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Editorial

Welcome to the 15th edition of FAOPS newsletter. FAOPS has now a new second vice president. Julie Chan is the chairperson of the local organizing committee of the next FAOPS congress to be held in Taipei in 2011. On behalf the FAOPS public relation committee, I congratulate her and wish her the best. I am sure that with her expertise and devotion, we would experience an exciting scientific event in the next congress and we are waiting to visit Taipei during this meeting. FAOPS has now a new member since the last newsletter which is the Uzbekistan Physiological Society (UPS). Hence we congratulate Professor Sabirov, the president and all the members of this society. The FAOPS Council has accepted UPS to be an associate member of FAOPS and thereby they may send observers to the meeting of the General Assembly of the 8th FAOPS congress. We hope this membership would be a beginning for recognizing physiologists and physiology societies from the other central Asian countries, such as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan. We have no doubt that there are eligible physiologists/and societies in these countries who could be active members of FAOPS and represent the physiologists in this part of Asia.

In this issue you will find the FAOPS president's message for the 2008 activities. In addition, you will see a report from Professor Ki Whan Kim regarding the 6th congress which was held in 2006 in Seoul which could be useful for Julie and her colleagues. Finally, I ask the FAOPS member societies to urge their contact persons whose names are listed in this issue to send their society activities to the public relation committee for the future FAOPS newsletter and website.

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President's Message for the FAOPS 2008 activities

Prof. Y. Okada

I would like to convey the recent decisions by the FAOPS Council for the FAOPS activities from 2008, as follows:

1. The FAOPS Council has elected Prof. Fereshteh Motamedi as the Chairperson of the FAOPS Public Relation (PR) Committee and asked her to select the Committee members. We then ask the PR Committee to publish the next volume (#15) of the FAOPS Newsletter.
2. Since the FAOPS PR Committee must deal not only with the FAOPS Newsletter but also with the FAOPS Website. Thus, the FAOPS Council has elected Prof. Cheah Swee Hung as the Vice-Chairperson who is to deal mainly with the Website. The PR Committee is in charge of renewing or updating the Website contents whenever needed.
3. All the FAOPS member societies should urge their contact persons to send their society activities to the PR Committee regularly.
4. Having consulted all council members, the FAOPS Council has decided that the FAOPS Congress of a 4 year cycle is to be held just between the IUPS Congresses of a 4 year cycle. There are many reasons for this proposal. First, we could expect to have much more attendees for the FAOPS Congress held 2 years after than only 1 year after the IUPS Congress. Second, the Long Range Planning Committee of IUPS will soon announce a recommendation that the IUPS Council Meeting is to be held between IUPS Congresses at a Regional Meeting (such as the FAOPS Congress). Third, we then can have the FAOPS Council Meeting at an IUPS Congress between FAOPS Congresses (and save the travel expense as well).
5. The FAOPS Council has decided that this change will start from the next 7th or 8th FAOPS Congress in Taiwan or Thailand by postponing it to 2011 or 2015, respectively. After discussing with the representatives of the Chinese Association for Physiological Sciences and the Physiological Society of Thailand, we will decide which is feasible.
6. If this change could start from the 7th Congress, the next FAOPS Council Meeting is to be held at IUPS2009 in Kyoto.
7. We can offer grants (US\$ 3000 each) to support a regional conference, symposium and/or teaching workshop that is open to oversea participation each year. The applications for the meetings to be held in 2009 must be made to the FAOPS Secretary (xlyang@fudan.edu.cn) within 2008.
8. We will try our best to recruit new members, both regular and supporting members. Your information for the candidates will be appreciated.

FAOPS News

FAOPS has a new 2nd Vice President

President and secretary of FAOPS have announced that Dr. Julie Chan has been elected as the 2nd FAOPS vice president. Dr. Julie Y.H. Chan has assumed the duties of the president of Chinese Physiological Society (CPS) located in Taipei and will be the chairperson of the local organization committee for the 7th FAOPS congress to be held in Taipei in 2011. According to Article VII(3) of the FAOPS constitution, we herewith confirm that Dr. Chan is now the second vice president of FAOPS in the council.

We sincerely hope, with Dr. Chan as a chairperson, the organizing committee, working with all council members and member societies, will try best to make the 7th FAOPS congress a big success.

New FAOPS associate member

Following the Uzbekistan Physiological Society (UPS) request to join FAOPS, the council members have approved the UPS as an associate member of FAOPS. The president and secretary of FAOPS have written the following message to Prof. Sabirov, the representative contact person of UPS:

Dear Prof. Sabirov,

We are pleased to inform you that the application of the Uzbekistan Physiological Society (UPS) for associate membership of the Federation of Asian and Oceanic physiological Societies (FAOPS) has been accepted by the FAOPS council. The council has also decided that your society only needs to pay the nominal dues of USD\$ 50 per year. Congratulations! We sincerely hope your society with other member societies together; will definitely make contribution to the further development of FAOPS in the future.

