



## **ASIA PACIFIC ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 via the Zoom online platform**

#### **Present**

Dr Onder Aydingoz (Turkey) Chair  
Dr Nicolaas Budhiparama (Indonesia)  
Dr David Choon (Malaysia)  
Dr Mahmut Doral (Turkey)  
Dr In-ho Jeon (Korea)  
Dr Bedri Karaismailoglu (Turkey)  
Dr So Kato (Japan)  
Dr Arif Khan (Pakistan)  
Dr Denny Lie (Singapore)  
Dr Ted Mah (Australia)  
Dr Ellewellyn Pasion (Philippines)  
Dr Mohammed Iqbal Qavi (Bangladesh)  
Dr Buland Thapa (Nepal)

#### **By Invitation**

Dr Jamal Ashraf (India)

#### **Absent with Apologies**

Dr Anup Agarwal (India)  
Dr Saeed Al Thani (UAE)  
Dr Tanya Burgess (Australia)  
Dr Amber Haseeb (Malaysia)  
Dr Hong Gune Jung (Korea)  
Dr Eng Hin Lee (Singapore)  
Dr JP Leung (Philippines)  
Dr Frankie Leung (Hong Kong)  
Dr Rujuta Mehta (India)  
Dr Tanay Prabhoo (India)  
Dr Mohammad Iqbal Qavi (Bangladesh)  
Dr Gowreeson Thevendran (Singapore)

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hours (GMT+8) with Dr Onder Aydingoz in the chair.

## **1. Chair's Welcome**

Dr Onder Aydingoz, Chair of Education Committee, initiated the meeting via the Zoom online platform, extending a warm welcome to all Education Committee members.

## **2. Confirmation of Minutes (29th October 2023)**

The minutes from the previous Education Committee meeting, held on 29th October 2023, were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Education Committee members.

## **3. Education Projects for 2023-2024**

### **3.1 APOA e-Library (Dr David Choon)**

Dr David Choon reported that the APOA e-Library website is in its final stages of development. He encouraged all Education Committee members to explore the website, emphasizing the utility of forums and discussion areas for effective planning of meetings and events. Dr Choon informed members that login credentials, linked to the Committee's email addresses, would be generated post-meeting to facilitate immediate access.

### **3.2 APOA Primary Trauma Care Courses (Dr Anup Agrawal & Dr Arif Khan)**

Dr Arif Khan provided an update on the Primary Trauma Care Courses. While the course layout has been completed, the implementation process awaits confirmation from Dr Anup Agrawal before progressing to the next steps.

### **3.3 Curriculum of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (Dr Ellewellyn Pasion and Dr Onder Aydingoz)**

Dr Onder Aydingoz gave a brief progress report on the preparation of the curriculum. He mentioned that the mostly completed documents would be circulated among Education Committee members for feedback. The finalized version will be presented to Council Members at the APOA Congress 2024 in Dubai for review and approval.

### **3.4 Diploma Programme (Dr Ted Mah)**

Dr Ted Mah shared that the details of the Diploma Programme are nearly finalized. A separate meeting with Sectional Chairs is planned to refine and confirm minimal fellowship requirements for each section. Discussion ensued on the presentation of the document. Dr Onder suggested focusing on general principles. Dr Ted Mah proposed a meeting on 1st March 2024, and coordination with Sectional Chairs will be managed by him and the APOA Secretariat.

### **4. Update on APOA Congress 2024 Dubai (Dr David Choon, Dr Jamal Ashraf, Dr Saeed Al Thani)**

Dr David Choon presented a Google sheet containing each section's Congress masterplan and tentative scientific programs. Committee members were encouraged to review and suggest necessary changes.

Dr Jamal Ashraf provided updates on the Trauma Section, expecting to receive their program soon. The Sports section's program has been received.

Dr Arif Khan addressed concerns about invitation letters, suggesting that Sectional Chairs confirm their speakers first before sending out invitations.

### **5. Any Other Matters 5.1 Date of Next Meeting**

Dr Onder Aydingoz proposed the next meeting for 7th January 2024 at 7 pm (Kuala Lumpur time), expressing gratitude to all attendees.

The meeting concluded at 2000 hours (GMT+8) with a vote of thanks to the chair.

#### **Minutes prepared by:**

Ms ZhenYi Heng

#### **Minutes vetted by:**

Dr Onder Aydingoz

Chair, Education Committee

Dr Arif Khan.

Secretary General, APOA