

International Federation of Medical and Biological Engineers
President's Report to the Administrative Council Meeting

This report covers the period from the end of May 2012 to 25 September 2013.

Primarily I would like to thank the AC members for their efforts in the mentioned period, and for their support in making important decisions for the Federation.

I would like to specially thank the Officers who initiated a number of actions and supported me in actions I have proposed and they found appropriate.

The Secretary General, Prof. Krishnan, did a tremendous job as the newly elected SG in terms of communication within the Federation and preparing documents, for which I cordially thank him.

1. Establishment of the CoS took longer than expected (end of 2012). The Charter of the CoS was prepared by the Interim Chair, and reviewed by the Officers and the AC. The final document was approved by the AC by majority of vote. Accordingly, the nomination process was started and the Elections to the IFMBE AC finalized during September 2013.
2. On behalf of the IFMBE, I expressed sincere thanks to AC members whose term of office ended with 31 Dec 2012: Profs. A. Jobbagy, J. Wojcicki and S. Kim. Thank to them was also presented in the Editorial of the latest edition of the IFMBE Newsletter.
3. I have promoted the new organization of the IFMBE at several meetings of Societies affiliated to the IFMBE: CORAL meetings in Chile 2012 and Peru in 2013, APWG meeting in Japan in July 2013, meetings of the Swedish and Slovenian BME Society in 2012, and of the Croatian BME Society 2013, as well as in a number of personal contacts with representatives and members of the IFMBE affiliated societies.
4. The Officers had regular meetings, both virtual and F2F in San Diego, Osaka and Brighton, in conjunction to the IUPESM AC meeting.
5. As a member of the Search Committee for the new EiC, I was involved in solicitation of the EiC MBEC, which lasted until mid autumn 2012, when the Contract with the new EiC Prof. N Thakor was signed. In the meanwhile, with thanks to the Interim Editor, Dr. R. Coronel, who continued overlooking the reviewing and selection of MBEC papers in the first part of 2013, the transition between the Editors of MBEC successfully finished.
6. With support and advice of the Officers, Chairs of IFMBE Committees and WGs have been appointed. Thanks to outcomming Committee Chairs and members was expressed.
7. I was involved in attracting BME Societies to affiliate IFMBE: the Peruvian Society became a member and I was able to welcome the Society at the annual meeting of CORAL in May 2013. Macao BME Society filed the Membership Application. Expression of interest from CORAL and Chilean BME Society have been received. Contacts with BME Society from Iran have been established through IUPESM President.
8. I have made preliminary contacts with potential organizers of IFMBE Sponsored conferences for 2014: venues for conferences in AP region (Tainan, Taipei) and in LA (Panama, Argentina) have been agreed earlier; in contacts for the NBC, the Swedish BME Society has agreed to organize the conference in early October 2014, and the Finnish BME Society expressed the interest for NBC 2017; For the European IFMBE Conference, the Czech Society has decided to withdraw their proposal (they got the WC2018). In order to ensure the continuation of the European IFMBE conference, I

asked the Croatian BME Society to take over the responsibility and they offered two dates: 7-11 September 2014 or 11-15 November, both dates chosen not to collide with the earlier mentioned conference s in 2014. In order to facilitate attendance of colleagues from the NB region, all registered participants of NBC (who paid the registration fee) will be able to register by paying a student registration fee. Information on LA Conference to be organized in 2016 has been provided, and the venue is Bucaramanga, Columbia.

9. With support of the Int'l Liaison Committee and the IFMBE focal point, Prof. M. Nyssen, we have succeeded to ensure presence of IFMBE and also to be involved in IUPESM activities at the 2nd Global forum of Medical Devices to be organized by WHO in Geneva. Officers, both Divisions and the Developing Countries Committee are expected to be involved.
10. Other activities shall be reported in conjunction with specific Agenda items.

Respectfully submitted

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