

# 5<sup>th</sup> ASIAN SOCIETY OF GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY (ASGO) COUNCIL MEETING

Nov 5 (Sat), 2011, 12:30 –13:30 P.M., Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Calasia room, Seoul, Korea

## MINUTES

### **Present**

President

Soon-Beom Kang

President Elect

Toshiharu Kamura

Secretary-Treasurer

Jae Weon Kim

Members of the Scientific Program Committee

Mohamad Farid Aziz

Zeyi Cao

Yin Nin Chia

Uma K. Devi

Efren Domingo

Noriyuki Inaba

Joo-Hyun Nam

Seung-Cheol Kim

Kazunori Ochiai

Hee-Sug Ryu

Kung Liahng Wang

### ***Meeting Observers***

Ikuo Konishi (Japan)

Kimio Ushijima (Japan)

Mikiko Sakai (Japan)

Chunling Chen (China)

Chul Min Lee (Korea)

Dong Hoon Suh (Korea)

### **Representative**

Arb-aroon Lertkhachonsuk (Thailand) (Instead of Sarikapan Wilailak)

### **Apology**

Sarikapan Wilailak (Thailand)

Hextan Y.S. Ngan (Hong Kong)

Yasuhiro Udagawa (Japan)

## **Welcome & Declaration of the opening of the meeting**

*Soon-Beom Kang*

## **Minutes**

*Soon-Beom Kang*

- The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting held in Seoul last July were summarized by Jae Weon Kim.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Meeting**

### **A. Registration and abstract submission**

*Joo-hyun Nam*

- Total number of registration is a little bit changed because of the cancellation and on-site registration. Anyway the registration is five hundred twenty four in total. Korea 288, Japan 77, and Thailand 60. Originally, more Thai colleagues were scheduled to attend this meeting, but some of them cancelled the registration because of the natural disaster. And 31 Taiwanese have attended.
- On the next page, the number of abstract submitted is here, Korea, China, Japan, and so on from the top of the list. The total is 226. We have checked the poster presentation. Only three were missing. I think the attendance was very good.

### **B. Preliminary financial report**

*Joo-hyun Nam*

- Registration fees were 131,000 USD, and exhibition was 503,000 USD. A fund from the government or academic organizations was 20,000 USD. The total income was 655,000 USDs. The expenses are followed. This is just estimated one.
- Around 655,000 USD is going to be used. We expect the surplus may be around 50,000 USD. Among them we are going to donate some amount of them to ASGO fund. But, the exact amount is to be determined.

## **Presidential Fund**

*Soon-Beom Kang*

- This meeting is prepared together with domestic meetings. KSGO and KGOG meeting were held on the first day, and ASGO meeting was followed later on from the second day. KSGO and KGOG usually have their own regular meeting on every fall. They have some income and surplus fund from the meeting for the management of the societies. At the beginning of the preparation of this ASGO 2011, we got together, presidents of KSGO, KGOG, and ASGO, and decided that we were going to hold the meetings simultaneously and divide the surplus fund, if any, evenly.
- I think every society has actively participated in this meeting, and encouraged the registration. The total surplus would be divided among the three societies. I guess and hope, we get around 20,000 or 30,000 USDs as a surplus fund of this ASGO meeting. I hope the secretary-treasurer will keep this money, and deposit it in a bank, a bank in Japan or Korea, hopefully a Korean bank, I guess.
- I hope this money will be used for the regional meeting support, some grants, or support for education in developing countries. Another big portion of the use would be for the management of the ASGO homepage as well as any event that council members agree. This is just what I thought. Do you have any idea about the money? I named the money

“presidential fund”. Therefore, any president from now on can contribute to this money. For example, prof. Kamura can add some amount of money after the 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial meeting in Kyoto.

