

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 the name Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC)**
- 4. Election of Officers**

Inaugural Officers

1985 - 1989

President	Dr. Ernesto R. Vizcarra	The Philippines
President-elect	Dr. Richard T. Walker	President-elect
Secretary	Dr. R. C. Kakar	India
Treasurer	Dr. Elvira J. Ansaldo	The Philippines
Councillors	Dr. John M. Booth	Australia
	Dr. Abdul Malek Bhuiyan	Bangladesh
	Dr. Atsumu Miyahara	Japan
	Dr. Thavalyarat Holasut	Thailand



**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.

Ernesto R. Vizcarr

1. Dr. ERNESTO R. VIZCARRA
Philippines

R. T. Walker

2. Dr. RICHARD T. WALKER
Hong Kong

R. C. Kakar

3. Dr. R. C. KAKAR
India

Elvira J. Ansaldo

4. Dr. ELVIRA J. ANSALDO
Philippines

John M. Booth

5. Dr. JOHN M. BOOTH
Australia

T. Holasut

6. Dr. THAVALYARAT HOLASUT
Thailand

Abdul Malek Bhuyan

7. Dr. ABDUL MALEK BHUYAN
Bangladesh

Atsumu Miyahara

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.
- of Endodontics in the Asian Pacific region.
7. To help you keep in touch
 5. To receive the Newsletter.
 6. To enable you to feel you are helping the development
 8. The subscriptions small and the knowledge gained can help you to be a leader in your country.

Business Registration

In November 1989, APEC and its Constitution were registered with the Registrar of Societies in Hongkong

First Treasurer's Report



APEC

ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFEDERATION

PRESIDENT: Amorsolo Condominium, Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines
 SECRETARY: 31, South Patel Nagar, New Delhi, 11008, India
 TREASURER: 29 Chico, Valls Verde, Pasig, M.M., Philippines

OFFICERS 1985 - 1989

President
 Dr. Ernesto R. Viscera
 Philippines

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 Dr. Richard T. Walker
 Hongkong

Secretary
 Dr. R.C. Kekar
 India

Treasurer
 Dr. Elvira J. Asaado
 Philippines

Counsellor
 Dr. John M. Booth
 Australia

Counsellor
 Dr. Atsumi Miyahara
 Japan

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

Add: Income

Membership fees:

Endodontic Society of the Philippines	- \$50.00	Cash
Australian Society of Endodontology c/o Dr. Booth	- \$50.00	Chk.
Dr. Majinah Ahmad of Malaysia	- \$50.00	Chk.
Donation of Dr. Atsumi Miyahara of Japan	- \$100.00	Cash
		(converted to pesos)
		\$2,100.00
Total	-	250.00

Less: Expenses

Invoice No. #5427	-	\$1,725.00
Invoice No. 5428	-	300.00
(Stationery for APEC envelopes & paper w/ letterhead)		
(Official Receipt & booklets for APEC)		
(APEC Application fees)		
Total	-	\$2,025.00

Balance	-	1150.00
	-	275.00

Submitted by:

Elvira J. Asaado
 ELVIRA J. A. SALDO
 Treasurer

Note:

Under the Philippine Banking Regulations, one can not open an account in an amount less than \$500. The checks issued to APEC by Dr. Ahmad of Malaysia & Dr. Booth 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 2nd. 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 3rd. 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 Endodontic Society of the Philippines, a half day Pre Congress APDC meeting was held with 600 attendees followed by the 5th. Biennial Meeting with 6 country representatives.

