

Minutes of the APACS Committee Meeting

Time/Date: 12:30 – 14:15; October 14 (Monday), 2013

Place: 3F, North Lounge, Taipei International Convention Center (TICC), Taipei, Taiwan

Attendants:

Sang H. Moon,	San-Eon Park,	Feng-Shou Xiao,	Can Li,
Masakazu Iwamoto,	Hiroshi Yamashita,	Chung-Yuan Mou,	Shang-Bin Liu,
Yu Han	Yun Hin Taufiq-Yap,	Le Minh Thang,	G. D. Yadav
Michael Stockenhuber,	Piyasan Praserttham,	B. Viswanathan,	S. Chilukuri

Agenda:

(1) Chairman's Welcome Remark

(2) Introduction of Committee Delegates

(3) Reports from Secretary and Treasurer

- A. Secretary (F.-S. Xiao) reported current APACS delegates representing individual countries as described in [Appendix 1](#).
- B. Treasurer (J. S. Lee who was unable to attend the meeting) reported financial status as described in [Appendix 2](#).

(4) Report of Catalysis Surveys from Asia

Editor-in-chief (A. Satsuma) was unable to attend APCAT-6. Nevertheless, it was indicated by delegates that the official journal for APACS was running well with a reasonable impact factor of 1.897 in 2012.

(5) Report of APCAT-6

Prof. Shang-Bin Liu, Secretary General of APCAT-6, reported that more than 808 researchers from 35 countries participated in APCAT-6. The Congress consisted of 7 Plenary Lectures, 15 Keynote Lectures, 28 Invited Lectures, 172 Oral Presentations (divided into 6 parallel sessions; total 62 sessions), and 429 Poster Presentations (divided into 2 sessions), which amounted to a total of 651 presented papers (abstracts). Selected abstracts will be invited for submission as full-papers to *ChemSusChem* and *Catalysis Today* for publication in special issues after peer review.

Two types of awards, namely Best Poster Award (10 awardees) and Grants & Fellowship Award for Ph.D. students (25 awardees) and young scientists (16 awardees), were presented in APCAT-6. According to the APACS constitution, APCAT should contribute 10% of the registration-fee income to APACS. The contribution was expected to be about USD 20,000. However, a special request was made by APCAT-6 for adjusting the levy portion (refer to **Item 10** below).

(6) Next Vice-Chairperson.

Between Profs. Chung-Yuan Mou (Taiwan) and Ganapati D. Yadav (India), who were nominated as candidates of the vice-chairperson, Prof. Chung-Yuan Mou was elected by majority votes.

(7) Venue for APCAT-7.

India and Vietnam bid for hosting the next Asia-Pacific Congress on Catalysis (APCAT-7). Profs. Ganapati D. Yadav (India) and Le Minh Thang (Vietnam) briefly explained their proposal. Mumbai in India was finally decided by majority votes as a venue for APCAT-7. However, it was indicated that the period of APCAT-7 should avoid a possible conflict with the 16th International Congress on Catalysis Congress (ICC-16) to be held in Beijing, China in July, 2016. As such, it was recommended that APCAT-7 would be held either near the end of 2015 or early 2017.

(8) Guidelines for using APACS Fund.

As regulated by the APACS Constitution, APCAT should contribute 10% of congress registration fee to APACS. Discussions were made about a general guideline for using the APACS Fund, as described below.

(A) The Fund is used for expenses of APACS Committee meeting.

(B) APACS will contribute, up to 20% of the Fund, to APCAT awards, such as stipend/fellowship, travel grant and excellent oral/poster awards, to promote the research activities of young scholars (post-doctoral fellows and junior scholars of age below 40).

(C). It was encouraged that the Fund could be used for supporting the participation of two persons in the APCAT: acting chairperson of APACS and/or chairperson of previous APCAT.

(D). The Fund can be used for other purposes as approved by the APACS Committee.

(9) New APACS members

South Africa and Russia expressed their interest in joining the APACS. It was indicated that the current APACS constitution placed difficulties in recruiting new APACS members. However, it

was agreed that APACS should welcome Catalysis Societies in Asia-Pacific Rims and that the above two societies be admitted to APACS. Chairman promised to contact representatives of the societies to re-confirm their intention

(10) Others

(A) APCAT-6 organizer requested a special discount of the donation originating from Chinese participants. It was explained that the APCAT-6 organizing committee made great efforts for promoting the Congress, particularly in China. As a result, among about 810 participants, more than 300 came from China. To improve convenience over the formalities and requirements from the Cross-Strait authorities, a pre-APCAT-6 symposium entitled “The 10th Cross-Strait Catalysis Symposium (CSCS-10)” was held during October 11-13, 2013 in Taipei. Considering that no official funding was allocated for the CSCS-10, APCAT-6 organizer requested APACS to collect only 5% of the registration fees paid by participants from China. The request was approved by majority votes.

(B) As no other motion was raised, Chairman announced dismiss of the meeting at 14:15.