- It is a really good plan to set a presidential fund in this congress. I know the JSGO as well as gynecologic oncology societies from Korea have contributed a lot. But, if it could take the more, I guess, like 60/40 of the funding of ASGO, the ASGO can grow more and more than instead it were distributed. We can just discuss them more. (Uma K. Devi)

- We did not get the exact financial report from the organization of the ASGO yet. I think this is just the beginning of ASGO. I think we have to keep the money for running the ASGO itself. The fund for maintaining the ASGO organization is the number one priority. The support for meeting is the second place. (Kazunori Ochiai)

- This is raised by the successful meeting. So, this money will be used for next meeting or something like that. It is not good, though I think prof. Konishi will have to work very hard for the next meeting to raise more fund. Accumulating the fund can provide such kind of things like educational things. It is better to keep this kind of money for that purpose than just running cost like the management of homepage, etc. (Shingo Fujii)

- If ASGO is growing, we need a secretary or assistant of the president or secretary general. We need some money to pay him or her. So, we need this kind of money or fund. (Joo-Hyun Nam)

- And finally we need to make a kind of office. (Kazunori Ochiai)

- Does everybody agree that we will talk about this issue after finalizing the balance of the finance of ASGO 2011. Next council meeting may be too late. Before the next regular council meeting, the next president should decide through email or something.

- Seung-Cheol Kiim is not available now because he is chairing the luncheon symposium. So, Jae Weon Kim will replace him. (Soon-Beom Kang)

## **Membership**

*Jae Weon Kim*

- There data are only based on the membership applications submitted online and offline to our office. Two hundred twenty four in total from 18 countries with Taiwan at the top.

- I put the application form in the congress kit. Until now, additional 18 filled up the application forms and submitted. I recommend you to push your countries to apply the membership.

## **Official journal and homepage**

*Hee-Sug Ryu*

- As I said at the last council meeting, we will have the impact factor for our journal next year for the first time. The performance of JGO is improving. There are two kinds of system to evaluate the performance of the journal. One is SJR running by [Scopus®](#) and [Elsevier](#) companies, and the other is SCI running by Thomson. If we have the impact factor next year, it would be 1.2 comparing with 3.7 for gynecologic oncology and 1.9 for International journal of gynecological cancer.

- We did not have enough number of manuscripts from the council member countries. Please, recommend your society members to submit good manuscripts and I am requesting all the council members here to submit very good manuscript more than one every two year. It's mandatory.
- In order to maintain good journal with good review, I also asked to recommend two reviewers in each council member countries. But, only Thailand sent two reviewers. Please, send me the names of reviewers for each council member countries.
- Finally, please leave the JGO banner in your domestic society homepage, through which will make possible to get in the JGO and access the JGO easily.

### **Inauguration of the incoming president**

*Soon-Beom Kang/Toshiharu Kamura*

- I think it is the time when I finish my duty as the president. From now on, new president, prof. Kamura will take over the council meeting. (Soon-Beom Kang)
- Thank you very much. It is a great honor for me to be appointed as a president of ASGO after great prof. Soon Beom Kang. On behalf of all council members, I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to prof. Kang for his wonderful foresight and great devotion to establishing the society in 2009 and prosperous organization in Asia contributing to the study, prevention and treatment of gynecologic cancer. Thank you very much.

### **A. Nomination of president-elect**

- Now, I would like to propose the president-elect according to bylaw. (Toshiharu Kamura)
- I would like to propose prof. Nam who did wonderful job to prepare and host this second biennial meeting for two and half days. He did very nice job. (Hee-Sug Ryu)
- Who will second? (Toshiharu Kamura)
- Second. (many)
- My second proposal is the 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial meeting according to the agenda, which will be presented by prof. Konishi in Kyoto University. (Toshiharu Kamura)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Meeting**

*Ikuo Konishi (Congress Chairman of 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial meeting)*

- I am prof. Ikuo Konishi from Kyoto University Japan. It is great honor and privilege for me to be appointed as a congress president of the 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial meeting of ASGO in 2013. I am much impressed by the great success of second ASGO meeting by prof. Nam. I would like to do my best as possible as I can for preparation of ASGO meeting in 2013. I would like to tell you the date, December 13-15. The venue is Westin Miyako hotel. Miyako means a capital in Japanese. Miyako hotel is a classical and most prestigious hotel in Kyoto. In Kyoto, you can enjoy not only scientific program but also social network. So, I would like to have all of you in Kyoto. I am looking forward to seeing you in Kyoto again. Thank you very much.

