



ASIA PACIFIC ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 15th January 2023 via the Zoom online platform

Present

APOA Education Committee Members

Dr Onder Aydingoz (Turkey)	Chair
Dr Saeed Al Thani (UAE)	
Dr Nicolaas Budhiparama (Indonesia)	
Dr Mahmut Nedim Doral (Turkey)	
Dr Amber Haseeb (Malaysia)	
Dr Hong- Geun Jung (Korea)	
Dr Bedri Karaismailoglu (Turkey)	
Dr Dr Arif Khan (Pakistan)	
Dr Eng Hin Lee (Singapore)	
Dr Ted Mah (Australia)	
Dr Rujuta Mehta (India)	
Dr Ellewellyn Pasion (Philippines)	
Dr Tanay Prabhoo (India)	
Dr Mohammed Iqbal Qavi (Bangladesh)	
Dr Buland Thapa (Nepal)	

Chairs of APOA Sections

Dr Arvind Puri (India)	Chair, Foot & Ankle Section
Dr Inho Jeon (Korea)	Chair, Hand & Upper Limb Section
Dr Joon Kiong Lee (Malaysia)	Chair, Osteoporosis and Fragility Fracture Society
Dr Tae-Joon Cho (Korea)	Chair, Paediatrics Section
Dr Ajoy Shetty (India) on behalf of Dr S. Rajasekaran	Chair, Spine Section

By Invitation

Dr Jamal Ashraf (India)
Dr David Choon Siew Kit (Malaysia)

Absent with Apologies

Dr Anup Agrawal (India)	Chair, Trauma Section
Dr Tanya Burgess (Australia)	
Dr So Kato (Japan)	
Dr Nusret Kose (Turkey)	Chair, Infection Section
Dr Frankie Leung (Hong Kong)	
Dr Syed Shahid Noor (Pakistan)	Chair, Hip Section
Dr Marinis Pirpiris (Australia)	
Dr Parag Sancheti (India)	Chair, Knee Section
Dr Joyce Koh Suang Bee (Singapore)	Chair, Orthopaedic Research
Dr Sachin Tapasvi (India)	Chair, Sports Section
Dr Gowreeson Thevendran (Singapore)	

The meeting was called to order at 2000 hours (GMT+8) with Dr Onder Aydingoz, Chair of the Committee.

1	Chair's Welcome
	Dr Onder Aydingoz, Chair of the Education Committee, welcomed the Education Committee members to the meeting via the Zoom online platform.
2	Confirmation of the Education Committee Meeting Minutes held on 11th December 2022
	The minutes were passed unanimously by the Education Committee members.
3	Education Committee Projects for 2023 – 2024 Dr Onder Aydingoz said there will be four different working groups from the Education Committee and there will be a leader for each working group from the Education Committee.
3.1	APOA e-Library
	<p>Dr Onder Aydingoz said the leader of the e-library working group is Dr David Choon and the members are Dr Jamal Ashraf, Dr Arif Khan and Dr Mahmut Nedim Doral. He said others are welcome to join the working group.</p> <p>Dr Arif Khan said most of the visitors to the APOA website are in the young age group and are interested in the information related to educational activities on the APOA website. Dr Arif Khan said the Education Committee opined that if there is more educational-related content on the website this will attract more people to visit the APOA website. Dr Arif Khan said the idea of the e-library can first be started by adding the link to the electronic journals from the twenty-four member countries on the APOA website under the e-library.</p> <p>Dr David Choon said there is funding from APOA to improve the APOA website. Dr David Choon said there will be an interactive online forum that will be open to the public. Dr David Choon proposes this can also be done in the member's area and have specific discussion groups.</p> <p>Dr Inho Jeon enquired how the e-library will be different from the other e-libraries such as JBJS classroom and the SICOT e-library. Dr David Choon opined that the journal of the topic of interest will be highlighted however this would take some time before it can be carried out smoothly. Dr Inho Jeon said that the matter on originality should also be considered and suggested choosing a few good articles in the orthopaedic surgery journals and getting the original authors to present their papers themselves, thus making it to be a more unique e-library.</p> <p>Dr David Choon said he can provide some topics to discuss based on the journals and suggested the sections to organise the discussion. Dr Ted Mah opined this will be a good resource for younger people. He said this should be limited to the APOA members only and not open to the general public. He pointed out that the person regulating the content is important as this will ensure the content is appropriate.</p> <p>Dr Mahmut Doral enquired about the list of action plans to be sent to the Education members. Dr Onder Aydingoz said this will be the task of the working groups which will also organise their own zoom meetings. Dr Mahmut Doral said to be unique is not an easy process and would require identifying the key points concerning the e-library.</p> <p>Dr Jamal said controlling the member section is next to impossible. Dr Jamal said around 30% of the membership data is not available with the APOA due to confidentiality issues. Dr Jamal said giving the login id where only members can log in is very difficult. Dr Arif Khan said the APOA does not have access to the data of all the members. Dr Arif Khan said legally APOA is not able to ask the federations to provide access to all the data of their members. Dr Onder Aydingoz said this matter should be discussed further in the working group.</p>

