

MINUTES OF MEETING ASIAN AEROSOL RESEARCH ASSEMBLY

Time: Nov. 25, 2009, 18:30

Place: Benjasiri Room, The Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

Attendees:

Chuen-Jinn Tsai (president, TAAR)

Cheng-Hsiung Huang (secretary, TAAR)

Sirikalaya Suvachittanont (TPTC)

Junji Cao (CAAST)

Sang-Soo Kim (KAIST)

Takashi Shibata (JAAST)

Kensei Ehara (JAAST)

Panuganti Devara (IASTA)

Non-delegates: Charles Lo (TSI), Zhou Jiamao (CAAST), Tawatchai Charinpanitkul (TPTC), Varong Pavarajarn (TPTC)

Report items:

1. President Prof. C.J. Tsai called the meeting to order:

AARA President Prof. C.J. Tsai expressed his appreciation to all delegates, and the organizer and the committee members of the 2009 AAC. He also asked every delegate and attendee present at the meeting to write down the names and e-mail addresses.

2. 6th AAC report:

The conference chair of the 6th AAC, Prof. Tawatchai Charinpanitkul gave a brief review on organizing the 6th AAC. He also suggested the 6th AAC to have the poster awards. All delegates agreed with him on this suggestion. For future Asian Aerosol Conferences, Prof. Tawatchai Charinpanitkul also made the similar suggestion. (see Discussion item 1).

3. Financial report of AARA:

Prof. C.J. Tsai presented and explained the AARA account balance sheet based on the letter and the account balance provided by Dr. Sapra. Prof. Tsai appreciated the efforts of Dr. Sapra, Prof. Mayya and the IASTA to manage the AARA account so efficiently and effectively. The future management of the AARA account is discussed in Discussion item 2.

4. Asian Young Aerosol Scientist Award:

Prof. C.J. Tsai invited award committee chair, Dr. Panuganti Devara, to make a report

on the selection process. Dr. Devara explained that it was very competitive this year with 9 very qualified nominees. Two awardees were selected as a result of the discussion among the committee members.

5. Selection of the next president of AARA:

According to the AARA bylaw, all delegates agreed that the next AARA president should be selected from the current organizing association, while the vice president should be picked from the next organizing association. Prof. Tsai asked the Thailand's association to select the next AARA president and the name will be circulated to all delegates for final approval (note: After the delegates' meeting, Thailand association selected Prof. Tawatchai Charinpanitkul as the next AARA president and the majority of the delegates agreed with this appointment)

6. Proposals for hosting the AAC 2011: China delegates gave a 15-minute presentation.

All delegates agreed that China is the host for the AAC 2011. (see Discussion item 3)

7. Discussion on the logo of the AARA:

Dr. Sapra suggested that the AARA should have a logo for better recognition of the assembly. Four logos were designed in India and sent to us for the discussion in the meeting. (see Discussion item 4)

Discussion items:

1. Poster award for future Asian Aerosol Conferences: Prof. Tawatchai Charinpanitkul suggested that the conference bestow poster awards to attract attentions of the attendees to the poster sessions.

Conclusion: All delegates agreed to establish one best poster award and one most popular award for the poster presentations in the future AACs. The former is selected by a committee setup by the conference organizer, while the latter is selected by all conference attendees.

2. Future management of the AARA account: Dr. Sapara suggested that the AARA have a permanent location for the AARA bank account and a fixed treasurer for the AARA.

Conclusion: All delegates agreed that it is important to have a fixed location for the AARA bank account and a fixed treasure that manages this account. Mr. Charles Lo volunteered to look for this possibility in USA and gave us the feedback in the next months. If not possible, the JAAST would like to take over the responsibility to manage the account. In the transition period, Dr. Sapra and Mayya will continue to manage the account for the next 2 years.

3. The host of the AAC 2011:

Conclusion: All delegates agreed that China will host the next AAC in 2011 in Xi'an.

4. AARA logo:

Conclusion: The second logo (Evolve, see below) was elected by the majority vote as the logo of the AARA.

Evolve



5. Closing of Meeting: Prof. C.J. Tsai officially announced the ending his duty at the end of the meeting. Group pictures were taken at the end. (see below)

