

Minutes

Osaka, Japan. 28 September 2005

1. Council Meeting

The Asia-Oceania Ceramic Federation (hereinafter referred to as AOCF) Council was held during the 1st AOCF Conference and the Council meeting was convened at 13:30 on 28 September 2005 in the special meeting room of Convention hall, Osaka Prefecture University, Osaka, Japan.

Those present were:

Prof. **Yi-Bing** Cheng: (Australasian Ceramic Society. ASC)

Prof. **Luo** Hongjie: (Chinese Ceramic Society. CCS)

Prof. **Pan** Wei: (Chinese Ceramic Society)

Prof. Shin-ichi **Hirano**: (Ceramic Society of Japan. CSJ) : **Current AOCF President**

Prof. Akio **Makishima**: (Ceramic Society of Japan)

Prof. Choel Young **Kim**: (Korean Ceramic Society. KSC)

At the beginning of the meeting, President Hirano briefed meeting members on the background of AOCF-establishment and reminded members of objectives of AOCF.

2. Confirmation of previous meeting

The meeting in 2004 was held by Internet. The resolution of approving Australasian Ceramic Society as a member of AOCF was confirmed.

3. The next management

President Hirano reported the result of discussion at the former meeting in Nagoya that KSC would be expected to accept the next President. The meeting concluded that the next President was to be elected from KSC, and then 3rd President from CCS and 4th President would be from ACS.

Prof. Kim(KSC) answered to report a next president sooner and the Council meeting decided to ask the current president, Hirano, for continuing the presidency until the next president will be reported from KSC to the secretariat.

President Hirano requested members to inform the name of representative from each Society. It was reported by Prof. Luo that Prof. Luo and Prof. Pan were appointed as the representatives of CCS. ACS, CSJ and KCS will inform the name of representative to AOCF secretariat, currently CSJ, after finalization of them in each Society.

4. Future Conference

Prof. Makishima reported the future plan of PAC-RIM, that is, 2007 in Shanghai, 2009 by American Ceramic Society (ACerS) and 2011 in Australia. In consideration of not to conflict the time of PAC-RIM, the meeting concluded to change the year of Conference.

As the result of the meeting, final plan of the year and place for Conference were 2006 in Korea and 2008 in China. Conference of the year 2010 is to be confirmed by ACS.

Since the Conference was front-loaded by one year from previous plan, President Hirano announced this amendment in the Banquet speech on Sept.28.

5. Others

Prof. Makishima reported shortly about recent global movement in Ceramic Society and activities of International Ceramic Federation (ICF). In order to revitalize ICF, there was a proposal from Italy to change the name of international organization from ICF to ICA (International Alliance). But after several times of opinion exchange between ICF council members, it was finalized that instead of changing the name, the ceramic communities should act for revitalizing ICF and Internal Commission on Ceramic (ICC) would be held in every two years. It will start from 2006 in USA, 2008 in Europe and 2010 in Japan (AOCF)

Prof. Pan gave several suggestions to make full use of AOCF Conference, such as to have an opportunity to exchange information about education program of ceramists in each country and to exchange views between participants. Furthermore, in order to make Conference more attractive to younger ceramists, to review the papers in Proceedings from abstracts to full papers and to establish some kind of AOCF award to encourage younger generation was proposed.

Prof. Yi-Bing referred to the effect of short term research or study in other countries to promote a motivation of ceramists and supported AOCF award such as “certificate” to call their attention to AOCF.

Prof. Kim proposed publication of “Journal” by AOCF members. It was understood that simple combination of existing journal of each Society would not be accepted by readers because of difference between each country and special activity, such as “Publishing Committee” would be required to solve technical difficulty, such as review and correction of the papers. The representatives from CCS proposed the positive opinion to publish some kind of bulletin. The meeting accepted to consider positively the proposal and that the representatives from each society will serve as editorial members.

Although there were many useful suggestions and proposal, they could not be concluded in the meeting because of technical difficulty and necessity of financial scheme.

Prof. Hirano referred to overseas bases of Japanese University supported by Japanese government and full use of new University-network for information exchange.

At last President Hirano requested further co-operation and collaboration between AOCF members and the meeting was closed.

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