8. 6th. Scientific Conference

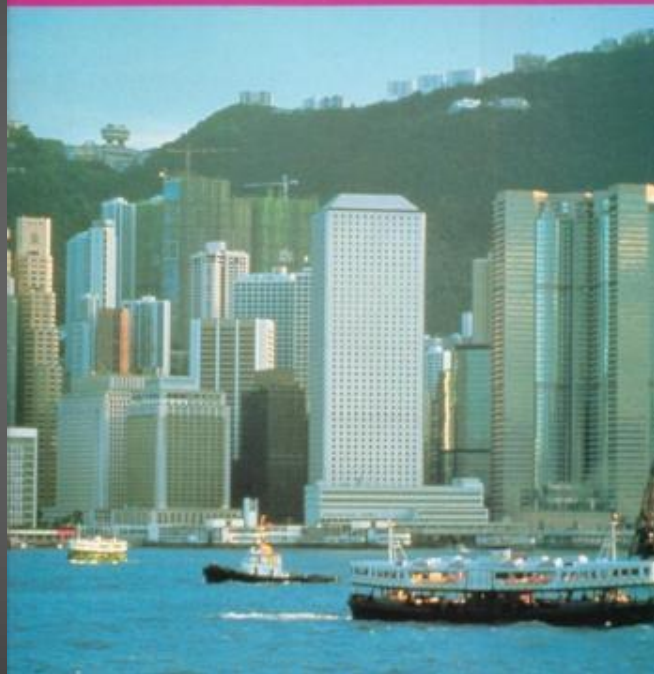
Hongkong, October 1995

Prior to the Federacion Dentaire Internationale (FDI) meeting, a half day lecture was held with about 150 attendees. No General Meeting held.



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1995 Scientific Session



Hongkong 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

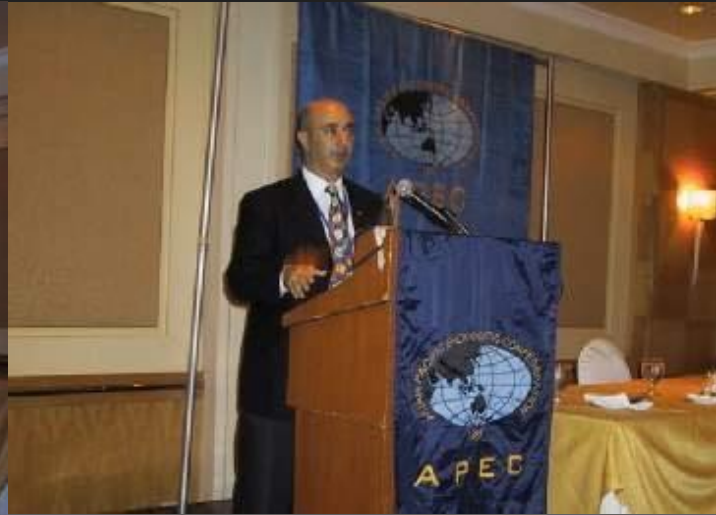
Taipei, Taiwan, April 9, 2001

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 Valecdictory Address



Dr. P.O. Zimet's Inaugural Address



9th. Biennial Meeting



2001-2003 Office Bearers



APEC General Meeting

2001-2003 Office Bearers



13. 11th. Scientific Meeting

Seoul, Korea, April 4, 2002

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 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



20th Scientific Meeting, Istanbul



20th Scientific Meeting, Istanbul



21st Scientific Meeting, Beirut (Hybrid mode)