According to article IV (2) of the FAOPS constitution, your society may send observers (without votes) to the meeting of the general assembly of the 7th FAOPS congress to be held in Taipei in 2011.

Y. Okada
FAOPS president

X.L. Yang
FAOPS secretary

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Introducing Member Societies

The Physiological Society of Japan



The Physiological Society of Japan (PSJ) is active through meetings, publications, and committee activities. The Society's members, over 3,000, work primarily in academia and industry. Each year, the Society holds an Annual Meeting with symposia, platform sessions, poster presentations, subgroup meetings, committee programs and exhibits. Most of oral sessions are presented in English and all posters are presented in both Japanese and English to facilitate participation from overseas. The 84th Annual Meeting was held on March 20-22, 2007 in Osaka. With approximately 900 abstracts submitted and 1600 attendees, the meeting was full of active discussion and exchange of knowledge. This year, we will hold the 85th Annual Meeting on March 25-27 in Tokyo.

The Society publishes bimonthly *Journal of Physiological Sciences (JPS)*, which is accessible online to all members as a benefit of membership. The journal publishes original papers as well as review papers through a peer-review process, which normally takes less than 3 weeks. Because the Journal title was changed from *Japanese Journal of Physiology (JJP)* in 2006, an impact factor is not yet given for *JPS*, but it is highly expected that an impact factor will be assigned in 2008. In order to broaden the scope of the Journal, the Editorial Board has newly built Physiome/Systems Biology section, an area of current topics. Submission of papers from all the FAOPS members to *JPS* is extremely welcome.

The Physiological Society of Japan is going to host the *XXXVI International Congress of Physiological Sciences (IUPS 2009)* next year in Kyoto, and is making every effort to organize it successfully and fruitfully. The success of the congress depends critically on many participants from all over the world, so we are preparing to welcome active scientists in physiology and related areas (<http://www.iups2009.com/>). The IUPS 2009 Kyoto will consist of about 24 Presidential and Plenary Lectures, 12 Whole-day Symposia, 42 Symposia, 10 PSJ Symposia, 9 Teaching Seminars, 20 Luncheon Seminars and 24 Meet-the-Lecturer Sessions; the main features of the program, such as Plenary Lectures and Symposia, were selected at the 2nd International Scientific Program Committee meeting held in December, 2007 in Kyoto. In addition, some related societies will hold their symposia around the time of the main congress. We expect that it will be a perfect opportunity for physiologists from all over the world to meet and discuss various aspects of physiology. Also, attractive social programs introducing traditional Japanese performing arts will be provided. In relation to IUPS 2009, we are constructing the new English website of the Physiological Society of Japan, which will be opened in early 2008.

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The 6th Congress-Secretary Report

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The 6th Scientific Congress of the Federation of Asian and Oceanian Societies, hosted by the Korean Physiological Society, was held at the Central City and JW Marriot Hotel in Seoul from the 15 to 18th of October 2006. The occasion saw the gathering of some 780 participants from more than twenty countries coming, together to present their research findings and to network with colleagues and friends from all over the world.

In addition to the main Congress, the satellite congresses for the ADI Workshop, Korea-Japan Joint symposium, and Symposium on Physiology Education were held, each drawing approximately 40 participants.

The quadrennial FAOPS Congress was declared open by Dr. Ki Whan Kim, chair of the 6th FAOPS Organizing Committee. Plenary lectures were presented by Professor H-S Shin from Korea (“Thalamic sensory gating”), Professor D. Noble from the U.K. (“Physiology: its time has come!”) and Professor Y. Kurachi from Japan (“Cell signal control of muscarinic activation of cardiac potassium channel”).

In addition, the John A. Young Memorial lecture entitled “Understanding tissue physiology as an essential step to achieving effective tissue-targeted gene therapy” was presented by Professor B.J. Baum. Aside from these, there were 9 special lectures given by physiologists who are experts in various fields and there



were 22 symposia held. A total 103 invited speakers presented, and over 401 other participants were involved in poster presentations. Holding the Congress main meeting in a hotel where a large number of the participants stayed, allowed for better interaction and networking among participants.

The satellite congresses

Physiology Education Symposium was held on the 15 October (Sunday) at the Catholic Research Institute of Medical Science, University of Catholic. This was organized by professors Duk-Joon Suh (Dong-A University, South Korea) and Chiu-Yun Kwan (China Medical University, Taiwan). The program were changed a little due speaker's personal problem. The program was started by Duk-Joon Suh (South Korea, What should a medical physiology curriculum be like?). Tai Yao (China, Is Asian culture a detrimental barrier to innovative in medical physiology education), Ying-Tung Lau (Taiwan, Should the instructions for learning/teaching physiology be different for medical student and research students?), Adrianta Sur (Indonesia, Physiology teaching: Experience from Indonesia), Manish Bajpai (India, Teaching of medical physiology in India), Chiu-Yin Kwan (Taiwan, Being an innovative and fashionable education concept, why has PBL been progressing so slowly and, in some cases, ineffectively?), Osamu Matsuo (Japan, To teach or to facilitate? What difference would it make in student's learning?), and the Tony MacKnight (NewZealand, Can physiology

laboratory courses be made self-directed?) announced. A panel consisting of representatives from several countries including South Korea, China, Taiwan, India, Indonesia, Japan and New Zealand presented and discussed their experiences in using problem based learning and clinical performance examination and objective structured clinical examination with good participation from the floor during the discussion symposium at the end.

