELVIRA F. ANSALDO
   Philippines

5. Dr. JOHN M. BOOTH
   Australia

6. Dr. THAVALYARAT HOLASUT
   Thailand

7. Dr. ABDUL MALEK BHUWAN
   Bangladesh

8. Dr. ATSUMU MIYAHARA
   Japan

The signatories of the approved and ratified APEC Constitution and By-Laws
APEC Constitution and By-Laws

Historical background

- The Miyahara-Vizcarra Draft, 1985
- The Quackenbush Modification, 1986
- The Abbott Amendments, 1999
APEC Objectives

1. To promote, develop and maintain high standards of endodontic research, teaching and clinical practice in the Asian Pacific Region and

2. To cultivate and foster closer professional relationships within the Asian Pacific Region
Reasons for joining APEC

1. To keep your country involved in regional endodontics

2. To promote your country in the Newsletter by way of articles on Endodontics

3. To work towards achieving high quality endodontics by means of advancing education through attending our meetings - if fees are charged then individual members could get a reduced fee.

4. To help set up a register of Endodontic specialists who are Board-registered in their country - this register could be of value to you if you have patients traveling.

5. To receive the Newsletter.

6. To enable you to feel you are helping the development of Endodontics in the Asian Pacific region.

7. To help you keep in touch

8. The subscriptions small and the knowledge gained can help you to be a leader in your country.
In November 1989, APEC and its Constitution were registered with the Registrar of Societies in Hongkong.
First Treasurer’s Report

Statement of Income & Expenses for the Period Ending April 15, 1989

**Addi Income**

Membership fees:
- Endodontic Society of the Philippines - $90.00 Cash
- Australian Society of Endodontology c/o Dr. Scott - $80.00 Shk.
- Dr. Ngimiah Ahead of Malaysia - $90.00 Shk.
- Donation of Dr. Atsuo Miyahara of Japan (converted to pesos) - $2,000.00

**Total** - $2,950.00

**Less Expenses**

- Invoice No. 3427 - $1,725.00
- Invoice No. 5428 - $300.00
- Stationery for APEC envelopes & paper by letterman
- (Official Receipt 5 booklets for APEC)
- (APEC Application fees)

**Total** - $2,025.00

**Balance** - $925.00

Submitted by:

[Signature]

Treasurer

Notes:
Under the Philippine Banking Regulations, one cannot open an account in an amount less than $500. The checks issued to APEC by Drs. Ahead of Malaysia & Dr. Scott of Australia are therefore still with the undersigned Treasurer.
1. **First Organizational Meeting**  
   Bangkok, Thailand, December 7, 1985

   To establish a federation of endodontic associations in Asia, seven national associations and societies were represented.
2. **Second Organizational Meeting**  
   Manila, Philippines, November 12, 1986

With 20 representatives from six countries, the Constitution and By-Laws was adopted and the name Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC) was accepted.
3. First Scientific Conference
New Delhi, India, January 27, 1988

In conjunction with the Asian Pacific Dental Congress (APDC), a half day lecture meeting was held attended by approximately 150 people. This was followed by the 1st Biennial Meeting with 8 countries represented. The Constitution was ratified in this meeting.
AN UPDATE ON THE ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFERENCE

By Dr. John M. Booth, President, Australian Society of Endodontic, Inc.

I attended the Executive Meeting of this Confederation which was held in New Delhi on January 27, 1988 in association with the first general meeting of the Indian Endodontic Society. We became founder members and the Constitution was signed by the representatives of the countries present.

The Confederation has now established contact with endodontic societies, study groups, or dentists anxious to form study groups in the following countries-India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan.

It is interesting to note that the Confederation has already played a significant role in setting up some of these groups. The Indian Endodontic Association was formed

Dr. & Mrs. Booth with Dr. Vizcarra at the Lobby of Hyatt Hotel, New Delhi, India.
4. **Second Scientific Conference**  
Seoul, Korea, April 26, 1989

In conjunction with the APDC, a half day Scientific Meeting with 50 participants was held followed by the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Biennial Meeting with 8 countries represented.

5. **Third Scientific Conference**  
Auckland, New Zealand, March, 1992

Co-hosted by the New Zealand Endodontic Society, a one day Pre-congress lecture prior to APDC was held attended by 200 people followed by the 3\textsuperscript{rd} Biennial Meeting with 5 countries represented.
6. **4th. Scientific Conference**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 23, 1993

Jointly organized by the Malaysian Endodontic Society, in conjunction with APDC, a half day lecture course was presented with 200 people in attendance. The 4th. Biennial Meeting followed with 5 countries represented.
7. **5th. Scientific Conference**  
Manila, Philippines, April 26, 1994

Co-hosted by the Endodontitic Society of the Philippines, a half day Pre Congress APDC meeting was held with 600 attendees followed by the 5\textsuperscript{th}. Biennial Meeting with 6 country representatives.

8. **6th. Scientific Conference**  
Hongkong, October 1995

Prior to the Federacion Dentaire Internationale (FDI) meeting, a half day lecture was held with about 150 attendees. No General Meeting held.
Hong Kong 1995 Meeting
9. **7th. Scientific Conference**  
Seoul, Korea, April 1997

Co-hosted by the Korean Academy of Endodontics, a half day lecture meeting was held prior to the FDI meeting with 150 participants in attendance. The 6th. Biennial Meeting with 5 countries represented was held.