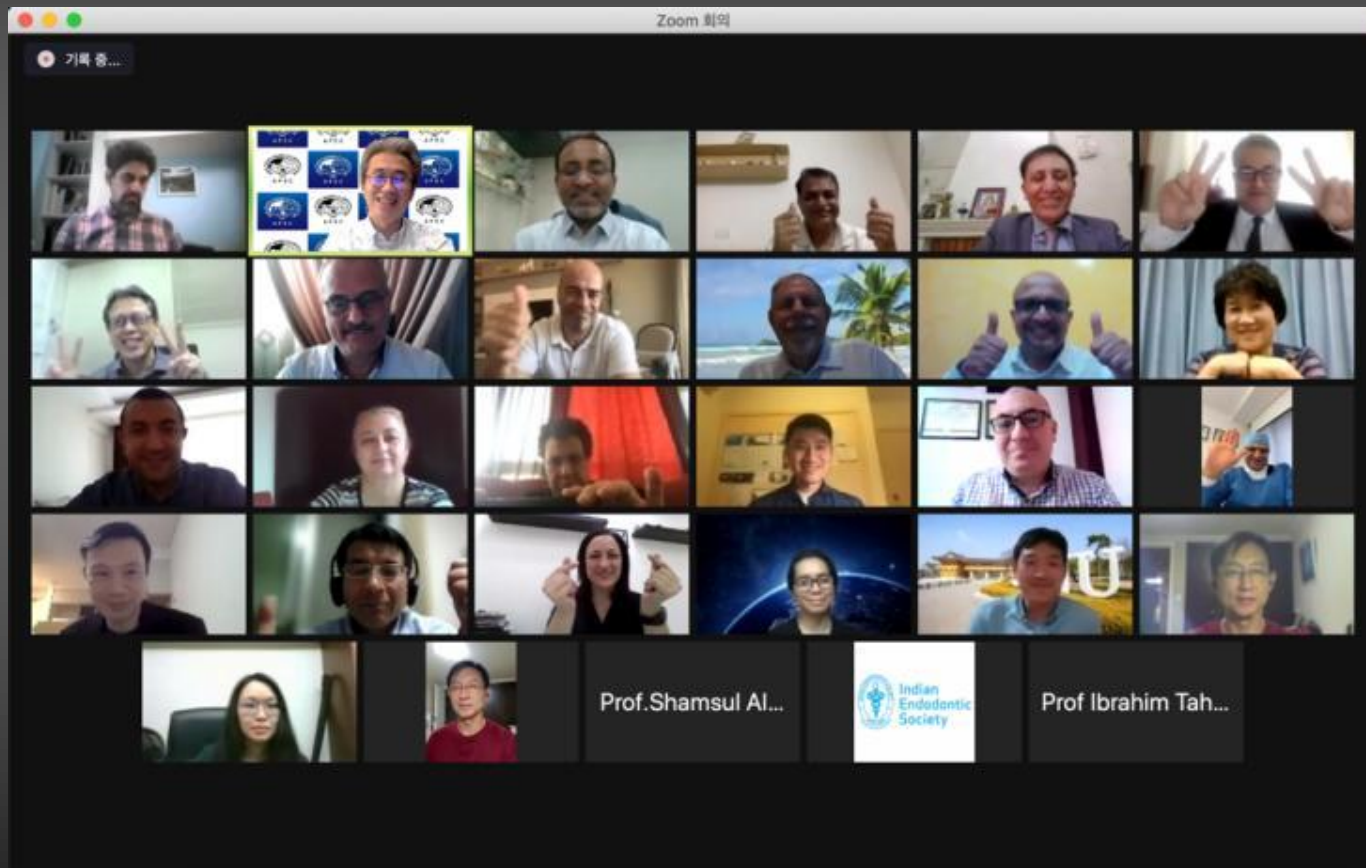
21st Scientific Meeting, Beirut (Hybrid mode)



21st Scientific Meeting, Beirut (Hybrid mode)



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 affect from 8th May, 2021.

19th Scientific Meeting, Taipei











20th Scientific Meeting, Cairo









- New Bylaws were presented in the 19th Biennial General Meeting.
- The New Bylaws were approved by the council and came into affect from 26th August, 2023.

Summary of Meetings

YEAR	VENUE	BIENNIAL MEETING	SCIENTIFIC MEETING
1.	1985	Bangkok	Organizational - 1
2.	1986	Manila	Organizational - 2
3.	1988	New Delhi	First
4.	1989	Seoul	Second
5.	1992	Auckland, N. Z.	Third
6.	1993	Kuala Lumpur	Fourth
7.	1994	Manila	Fifth
8.	1995	Hongkong	-
9.	1997	Seoul	Sixth
10.	1999	Singapore	Seventh
11.	2000	Osaka	Eight
12.	2001	Taipei	Ninth
13.	2002	Seoul	Tenth
14.	2003	Manila	Eleventh
15.	2005	Kuala Lumpur	Twelfth
			Thirteenth

Summary of Meetings

YEAR	VENUE	BIENNIAL MEETING	SCIENTIFIC MEETING	
16.	2007	Jakarta	Eleventh	Fourteenth
17.	2009	Tokyo	Twelfth	Fifteenth
18.	2011	Shiraz	Thirteenth	Sixteenth
19.	2013	Seoul	Fourteenth	Seventeenth
20.	2015	Amman	Fifteenth	Eighteenth
21.	2017	New Delhi.	Sixteenth	Nineteenth
22.	2019	Istanbul	Seventeenth	twentieth
23.	2021	Online		Twenty first
24.	2021	Beirut (Hybrid)	Eighteenth	--
25.	2023	Taipei	Nineteenth	Twenty second
26.	2025	Cairo	Twentieth	Twenty third

Other important
activities

AAE 2017, New Orleans, USA



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





Ist International Endodontic Congress of Bangladesh Endodontic Society, Jan, 2018

Education Partner: APEC





AAE 2018, Denver, USA



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.

