Asian-Pacific Association for Biomechanics

2015 Executive Committee Meeting

Room A1-70, Building A, Faculty of Engineering, Hokkaido University
Date and Time: Friday 18th September, 15:20 – 17:00 JST (~100mins)

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Agenda

1 Opening Remarks: Chairman (Takeo Matsumoto)
   Documents distributed:
   0) Agenda
   1) Ref. 2015-1: Exec. Comm. Members’ list,
   2) Ref. 2015-2: Summary for Application Form submission to the APAB with submitted eight applications (Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand),
   3) Ref. 2015-3: Explanation of the APAB and AP Biomech conference history
   4) Ref. 2015-4: Summary of Presentations at AP Biomech
   5) Ref. 2015-5: Publications relating to APAB
2 Introduction of Attendants

3 Change in members of Executive Committee (Takeo, Ref.2015-1)
Taiwan: Fong-Chin Su to Jaw-Lin Wang (National Taiwan University)
Thailand: Banchong Mahaisavariya to Jakrit Suthakorn (Mahidol University)
Australia: Mark Pearcy to Elizabeth Clarke (The University of Sydney)
Malaysia: New member Noor Azuan Abu Osman (University of Malaya) (absent)
- Change of 4 members listed above has been approved.
- In addition to the Executive Committee members, the past AP Biomech chairs and the members of World Council of Biomechanics in AP region were listed for our future discussion about the Executive Committee members.

4 Membership (Takeo, Ref. 2015-2)
- Discussed on the formal application to the APAB and accepted all applications from 8 countries/regions. With a signature the President (Takeo Matsumoto), they will be uploaded to the APAB Web-site.
- Eight out of 10 member countries/regions have already submitted the application form.
- Confirmed that the APAB is the Association of the Societies in AP region; therefore, the application should be submitted from the representative(s) of their society.
- Mark will contact Tim David about NZ inclusion with ANZSB and if Tim is happy to continue as a member of the APAB committee.
- Jaw-Lin will contact Yubo Fan to submit the application from China.

5 Reviews on current activities
5.1 Yamaguchi Medal (James)
- James reported about the process and the Medal winners:
  Bone and Joint Biomechanics (# of applicants: 5) Yoshitaka KAMEO (Kyoto Univ, Japan)
  Cardiovascular Biofluid Mechanics (3) Choon Hwai YAP (NUS, Singapore)
  Cellular and Molecular Biomechanics (4) Yee Han TEE (Mechanobiol Inst, Singapore)
  Gait and Kinesiology (3) Raye Chen-Hua YEOW (NUS, Singapore)
  Soft Tissue Mechanics (4) Wen Ming CHEN (Inje Univ, South Korea)
- Discussed about the eligibility as an early-carrier researchers award and decided to make it one-year longer from “not more than 6 years after getting PhD” to “7 years.”
- Takeo will amend the Charter.
- Ninety-five medals, i.e., enough for 19 conferences, are being stored in Takeo’s office now; therefore, in AP Biomech 2017 (Brisbane) we can increase the number of winners to 6 or 7.

5.2 AP Biomech 2015@Sapporo (Toshiro)
- Toshiro reported on the AP Biomech 2015. We have received 318 abstracts from 17 countries. The number of attendee was 370 on the first day. Missed some presentations from China due to visa problem.

5.3 Website (Takeo)
- Website (http://www.apbiomech.org/) is now maintained by Public Relations Committee, Bioengineering Division, JSME including domain name fee ~100 USD/y.
- Contents have been updated and revised. Many items have been added (Objectives, History, Organization, Conferences, Publications, Award, Documents, and Link) (Refs. 2015-3)
- Summary of presentation at AP Biomech (from the 1st to the 8th) was reviewed (Refs. 2015-4)
- Publications relating to APAB were reviewed (Refs. 2015-5). Yamaguchi Medal winners have been invited to submit their papers to the Special Issue of JBSE (not mandatory submission). Toshiro and Shigeru Tadano will invite all the participants to submit to the Special Issue.

6 Future activities
6.1 AP Biomech 2017@Brisbane (Mark, Liz)
  Date: 23-27 July 2017
  Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
  URL: http://www.biomech2017.com/
- Presentation by Mark on the recent updates of AP Biomech 2017 and discussion:
  1) Takeo asked Mark: The web-page needs to say that: ISB2017 is a joint meeting of the International Society of Biomechanics (ISB), The Asian-Pacific Association for Biomechanics
(APAB) and the Australian and New Zealand Society of Biomechanics (ANZSB); it incorporates the XXVI Congress of the ISB with the 9th AP Biomech Conference of APAB.

2) How to integrate APAB activities, such as APAB sessions and Yamaguchi Medal Award, to the ISB2017, and the way to circulate their information need to be discussed. Yamaguchi medals will be awarded at ISB2017 and we should include a comment on this and a direct link to the appropriate APAB web page for details of the eligibility and awarding of the medals on the ISB0217 web site.

6.2 AP Biomech next to Brisbane

6.2.1 We have three proposals:

1) Singapore (James)
   Date: 4-7 December 2019 (tentative)
   Venue: Marina Bay Sands (tentative)
   In conjunction with International Conference on Biomedical Engineering 2019

2) Japan (Taiji)
   Date: Before or after 2020 Tokyo Olympics
   Venue: Kyoto

3) Taiwan (Jaw-Lin)
   Date: November 2019
   Venue: Taipei, Tainan, or even Hualian or Taidon

6.2.2 Discussion about the next AP Biomech meeting:
- Should AP Biomech Meeting be in conjunction with WCB2022 held in APAB countries? Or, should it be held independently, not in conjunction with other international big conferences?
- It looks a good idea to have AP Biomech with Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (July 24 – Aug 9), but better to have it in autumn in Kyoto, and it does not have to be in 2020.
- Jackrit will be happy to organize AP Biomech in Thailand in the future, but in this time we will starts with three countries who have already submitted their proposals.
- We will have AP Biomech every two years (2017, 2019, 2021, …). In 2017, Brisbane. In 2019, Taiwan or Singapore (Jaw-Lin and James will discuss. >>> They agreed that Taiwan will host AP Biomech 2019). In 2021 autumn, Kyoto, Japan. And, an extra one in 2022 in conjunction with WCB2022?

6.3 Collaboration with WCB2018@Dublin (Takeo)

Date: 8-12 July 2018
Venue: Dublin, Ireland

Background: During SB3C2015 at Snowbird, Profs. Fergal J. O’Brien (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland) and Daniel J Kelly (Trinity College Dublin) asked us to have collaboration at WCB2018 (to increase the number of participants).

We decided to organize several APAB sessions in WCB2018.

7 Expansion of APAB

7.1 Current states of other countries
- Indonesia: We will accept Indonesia to join the APAB, based on a request from Prof. Andi Isra Mahyuddin (Bandung Inst Tech). (3 papers at AP Biomech 2010, 4 papers at AP Biomech 2015) We will ask Indonesia to submit an application form.
- Philippines: We will wait for them (Dr. Rommel Bacabac) to attend next AP Biomech Meeting.
- Vietnam: no biomechanics group

8 Misc

8.1 Next APAB Executive Committee Meeting in 2016
- We should have the APAB Executive Committee Meeting every year.
- Not all the committee members will attend SB3C (June 29 – July 2, 2016; National Harbor, MD, USA) or ESB (July 10, 2016 – July 13, 2016; Lyon, France).
- Jackrit will organize a national conference in Thailand to promote biomechanics research in the country. On that occasion, we will have the next APAB Executive Committee Meeting in 2016.

9 Adjournment