



IFMBE GENERAL ASSEMBLY @ WC 2018, Prague, Czech Republic
June 5, 2018, 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Opening Remarks by President** **James C. H. Goh**
President Goh welcomed all the attendees at the General Assembly.
- 2. In Memorium:** **James C. H. Goh**
(Nandor Richter, Joachim Nagel, Herbert Voigt and Guillermo Avendano C.)
A moment of silence was observed for Prof. Nandor Richter, Prof. Joachim Nagel, Prof. Herbert Voigt and Prof. Guillermo Avendano C., all of whom made several contributions to the IFMBE by serving as the President, the member in the Administrative Council and the chair of the Committee and/or Working Group.
- 3. Appointment of Credentialing Committee** **James C. H. Goh**
The President appointed Prof. Saide, Prof. Judd, Prof. Corrias, Prof. Hsu and Prof. Carvalho to be the member of Credentialing Committee.
- 4. Roll Call of Affiliated Societies** **Kang-Ping Lin**
The Secretary-General took the roll call of the delegates from the constituent societies present at the General Assembly. Based on the presence of voting delegates from the 60 constituent societies, the quorum was met and confirmed.
- 5. Approval of Agenda** **James C. H. Goh**
The proposed agenda of the IFMBE General Assembly was approved by the delegates. (Attachment 1)
- 6. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 General Assembly** **General Assembly**
The Meeting Minutes from the previous World Congress 2015 in Toronto was approved by the delegates in the GA. (Attachment 2)
- 7. President's Report (2015-2018)** **James C. H. Goh**
The President presented his report and was approved by the delegates in the GA. (Attachment 3)
- 8. Secretary-General's Report (2015-2018)** **Kang-Ping Lin**
The Secretary-General presented his report and was approved by the delegates in the GA. (Attachment 4)

- 9. Treasurer's Report (2015-2018)** **Marc Nyssen**
The Treasurer presented his report on the financial status of the Federation.
- 10. Nominating Committee Report** **Akos Jobbagy**
The Nominating Committee Vice-Chair presented his report and was approved by the delegates in the GA. (attachment 5)
- 11. Elections** **James C. H. Goh**
The President announced the open positions in IFMBE for the 2018 to 2021 term and explained the election process.
- 12. Statements by the representatives of New Membership applicants** **Representatives**
The Representatives (AAMI, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Thailand, Kenya, Benin, Ghana, Uganda and El Salvador) for the New Membership of IFMBE were each allotted time to make a statement to the General Assembly. Their nomination forms with a biography and position statement were presented.
- 13. Balloting for New Membership (A)** **GA Delegates**
The General Assembly cast their ballots for the IFMBE New Membership, which will become one of Affiliated National Organization or Affiliated Transnational Organization of IFMBE. The ballot tallying of the votes were conducted by Prof. Saide, Prof. Judd, Prof. Corrias, Prof. Hsu and Prof. Carvalho.
- 14. HLM Conformation** **GA Delegates**
The General Assembly was asked to vote to confirm the candidates for Honorary Life Membership in IFMBE. The candidates to be confirmed for Honorary Life Membership for the year 2018 were: Prof. Valentinuzzi, Prof. Calil, Prof. Hinrikus, Prof. Terio, Prof. Geiger, Prof. Bracale, Prof. Aguilera, Prof. Chang, Prof. McCarthy, and Prof. Kun.
- 15. HLM Recognition** **James C. H. Goh**
Prof. Goh announced that the General Assembly confirmed all the Honorary Life Member candidates and recognized the newly confirmed Honorary Life Members as part of IFMBE.
- 16. Results of New Membership of IFMBE (A)**
Prof. Goh declared the results of the ballot (AAMI, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Thailand, Kenya, Benin, Ghana, Uganda and El Salvador) for the New Membership of IFMBE.
- 17. Statements by the candidates for President-Elect, SG, & Treasurer** **Candidates**
The candidates for the positions of President-Elect (Prof. Magjarević and Prof. Hyttinen), Secretary-General (Prof. Lin) and Treasurer (Prof. Nyssen) were each allotted time to make a statement to the General Assembly. Their nomination forms with a biography and position statement were presented.