10. **8th. Scientific Conference**  
Singapore, April 19, 1999

Prior to APDF Meeting, a half day lecture hosted by the Society of Endodontists of Singapore was held with about 150 participants. The 7th. Biennial Meeting preceded where 8 countries were represented.
The 1999 Singapore Meeting
11. 9th. Scientific Meeting
Osaka, Japan, June 2000

Prior to the APDF Meeting, the 9th. Scientific APEC General Meeting was held.

12. 10th. Scientific Meeting
Taipei, Taiwan, April 9, 2001

Co-hosted by the Taiwan Endodontic Society, and Endodontic Symposium was held prior to the APDF Meeting. The 8th. Biennial Meeting was held after the Scientific Meeting.
9th. Biennial Meeting

Dr. S.J. Lee’s Valedictory Address

Dr. P.O. Zimet’s Inaugural Address

2001-2003 Office Bearers
A full day Endodontic Symposium (Theme: Pain Endodontic practice) was held. This included scientific discussions and poster presentations in the morning and panel discussions in the afternoon. Over 200 people attended. The General Meeting was held before the scientific meeting.
14. 12th. Scientific Meeting
Manila, Philippines, May 25, 2003
13th Scientific Meeting
May 25, 2005, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The John M. Booth Memorial Series of Lectures

Theme: Old Problems - New Solutions
Other functions…

APEC’s 2003 Manila Tour
APEC in Brisbane, Australia
September 2004
APEC in Dallas, Texas
April 2005

Past President Abbott and current President Zimet with Prof. Bergenholtz at the APEC function. Professor Abbott spoke at the AAE Annual Convention while Dr. Zimet represented APEC at the International Endodontic Community Meeting.
14th Scientific meeting, Jakarta
15th Scientific Meeting, Tokyo
16th Scientific Meeting, Shiraz
17th Scientific Meeting, Seoul
18th Scientific Meeting, Amman
19th Scientific Meeting, Delhi
19th Scientific Meeting, Delhi
19th Scientific Meeting, Delhi
20th Scientific Meeting, Istanbul
20th Scientific Meeting, Istanbul
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20th Scientific Meeting, Istanbul
18th Biennial General Meeting (Online), 2021
• New Bylaws were presented in the 18th Biennial General Meeting (Online).
• The New Bylaws were approved by the council and came into effect from 8th May, 2021.
### Summary of Meetings

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Other important activities
It was decided in the joint meeting of executive board of AAE & APEC for speaker exchange and to promote their congresses through the respective website of both the societies.
5th Pan Arab Endodontic Congress, Dec, 2017, Cairo, Egypt.
Education Partner: APEC
APEC speaker, Dr. Mehmet Baybora
3rd International Symposium of Iranian Association of Endodontists, Dec. 2017, Isfahan, Iran

Education Partner: APEC
1st International Endodontic Congress of Bangladesh Endodontic Society, Jan, 2018

Education Partner: APEC
The joint meeting of APEC and AAE decided to have collaboration in many areas and reaffirmed the speaker exchange and decided to promote their congresses through the respective website of both the societies.
The joint meeting of APEC and AAE appreciated their collaboration in many areas and reaffirmed to work together in future.
APEC Presidents

1985-1989  Dr. Ernesto R. Vizcarra  The Philippines
1989-1991  Dr. Richard T. Walker  Hongkong
1992-1994  Dr. John M Booth  Australia
1994-1997  Dr. Gary S.P. Cheung  Hongkong
1997-1999  Dr. Paul V. Abbott  Australia
1999-2001  Dr. Ma Edna M. Jimena  The Philippines
2001-2003  Dr. Seung-Jong Lee  Korea
2003-2005  Dr. Phillippe O. Zimet  Australia
APEC Presidents

2005-2007  Dr. G K Chong LIM  Singapore
2007-2009  Dr. Hideaki Suda  Japan
2009-2011  Dr. Akbar KHAYAT  Iran
2011-2013  Dr. Sung Kyo Kim  Korea
2013-2015  Dr. Ibrahim Tahun  Jordan
2015-2017  Dr. Gin Chen  Taiwan
2017-2019  Dr. Sanjay Miglani  India
2019-2021  Dr Mehmet Baybora  Turkey
2021-23    Dr Hyeon-Cheol Henry Kim  Korea
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APEC Secretaries

2011-2013  Dr. Gin Chen  Taiwan
2013-2017  Dr. Muna Al Ali  Jordan
2017-2019  Dr. Hyeon Cheol Kim  Korea
2019-2021  Dr. Tani-ishii Nobuyuki  Japan
2021-23    Dr. Mohsen Ramazani  Iran
APEC Newsletter

Newsletter No. 1
April 1993

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Asian Pacific Endodontic Exchange
May 2005
APEC WEBSITE

http://www.hku.hk/consden/apec
   Thru Dr. Gary S.P. Cheung since 1992

   Thru Dr. Phillippe O. Zimet since 2003

www.apeconweb.org
   Thru Dr. Sanjay Miglani, 2017 onwards
Affiliation

September 15, 2003

APEC was affiliated with APDF/AFRO in a Resolution passed by the House of Delegates in its meeting held in Mexico.
APEC Membership

Honorary Life Members (8)

Association Members (23)

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