

Asian Aerosol Research Assembly

Minutes of 2011 AARA Board Meeting

Aug 17, 2011

AnYuan III Room, Grand Park Hotel, Xi'an, China

1. The meeting was commenced at 19.30 pm. President of AARA (Prof. Tawatchai Charinpanitkul) called the AARA meeting to order and congratulated the hosts of the 7th AAC on their success.

2. The 7th AAC chairman (Prof. Junji Cao) reported on the execution of the AAC, as followed.

- There are 433 abstracts submitted to the conference in 5 major topics, 354 of which are selected to be presented in the conference.
- The conference is consisted of 7 plenary sessions, 216 oral presentations and 131 poster presentations.
- There are 24 exhibitors participate in the conference.
- The participants come from 22 countries, 59% from China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, 25% from other Asian countries, 10% from U.S.A., 5% from Europe and 1% from Australia and New Zealand.
- 2 AYASA awards and 5 Best Poster Awards will be awarded.
- After the conference is concluded, the following actions are proposed
 - o Poster presentations will be available on the conference website.
 - o Abstract/Extended abstracts will be assembled and published.
 - o Selected papers will be published on special issues of the Journal of Particology and the Journal of Aerosol and Air Quality Research (AAQR).

3. Mr. Charles Lo reported on the financial account of AARA, as follows.

- The current balance of the AARA account is \$897.35.
- Because of lacks of activity, the fee of \$8/month has been applied to the AARA account.
- About \$2,600 will be transferred from the account in India to consolidate with the AARA account in Minnesota, U.S.A.

Prof. Chuen-Jinn Tsai gave a remark that the major expense drawn from the AARA account has been a server fee for AARA website, which has been applied once every 5 years.

4. The AYASA award committee chair (Prof. Sang Soo Kim) reported on the selection procedure and winners of the 2011 AYASA award, as follows.

- There are 5 applicants for 2011 AYASA, i.e., Dr. Suresh Babu, Dr. Xiaofeng Huang, Dr. Junho Ji, Dr. Toshihiko Takemura and Dr. S.N. Tripathi.
- In the 1st round voting, each AYASA committee member selected 3 winners without ranking in secret ballot. After the 1st round vote, five candidates got votes of 6, 5, 4, 4, 2. The winners of the 1st round included Dr. Suresh Babu, Dr. Junho Ji, Dr. Toshihiko Takemura and Dr. S.N. Tripathi (in alphabetical order).
- In the 2nd round voting, each committee gave ranks for all 4 winners. The final points of the four candidates are Dr. Suresh Babu: 22, Dr. Junho Ji: 15, Dr.

Toshihiko Takemura: 13 and Dr. S.N. Tripathi: 20. Therefore, the final winners for the 2011 AYASA are Dr. Toshihiko Takemura and Dr. Junho Ji.

5. Selection of New Board Members of AARA.

All members agreed upon the AARA tradition to appoint the chairman of the current AAC (Prof. Junji Cao) as new AARA President.

6. Proposals of hosting AAC-2013 by Japanese and Australian delegates.

Two countries, i.e., Japan and Australia, proposed for hosting the AAC-2013. After presentations from both delegates, members of AARA made discussions and casted secret ballot. The voting results favored the proposal from the Australian delegate (7 votes) over that of the Japanese delegate (3 votes). As the result, the AAC-2013 will be held in Sydney, Australia in September, 2013. The AARA board also encouraged Australia to apply for the AARA membership.

7. Other motions:

- The delegate from Korea informed to all members about the upcoming 2014 International Aerosol Conference (2014 IAC), which will be held in Pusan, Korea from August 31 to September 5, 2014.
- Mr. Charles Lo proposed that the AYASA ceremony should be commenced on the early date of the conference, for instance, after the opening ceremony or before plenary session on the second day of the conference, so that the award recipients will be well recognized by the participants. The issue was taken by the next host to be implemented.

8. The AARA President (Prof. Tawatchai Charinpanitkul) and the newly appointed AARA President (Prof. Junji Cao) gave conclusion remarks. The meeting is concluded at 9.00 pm.

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