Minutes of APACS Meeting in Seoul

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Venue: COEX, Seoul, Korea.

Agenda

- (1) Speech of Chairman of APACS, Prof. Iwamoto
- (2) Speech of Vice Chairman of APACS, Prof. Moon
- (3) Reports and Discussion
 - (i) Catal. Surv. from Asia, Prof. Moon
 - (ii) APCAT5, Prof. Fukuoka (General Secretary, Hokkaido University)
 - (iii) Financial reports, Prof. Lee
 - (iv) General reports, Prof. Xiao

Opening of the meeting

15 members and 2 national representatives. The meeting was opened at 12:00 pm by Prof. Iwamoto, Chairman of APACS. He welcomed the APACS members and national representative, attending the APACS Meeting. All the members introduced themselves and identified their affiliation.

Official Journal of APACS

Editor of Catalysis Surveys from Asia and the Chairperson of 14ICC, Prof. Sang-Heup Moon introduced the journal, and the members gave suggestions and comments for improving the quality of this journal.

Report from Organizing Committee of APCAT-5

Prof. Fukuoka in Hokkaido University, Secretary of the organizing committee of APCAT-5, explained about the preparation of APCAT-5. He said that APCAT-5 and TOCAT-6 will be held as a joint conference from July 18 to 23, 2010 in Sapporo, Japan. This joint conference should greatly contribute to exchanging new ideas and technologies and promoting developments of new outstanding catalysts and systems under the scope that catalysis is a highly and eagerly demanded technology in industries and for sustainable society and drives innovation in many other fields.

Additionally, the following matters were talked.

- (1) At the present, we will need more time and discussion for the true coalition of TOCAT and APCAT. The next one will be held as the joint conference.
- (2) The levy of APACS from TOCAT6/APCAT5 will be 1/30 of the registration fees. Regular levy = 1/10 of the registration fees

The number of participants at the last APCAT = ca.400

The number of participants at the last TOCAT = ca.800

The levy from the Sapporo meeting = 1/10 * 400/(400+800) = 1/30

(3) The publication of the presented papers in the joint symposium should be discussed in the near future. "Topics in Catalysis" or "Catalysis Today" is a candidate.

Financial report

Prof. Lee gave a financial report. He said that APCAT-4 started with a levy 2000\$, but after a change in the currency rate, the balance was only about 1800\$.

General Report

Prof. Xiao gave a general report. The homepage of APACS (http://www.apacs.dicp.ac.cn) had been open since last year, and this homepage was updated by Secretariat in State Key Laboratory of Catalysis, Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics under direction of Prof. Can Li. The homepage has very useful links, which are very convenient to connect with International Journals and International Society such as ACS and IACS. Additionally, Secretariat has served catalysis scientists in Asia-Pacific area, sending news and messages from catalysis community to all APACS members. Furthermore, Prof. Xiao mentioned that other Catalysis Society in Asia and Pacific area wants to join APACS, and a few of APACS members suggested that Secretary of APACS should take formal correspondence to local catalysis society or local chemistry society, and the decision about the admission of a specific society to the APACS should be made according to a procedure described in the constitution.