### **Miscellaneous**

- I would like prof. Kim to explain a little bit about the letter from Malaysia. (Toshiharu Kamura)

- As discussed in the last council meetings, we sent emails to Malaysian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Cancer Society. And we got response. They recommended Dr. Kumarasami as a Malaysian council member of ASGO. He accepted and was supposed to attend this meeting, but he had previous engagement in India and he cannot attend this time. He would like to invite 2-3 ASGO speakers to the meeting scheduled in 2013. (Jae Weon Kim)
- I would like to accept this offer and send 2-3 speakers. They will provide 90 minutes for ASGO speakers. I would like you to recommend speakers. (Toshiharu Kamura)
- Do they cover the travel expenses? (Joo-Hyun Nam)
- Travel expenses will not covered by the Malaysian society. They will take care of accommodation and waive the registration fee. That's all. Anyway I would like to decide the doctors to be sent to this meeting within this year. (Toshiharu Kamura)
- You know new society of gynecologic oncology was established in Malaysia recently, in July. So, is the meeting Ob/Gyn meeting, not oncology meeting? (Shingo Fujii)
- It is not the oncology meeting, but they provide a special symposium for gynecologic oncology. So, we should send. (Toshiharu Kamura)
- After contact them, new president should decide who or from which society will be sent to the meeting. (Hee-Sug Ryu)
- OK. I will contact and ask what kind of subject they want us to present in the meeting. (Toshiharu Kamura)
- First of all, Dr. Chen and I are really enjoying this meeting. It's quite well organized. I think China is council member of ASGO, but less contributing to ASGO so far. We will do our role and do our best. We will encourage more doctors in China to be member of ASGO. It is too late this time. Maybe after this meeting, more than one hundred of gyn. oncologists in China, especially young doctors will be new members of ASGO. And also to support the JGO, lots of submission will come to the journal. Next conference is Japan, and next will be Taiwan... I hope someday the turn will come to China. We are waiting for it. Gynecologic oncology is developing very fast in China. We still have so many patients with many problems. We have many experiences to wish to share with ASGO. I would say next year we will hold a regional meeting of IGCS in China, maybe in June or September. If we fix the date, we would like to invite all of you to come to China. We will do more collaboration with ASGO, and become a very active member of ASGO. (Zeyi Cao)
- If you look at the constitution of ASGO, it says the initiation countries, Japan and Korea will host the biennial meeting until the fifth meeting. It is already set. It's a kind of a period of probation. You can contribute to the society in many ways, and after that the countries other than Japan and Korea will host the meeting. And there is another way to contribute to the society. You can host interim workshop or any kind of meetings. (Hee-Sug Ryu)
- There is a reason why Japan and Korea would like to host 4 times like that. It is to raise fund to get to establish this society. We didn't have any kind of money at that time. In order to raise fund, and after that, I think next year IGCS would like to have a symposium in China

and send five people there. At that time ASGO people can join there. That is on your hand.  
(Shingo Fujii)

- I was elected as a chairman of an oncology committee of AOFOG last September. I think the oncology committee of AOFOG is a little bit isolated from national society. The oncology committee of AOFOG would like to ask all council members of ASGO to collaborate and would like to send a request of what we have to do as an oncology committee. The term is two years, but I hope the oncology committee of ASFOG will work with ASGO more.  
(Kazunori Ochiai)
- Let's go back to the agenda, number 10, next council meeting. I suggest the next council meeting will be held in Kyoto in Sep 29, 2012. (Toshiharu Kamura)
- That day is the start of Korean thanks giving holiday. (Soon-Beom Kang)
- More than half of council members agreed. (Toshiharu Kamura)

**Adjourn**

*Toshiharu Kamura*

*Respectfully submitted, Dong Hoon Suh/Jae Weon Kim*