3.2	APOA Primary Trauma Care Courses
	<p>Dr Onder Aydingoz said the leader of this working group is Dr Anup Agrawal and the members are Dr Jamal Ashraf, Dr Arif Khan, Dr Marinis Pirpiris, Dr Saeed Al Thani, Dr Buland Thapa, Dr David Choon. Dr Onder Aydingoz suggested waiting for input from this working group. Dr Arif Khan gave a brief introduction regarding the Primary Trauma Care Courses to the Section chairs present at the meeting.</p>
3.3	APOA Curriculum of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
	<p>Dr Onder Aydingoz said that the leader of this working group is Dr. Ellewellyn Pasion.</p> <p>Dr Onder Aydingoz suggested Dr Eng Hin Lee to be a member of this working group. Dr Eng Hin Lee agreed to this. Dr Ted Mah suggested for Dr Onder Aydingoz and Dr Arif Khan to be members of this working group as well. Dr Onder Aydingoz agreed to this.</p> <p>Dr Eng Hin Lee explained briefly the curriculum used for the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association. Dr. Onder Aydingoz gave a brief information about the European Curriculum in Orthopaedics and Trauma which was produced by EFORT and UEMS – Ortho Section.</p> <p>Dr Onder Aydingoz said at the next meeting, 15 minutes can be allocated for each working group to have a 5-minute presentation about the work that has been done so far and have any queries during the allocated time.</p> <p>Dr David Choon proposed to have a list of the working groups along with their contacts and to have their discussion in those groups. Dr Onder Aydingoz said he will send the details of the leaders and members of each working group to all the Education Committee members and Chairs of Sections.</p>
3.4	Diploma Programme from the APOA Platform
	<p>Dr Onder Aydingoz said that the leader of this working group is Dr. Ted Mah.</p> <p>Dr Ted Mah proposed coordinating the subspecialty Fellowship training within the federation country members for a uniformity approach. Dr Ted Mah emphasized that it is important that all subspecialty members should reach a minimum standard in their subspecialty field.</p> <p>Dr Ted Mah said this can be done by getting a consensus from all the subspecialty sections and discussing the relevance in terms of the minimum competence for each of the subspecialty sections as a subspecialist in their area.</p>
4	The scientific programme of the APOA 2024 Dubai Congress
	<p>Dr Saeed Al Thani proposed the best way to come up with the programme is for all the subspecialty sections to give their suggestions about their contribution to the main programme. Dr Saeed Al Thani said it would be ideal to receive the suggestions earlier to have time to sort them around and allocate it accordingly to the new structure that will be led centrally by APOA.</p> <p>Dr David Choon said he has visited the venue in Dubai and opined it is an ideal place and large enough to hold the congress.</p> <p>Dr David Choon suggested to all section chairs to provide a five-year plan on the topics they wish to discuss to avoid repetition every year.</p> <p>Dr Onder Aydingoz enquired when will the template for the different topics by the subspecialty sections be ready. Dr Saeed Al Thani said there will be six tracks. Dr Saeed Al Thani said if the proposal is received within six weeks this will help them to allocate the time and form the structure.</p>

	<p>Dr Saeed Al Thani said the congress dates are 28th February to 2nd March 2024.</p> <p>Dr Ted Mah enquired whether this will be a physical meeting or a hybrid meeting. Dr David Choon said this will mostly be a physical meeting with some portion broadcasted. Dr Jamal said the APOA is formulating a structure that will be presented to the sectional chairs. Dr Jamal said there are twelve APOA sections, however, all sections will not be given equal time. Dr Jamal said there should be adequate representation of faculty from the region where the congress is held. Dr Jamal gave an example if any section is allocated four hours, the section will be asked to formulate a programme of three hours as the central committee and the local organisers have to invite local speakers as well. Dr Jamal said the Congress Chair will request the sections by giving them certain names and topics from the local region which the section should also accommodate as the statistics show that in any APOA congress, approximately 40% - 50% of all attendees are from the region. Dr Jamal said Dr Saeed Al Thani will send a letter to all the sectional chairs around the first week of February to ask about the programme, duration, number of faculty and privileges. Dr Jamal added that as a matter of policy, the APOA central will provide complimentary registrations to all faculty members but will not provide accommodation and travel to any faculty member. This will be the same for all future APOA congresses. Dr Jamal pointed out that this is excluding the Presidential line and the Past Presidents.</p> <p>Dr Inho Jeon suggest that Dr Saeed Al Thani should provide a representative surgeon from the local community to work with the sectional chairs for a successful meeting.</p> <p>Dr Saeed Al Thani said the sections should prioritise which programme they wish to present for the next five years.</p> <p>Dr Jamal said there will be four plenary talks. Congress Chairman will ask for suggestions from the sections on the plenary speakers and their topics which should be accumulated in the central pool and out of twelve sections four plenary speakers will be selected. Dr Jamal said in the subsequent years the plenary speaker from different sections will be selected.</p> <p>Dr Arif Khan said Dr Joon Kiong Lee has an idea for presenting a workshop regarding Osteoporosis before congress. Dr Arif Khan admired the idea and suggested that this can be conducted by the other subspecialty sections as well. Dr Arif Khan opined this will attract the interest of the younger surgeons and increase the revenue as well.</p> <p>Dr David Choon suggested having more philosophical and principal topics for the plenary sessions. Dr Jamal reiterated that Dr Saeed Al Thani's secretariat with help from the APOA secretariat will send out the letters with all the information to all the sectional chairs within the first week of February.</p>
	<p>Dr Onder Aydingoz said the next meeting will be on 12th February 2023 at 8 pm (Kuala Lumpur time).</p> <p>Dr Onder Aydingoz thanked all the participants for joining the meeting.</p>

The meeting adjourned at 21:30 hours (GMT +8) with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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