- 18. Balloting for President-Elect, SG, & Treasurer (B1)** **GA Delegates**
The General Assembly cast their ballots for the IFMBE President-Elect, who will serve as the Vice-President of the Federation during the 2018 to 2021 term, and then will become the President during the 2021 to 2024 term. The ballot tallying of the votes were conducted by Prof. Saide, Prof. Judd, Prof. Corrias, Prof. Hsu and Prof. Carvalho.
The General Assembly cast their ballots for the incoming IFMBE Secretary-General and Treasurer to serve the 2018 to 2021 term. The ballot tallying of the votes were conducted by Prof. Saide, Prof. Judd, Prof. Corrias, Prof. Hsu and Prof. Carvalho.
- 19. Announcement by WHO representative** **Adriana Velasquez**
Dr. Adriana Velasquez made a presentation on WHO activities. She mentioned about Global Medical Devices Forum with active participation from several representatives from IFMBE. She expressed a keen interest for a continued collaboration with IFMBE.
- 20. Results of President-Elect Balloting, SG, & Treasurer (B1)** **James C. H. Goh**
Prof. Goh declared the winner of the ballot (Prof. Magjarević) for the President-Elect, and for the incoming IFMBE Secretary-General (Prof. Lin) and Treasurer (Prof. Nyssen).
- 21. Statements by the candidates for CoS Chair** **Candidates**
The candidates for the positions of Council of Societies Chair (Prof. Frize and Prof. Sakuma) were each allotted time to make a statement to the General Assembly. Their nomination forms with a biography and position statement were presented.
- 22. Balloting for CoS Chair (B2)** **GA Delegates**
The General Assembly cast their ballots for the incoming IFMBE Council of Societies Chair to serve the 2018 to 2021 term. The ballot tallying of the votes were conducted by Prof. Saide, Prof. Judd, Prof. Corrias, Prof. Hsu and Prof. Carvalho.
- 23. Statements by the candidates for AC** **Candidates**
The candidates, Prof. Zequera, Prof. Iadanza, Prof. Lhotska, Prof. Persson, Prof. Nadal, Prof. Luo, and Prof. Saha and Prof. Hyttinen (who was eligible since he was not elected for the President-Elect position), for the two open positions of Ordinary Member to the IFMBE Administrative Council were each allotted time to make a statement to the General Assembly. Their nomination forms with a biography and position statement were presented.
- 24. Balloting for AC Members (B3)** **GA Delegates**
The General Assembly cast their ballots for the incoming Ordinary Members to the Administrative Council to serve for two successive terms (2018 to 2021 and 2021 to 2024). The ballot tallying of the votes were conducted by Prof. Saide, Prof. Judd, Prof. Corrias, Prof. Hsu and Prof. Carvalho.
- 25. Results of CoS Chair Balloting (B2)** **James C. H. Goh**
Prof. Goh declared the winners of the ballots for the incoming IFMBE Council of Societies Chair (Prof. Frize).