AAE 2019, Montreal, USA



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
2021-2023	Dr Hyeon-Cheol Henry Kim	Korea
2023-2025	Dr Sam Dorn	USA
2025-2027	Dr Walid Nehme	Lebanon



Ernesto Vizcarra



Richard Walker



John Booth



Gary Cheung



Paul Abbott



Ma Edna Jimena



Seung Lee



Phillippe Zimet



G K Chong LIM



Hideaki Suda



Akbar Khayat



Sung kyo Kim



Ibrahim Tahun



Gin Chen



Sanjay Miglani



Mehmat Baybora



Hyeon Cheol Kim



Samuel Dorn



Walid Nehme

APEC Secretaries

1985-1989	Dr. R C Kakkar	India
1989-1994	Dr. M Ahmad	Malaysia
1994-1999	Dr. Sui Fai Leung	Hong Kong
1999-2003	Dr. Phillippe O. Zimet	Australia
2003-2005	Dr. Hideaki Suda	Japan
2005-2007	Dr. Akbar KHAYAT	Iran
2007-2009	Dr. Sung Kyo Kim	Korea
2009-2011	Dr Seung Taae Kim	Australia

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
2023-25	Dr Marcus Yan	Australia

APEC Newsletter

Newsletter No. 1 April 1993

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Asian Pacific Endodontic Exchange
May 2005

ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFEDERATION



NEWSLETTER No. 1

APRIL 1993

From the desk of the President



Welcome to Kuala Lumpur and the joint meeting of A.P.E.C. with the Malaysian Endodontic Society. We do thank the Malaysian Endodontic Society for setting up this meeting and the executive of the Asian Pacific Dental Congress for allowing us to hold this meeting today. We hope this cooperation is a foretaste for the future and similar meetings of APEC. You will see that we have an

International group of speakers from our region who have all come to this meeting to give us endodontic knowledge at no cost and without any recompense to themselves. Gentlemen - on behalf of us all - we thank you.

For those who are not familiar with our group I will give a very brief summary. After preliminary meetings going back to 1985 the A.P.E.C. was set up at the Asian Pacific Dental Congress meeting in New Delhi in 1988 at a joint meeting with the newly formed Indian Endodontic Society. Meetings have followed in Seoul (1989) and Auckland (1992). Our Constitution which is registered in Hong Kong following a lot of fine work by our second President Dr. Dick Walker indicates the objectives of our group.

1. To promote, develop and maintain high standards of endodontic research, teaching and clinical practice in the Asian Pacific region.
2. To cultivate and foster closer professional relationships of endodontic practitioners within the Asian Pacific region.

It has been our hope that we could get a Newsletter going on an annual basis so that we have a media for detailing the endodontic progress and news in the region. Our first President and prize mover Dr. Emie Vizcarra of the Philippines always had in mind this means of getting to know each other better. It is indeed, nice to know that our next meeting will be in Manila and we hope to arrange a similar meeting to the one here.

A Newsletter is dependent on news from each country and I urge you all to consider submitting an article of endodontic interest from your country along with perhaps a photo size 10cm x 10cm. We are geographically a big region of the world but that is no reason to stop us communicating and developing friendships which can only lead to better international understanding in the troubled world of today.

In the meantime, we look forward as an executive to meeting many of you at the meeting in April 23rd and do consider planning a visit to Manila in February, 1994.

JOHN M. BOOTH



Executive Meeting, Auckland, March 1993. Left to Right: Dr C. King (NZ), Dr C.M. Tai (HK), Dr G. Cheung (HK), Dr D. Jenkins (NZ), Dr P. Abbott (Aust), Dr J. Booth (Aust), Dr M. Chant (Japan), Dr A. Dwyer (HK), Dr S.F. Leung (HK), Isobe Masahiro (Japan - translator). Photo by courtesy of Dr M. Chant.

The following officers were elected for 1992-94—

President	=	Dr John Booth (Australia)
Vice President	=	Vacant (to be elected in Malaysia in 1993)
Secretary	=	Dr Mohamad Ahmad (Malaysia)
Treasurer	=	Dr Paul Abbott (Australia)
Councillors	=	Dr Gary Cheung (Hong Kong)

APEC WEBSITE

<http://www.hku.hk/consden/apec>

Thru Dr. Gary S.P. Cheung since 1992

<http://www.ada.org.au/Societies/APEC/>

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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THANK YOU