Congress dinner

The congress dinner was attended by about 390 participants, spouses and guests. The dinner not only provided food but also entertainment from the contemporary cultural performance.

FAOPS Council Meeting and General Assembly

The 12th FAOPS Council Meeting and the 6th General Assembly were held October 15, 2006. The council meeting was held October 15 (Sun) 09:00-13:00 at the Carnation Room (12th Floor) of the Seoul Palace Hotel. The general assembly was held October 15 14:-17:00 at the Millennium Hall of the Marriott Hotel, Seoul/Korea. The agenda of the council meeting were as follows : 1. Approval of minutes of 11th FAOPS Council Meeting, 2. Reports of Officers (The President, The Secretary, The Treasurer, and The Editors of FAOPS Newsletter), 3. 7th FAOPS Congress, 2010 presented by the Chinese Physiological Society of Taiwan, 4. Presentation by PST and discussion on the bid for the 8th FAOPS Congress, 5. Election of Officers and Councilors for the term of 2006-2010 by the Nominating Committee (2006/8/14) ; As the Officers, President Yasunobu Okada (Japan), Past

President Chumpol Pholpramool (Thailand), 1st Vice President K.W. Kim (Korea), 2nd Vice President 2010 FAOPS Congress Organizer (Taiwan), Treasurer David Cook (Australia), Secretary Xiong-Li Yang (China), and as the Council Members, Pat Cragg (New Zealand), V.M. Kumar (India), Ming Fan (China), Arie Moran (Israel), Saeed Semnianian (Iran), and Harbindar Jeet Singh (Malaysia), 6. Proposal of Honorary Members ; Masao Ito (Japan), Woo Gyeum Kim (Korea), and Pr.....(Thailand), 7. Other matters ; ADI was proposed as the Supporting Member of the FAOPS.

At the General Assembly the invitation for the 8th FAOPS Congress, 2014 proposed by the Thailand was unanimously accepted. The new officers and council members selected by the Nominating Committee were also unanimously approved. Three Honorary Members and one Supporting member were approved.

Regarding Korea-Japan Joint symposium

Seoul National University played host to The 6th Korea-Japan Joint Symposium of Brain Sciences, and Cardiac and Smooth Muscles on Saturday October 14th. It was chaired by Drs. Byung-Il Min and Pan Dong Ryu. Twenty topics were presented to about 50 participants, over 4 sessions. The robust discussion and generous exchange of information was professionally stimulating. To get to know each other better, we moved to Icheon (about 60 km from Seoul) the next day. Icheon is famous for hot spring and traditional Korean ceramics. Symposium members enjoyed the excursion immensely, and received ceramic souvenirs that they made by themselves. We are sure all participants would agree that the Symposium proved to be professionally fruitful, and enjoyable event.

Meeting Calendar

3rd FAONS Symposium 2008

4-6 Decemebr 2008, Bangkok, Thailand

Website: www.faons2008.com

2nd Joint Meeting of the International Bone and Mineral Society and the Australian & New Zealand Bone & Mineral Society

21-25 March 2009, Sydney, Australia

Website: www.ibms2009.com

11th European Congress of Endocrinology

25-29 April 2009, Istanbul, Turkey

Website: www.ece2009.com

17th European Congress on Obesity

3-6 May 2009, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Website: www.easoobesity.org/eco2009

8th European Congress on Menopause

16-20 May 2009, London, United Kingdom

Website: www.kenes.com/emas-congress

17th Asian Pacific Congress of Cardiology

20-24 may 2009, Kyoto, Japan

Email: 17apcc@convention.co.jp

36th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues

23-27 May 2009, Vienna, Austria

Website: www.ectsoc.org

91st Annual Meeting of The Endocrine Society

10-13 Jun 2009, Washington DC, USA

Website: www.endo-society.org/apps/Events



Kyoto, Japan, July 27 - August 1, 2009
Function of Life : Elements and Integration

XXXVI International Congress of Physiological Sciences

International Union of Physiological Sciences 36th World Congress

27 Jul-01 Aug 2009, Kyoto, Japan

Website: www.iups2009.com

Schedule of Key Dates

The PDF files for the Announcement and the Poster are also available from following

URLs: <http://physiology.jp/data/download/20080911125715.pdf>

and <http://physiology.jp/data/download/20080911125648.pdf>, respectively.

Abstract Submission:	1 September – 10 December 2008
Registration for Participation:	Early: 1 September 2008 – 17 April 2009 Late: 18 April 2009 – 30 June 2009
Application for Travel Grants:	1 September – 10 December 2008
Deadline for Satellite Symposia Submission:	10 December 2008
Online Booking for Accommodation Starts on:	1 September 2008