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

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#### 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 September 9, 2016

- 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:

- 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

