Report of the Council of Societies
(June 2016 to June 2017)

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Chair, CoS
Executive Board

- Chair: Monique Frize (Canada)
- Past Chair: Andrel Linnenbank (Netherlands)
- Vice Chair and Secretary: Herbert Voigt (USA)

- RGRs:
  - Herbert Voigt: North America
  - Guillermo Avendano Cervantes (Latin America)
  - Timo Jämsa: Europe and Africa
  - Min Wang: Asia Pacific
  - Ex-Officio: KP Lin and James Goh
Meeting in Cyprus debriefing: 75 persons attended from 40 Societies and 45 at dinner.

Newsletter article written but no issue 100 yet… to follow.

Guillermo and James Goh attended CLAIB in Colombia (short report included from RGR.)
Meeting December 15, 2016

- Three conferences in Asia: Mongolia, Singapore, and medical device competition in Hong Kong (report from RGR).

- Discussions to prepare meeting in Finland.
Meeting January 19, 2017

- Agenda was developed for the Tampere meeting (June 13) and discussions were held on combining President’s, Organizers, and CoS dinner; and roll call new approach.

- RGRs presented reports including CLAIB and Asia meetings.
Meetings March 2, 2017

- Mainly discussions on invitations to Societies for CoS Meeting and dinner in June.
- Letter sent with requests for responses by May 15.
Meeting May 4, 2017

- More precise planning for CoS meeting in June.
- Invitation letter resent again.
- Planning another meeting for May 23 and June 13 at lunchtime.
- Developed the agenda for the CoS meeting in Tampere.
Meeting May 23, 2017

- Finalised agenda and attendance CoS meeting in Tampere and dinner, and proxies.
- Discussion of Brazil application for membership in IFMBE.
- Important issues to discuss for WC2018.
- News to be shared with Societies
- Need an updated list of Ordinary Members!!!
Plans (2016-2018)

- Enhance communications between Societies and IFMBE through the CoS:

1. RGRs to Ordinary Members and vice versa.
2. AC Officers and Members to CoS and vice versa and committees, divisions, and groups.
Plans

What:
1. News and conferences, training, events.
2. Expanding membership in areas with low representation (Africa, Middle East, Russia, etc...)
3. New applications
Plans (continued)

- RGRs or Chair CoS should attempt to attend conferences in regions and organize a meeting of Ordinary Members who are attending the event.
- Collect best practices instituted by Societies which could benefit others.
- Ensure the IFMBE Newsletter has pieces from each region (collected by RGRs and written by someone from the region.)
Questions