



ASIA PACIFIC ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 16th April 2023 via the Zoom online platform

Present

Dr Onder Aydingoz (Turkey) - Chair
Dr Saeed Al Thani (UAE)
Dr Nicolaas Budhiparama (Indonesia)
Dr Tanya Burgess (Australia)
Dr In-Ho Jeon (Korea)
Dr Bedri Karaismailoglu (Turkey)
Dr So Kato (Japan)
Dr Arif Khan (Pakistan)
Dr Ted Mah (Australia)
Dr Ellewellyn Pasion (Philippines)
Dr Tanay Prabhoo (India)
Dr Mohammed Iqbal Qavi (Bangladesh)
Dr Buland Thapa (Nepal)

By Invitation

Dr David Choon (Malaysia)

Absent with Apologies

Dr Anup Agrawal (India)
Dr Jamal Ashraf (India)
Dr Mahmut Doral (Turkey)
Dr Amber Haseeb (Malaysia)
Dr Hong- Geun Jung (Korea)
Dr Eng Hin Lee (Singapore)
Dr Frankie Leung (Hong Kong)
Dr Rujuta Mehta (India)
Dr Gowreeson Thevendran (Singapore)

The meeting was called to order at 2000 hours (GMT+8) with Dr Onder Aydingoz, Chairman, in the chair.

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 12th February 2023
	The minutes were passed unanimously by the Education Committee members.
3	Update on the preparations and scientific programme of the APOA 2024 Dubai Congress
	Dr Saeed Al Thani informed that the flyer for the congress has been designed and the website is planned to be launched on 1st May 2023. Dr Saeed Althani said they plan to promote the APOA Congress with flyers on 28th – 30th April 2023 as there is an ICGR

	<p>Meeting in Dubai. Dr Saeed Al Thani said flyers and a complimentary booth will be prepared at the EFORT meeting on 24th May 2023 to promote the APOA Congress. Dr Onder Aydingoz pointed out that this complimentary booth will be used to promote any APOA-related events.</p> <p>Dr David Choon said the speakers only receive complimentary registrations and no additional privileges. However, if the Sections wants to provide extra privileges for the speakers this will be from the sections' funds and not the APOA Congress funds.</p> <p>Dr In-Ho Jeon enquired whether there are any pre-congress workshops or mini symposiums. Dr Saeed Al Thani required some suggestions from the subspecialty sections and informed that this can be arranged if needed. Dr In-Ho Jeon requested a pre-congress symposium for the shoulder programme. Dr Arif Khan pointed out that Dr Joon Kiong Lee has requested a pre-congress symposium as well.</p> <p>Dr Ted Mah suggested allowing the subspecialty sections to conduct their own meeting and AGM which is part of the constitution. Dr Nicolaas Budhiparama suggested having a speciality day for every section. Dr Ted Mah said this has to be planned carefully as people may only attend the subspecialty meetings and not attend the main APOA meetings. Dr Arif Khan said there are seniors and young fellows in the congress and it is important to know and address their interests. Dr Arif Khan suggested that the sections can organise a symposium on one particular aspect of the speciality. A five-year program can be chalked out for every speciality so every year different aspects are discussed.</p>
4	Education Committee Projects for 2023 - 2024
4.1	APOA e-Library
	<p>Dr David Choon gave a brief presentation on the latest update of the e-library on the website. He said the articles to be discussed are highlighted and displayed on the home page. Dr David Choon opined to offer the discussion as journal club to all the chairs of the APOA Sections. Dr In-Ho Jeon enquired whether the journals uploaded needs to have certain criteria. Dr David Choon said there is no criteria. Dr Onder Aydingoz said as a start the main focus is to upload the official journals of the member societies. Dr Arif Khan said he is not sure how many sections have their own journal.</p> <p>Dr David Choon suggested writing to the Editors of the Federation member countries to request their permission to highlight their journal on the e-library website. Dr Arif Khan suggested writing to the Editors and cc the secretary of the federation member countries. Dr Onder Aydingoz agreed.</p>
4.2	APOA Curriculum of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
	<p>Dr Ellewellyn Pasion said a virtual meeting was held on 29th March 2023 with the Curriculum Committee. The members present were Dr Lee Eng Hin, Dr Onder Aydingoz, Dr Bedri Karaismailoglu and Dr Ellewellyn Pasion. Dr Lewy Pasion presented a summary of the meeting. He shared that the attendees of the meeting agreed to work on the topics covering the basic training in orthopaedics and traumatology residency programme not including subjects related to the advanced fellowship programme. He said that the emphasis will be given to residents and registrars on what they should know at the end of their training period. The aim is not criticize the current education system and other different regulations but to create a guideline to develop regional curriculums more efficiently.</p> <p>Dr Lewy Pasion said the working group decided to use the ASEAN curriculum as a template. Dr Lewy Pasion said a letter will be written to the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association (AOA) by Dr Lewy Pasion and Dr Arif Khan to the to request their approval for the ASEAN curriculum to be used as a template for the APOA curriculum of orthopaedics and traumatology. Dr Lewy Pasion said the ASEAN curriculum will be divided into different parts related to the subspecialties with support from the Young Surgeons Forum (YSF). Dr Lewy Pasion added the partitions for each subspecialty will be ready by the end of April.</p>

	<p>Dr Lewy Pasion said a core representative from different regions of APOA will be formed in April to work together with the working group. The aim of this group is to check the partitions prepared by the YSF and will provide their input in May. Dr Lewy Pasion said these documents will be sent to the related sections by the end of May to get their contributions. Dr Lewy Pasion said the subspecialty sections will be asked to make changes if necessary or to make suggestions to the draft of the subspecialties. Dr Lewy Pasion pointed out that a period of two months will be given for their feedback and the deadline will be at the end of July.</p> <p>Dr Lewy Pasion said the working group will work on the received feedback from the subspecialty sections and prepare a new version of the draft for the APOA Education Committee at the beginning of September 2023. Dr Lewy Pasion said the Education Committee will have one month to discuss the latest version and upon agreement, the final draft will be sent to the Council members for their comments. The deadline for their feedback will be at the end of November. Dr Lewy Pasion said the feedback of the member countries will be incorporated into the draft by the working group and later presented to the Education Committee. Dr Lewy Pasion said he hopes the final version will be made ready by the end of 2023. He added that the curriculum will be sent to the APOA Executive Committee at the beginning of January 2024 and after Exco approval will be sent to the Council members in February 2024. He pointed out that the curriculum will be presented and voted upon in the Council meeting in Dubai in March 2024.</p>
4.3	Diploma Programme from the APOA Platform
	<p>Dr Ted Mah informed that two meetings have been held. The meetings aim to discuss what constitutes the minimal period of fellowship whether it is six or twelve months, the recruitment criteria, the format of the curriculum, and the methods to monitor and evaluate the candidates. Dr Ted Mah said he has received some feedback from the chairs of the sections. Dr Ted Mah said the next meeting is planned to be in May and the next step is to identify the centres of excellence in the subspecialty training. Dr Ted Mah pointed out that this is important to fulfil the minimum standard requirement. Dr Ted Mah suggested that the centres of excellence can be advantageous to be a venue for a short-term fellowship. Dr Ted Mah said the Hand and Upper Limb Section will initiate to formalize a fellowship program.</p> <p>Dr David Choon suggested using the PTC and suggested converting it into a basic entry course that would be simpler. Dr Onder Aydingoz suggested waiting for the proposal from the working group before proceeding.</p>
	<p>Dr Onder Aydingoz said the next meeting will be on 11th June 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 2110 hours (GMT +8) with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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