- 26. Statements by candidates for RGRs (AP, EU-Af, NA, LA) Candidates**
The candidates for the positions of RGRs (AP: Prof. Wang, Prof. Sakuma, EU-Af: Prof. Jamsa, Prof. Jansson, LA: Prof. Laciár and NA: Prof. Barabino), were each allotted time to make a statement to the General Assembly. Their nomination forms with a biography and position statement were presented.
- 27. Ballot: RGRs (AP, EU-Af, NA, LA) (B4) GA Delegates**
The General Assembly according to their respective region cast their ballots for the incoming IFMBE RGRs (AP, EU-Af, NA, LA) to serve the 2018 to 2021 term. The ballot tallying of the votes were conducted by Prof. Saide, Prof. Judd, Prof. Corrias, Prof. Hsu and Prof. Carvalho.
- 28. Results of Balloting for AC members (B3) James C. H. Goh**
Prof. Goh declared the winners of the ballots (Prof. Hyttinen and Prof. Zequera) for the incoming Ordinary Members to the IFMBE Administrative Council.
- 29. Statements by candidates for CED and HTAD Boards Candidates**
The candidates (CED: Prof. Badnjevic, Prof. Liconá, Prof. Pecchia, Prof. Bergamasco, Prof. Tong, Prof. Erlandsson, Prof. Peczalski, Prof. Oliveira, Prof. Li and HTAD: Prof. Badnjevic, Prof. Iadanza, Prof. Conto, Prof. Clarke, Prof. Poon, Prof. Zhang, Prof. Leogrande) for the eight open positions of Members to the IFMBE Divisions (four for CED and four for HTAD) were each allotted time to make a statement to the General Assembly. Their nomination forms with a biography and position statement were presented.
- 30. Balloting for CED and HTAD members (B5) GA Delegates**
The General Assembly cast their ballots for the incoming Division Members in CED and HTAD to serve for two successive terms (2018 to 2021 and 2021 to 2024). The ballot tallying of the votes were conducted by Prof. Saide, Prof. Judd, Prof. Corrias, Prof. Hsu and Prof. Carvalho.
- 31. Results of Balloting for RGRs (AP, EU-Af, NA, LA) (B4) James C. H. Goh**
Prof. Goh declared the winners of the ballots for the incoming IFMBE RGRs (AP: Prof. Sakuma, EU-Af: Prof. Jamsa, LA: Prof. Laciár and NA: Prof. Barabino).
- 32. World Congress 2024 selection (B6) GA Delegates**
The General Assembly cast their ballots for the venue of the IUPESM World Congress 2024. The contestants were the IFMBE constituent societies from Australia, Argentina, Colombia, Japan and Mexico.
- 33. WC 2024 selection Balloting (B6) James C. H. Goh**
Prof. Goh announced that the IFMBE General Assembly ballots to host the IUPESM World Congress 2024 has been completed and closed. Prof. Goh stated that the data will be conveyed to IUPESM for analysis and making the final decision.

- 34. Networking Break** **Information**
The session of the General Assembly took a 15-minute networking break.
- 35. Results of Balloting CED and HTAD Members (B5)** **James C. H. Goh**
Prof. Goh declared the winners of the ballots (CED Board: Prof. Badnjevic, Prof. Licon, Prof. Pecchia, Prof. Bergamasco and HTAD Board: Prof. Iadanza, Prof. Conto, Prof. Clarke, Prof. Poon) for the incoming Division Board Members to the IFMBE Clinical Engineering Division and Healthcare Technology Division.
- 36. MBEC Journal Editor-in-Chief Report (2015-2018)** **Nitish Thakor**
MBEC Editor-in-Chief Prof. Thakor submitted his report on MBEC Journal.
(Attachment 6)
- 37. IAMBE Report (2015 - 2018)** **Peter Hunter**
IAMBE Chair Prof. Hunter submitted his report for IAMBE and was approved by the delegates in the GA. (Attachment 7)
- 38. Report by the World Congress 2021** **Chwee Teck Lim**
Prof. Lim made a presentation on the next World Congress in 2021 to be held in Singapore. (Attachment 8)
- 39. Recognition of Officers and AC Members completing terms** **James C. H. Goh**
Plaques were presented in appreciation of their services to IFMBE to the Officers and Administrative Council Members that have completed their term.
- 40. Presentation of New Officers and AC Members** **Shankar Krishnan**
As the newly appointed President of the Federation, Prof. Krishnan presented the new Officers and Administrative Council Members for the 2018 to 2021 term.
- 41. Statement by the New President** **Shankar Krishnan**
Incoming President Prof. Krishnan presented his vision for IFMBE and thanked the attendees at the General Assembly. He mentioned a request to sign an MOU with Ethiopia for collaboration in Biomedical Engineering. This will be discussed and handle by the in-coming AC.
- 42. Adjournment of General Assembly** **General Assembly**
The meeting of the General Assembly was adjourned at about 5:30 PM.

Minutes taken by: Prof KP Lin

Vetted by: Prof James Goh