

**AEARU 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting**  
**14:30-16:00, April 22, 2004, Shenzhen, China**

**Hosted by Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST)**

**PRESENT**

Prof. Paul Ching-Wu CHU	President, Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Tech.
Prof. Wei-Jao CHEN	President, Taiwan University
Prof. OIKE Kazuo	President, Kyoto University
Prof. ZHU Qingshi (Chairperson)	President, University of Science & Tech. Of China
Prof Kwang Hyung Lee	Dean of International Relations Office, Korea Advance Institute of Sci. & Tech. (KAIST)

**Note:** AEARU Vice Chairperson, KAIST President Professor Chang-Sun HONG was not available for the Meeting, for he has been elected to the Korea Congress.

**SECRETARY**

Mr. Zhou Zhengkai	AEARU Secretariat, Deputy Director of International Office, USTC
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**IN ATTANDANCE**

***Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology***

Mr Im Koo Bae	Coordinator, International Relations Office
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***Hong Kong University of Science and Technology***

Prof. Yuk-Shee Chan	Vice President
Mr. Adrian Cheung	Acting Director, International Programs
Ms Mandy Cheung	Assistant to the President

***University of Science and Technology of China***

Dr. Zhang Mengping	Director of International Office
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***Kyoto University***

Prof. Irikura	Vice President
Mr Teruo Tokura	Director, International Affairs Division

**MEETING MINUTES**

## **I. Introductory Remarks from Outgoing Chairperson President Chen and Incoming Chairperson President Zhu**

On behalf of the host university, President Paul Ching-Wu Chu of Hong Kong University of Science & Technology thanked all of the attendees for coming and expressed his desire for a fruitful meeting and his confidence in AEARU Chairperson Zhu Qingshi's leadership.

He also presented souvenirs to the members of the Universities and photographs were taken to commemorate the event.

### **Turnover update**

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi, President of USTC commented on the turn-over of the Vice Chair position to a representative from the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). KAIST will now serve as the Vice Chair of AEARU for the next two years.

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi welcomed all the new BOD members and introduced President Kazuo Oike, the president of Kyoto University. (There was a casual conversation about the age of the member universities)

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi read a brief introduction detailing Dr. Oike's career at Kyoto University and his contribution to the field of geophysics.

## **II. Vice Chairperson Chang-Sun Hong's Report**

Professor Kwang Hyung Lee, Dean of International Relations Office of KAIST, gave an overview of the process by which Mr. Hong was elected to the Korean National Congress. "In Korea there are two kinds of Congressmen. One is selected by the region; the second is selected from a list of nominees from the political party. And there are

two votes, one is by local representative, the second is by the party. In the case of Professor Hong he was nominated by the ruling party, and his function is to represent the science and technology area. Last week 23 persons were elected, but his position was selected first, because the ruling party wants to show that they are focusing on science and technology. He will step down at the end of May from this position, he is searching for his successor.”

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi said he was thankful for Hong’s contribution and his support.

### **III. Confirmation of the Minutes**

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi distributed the minutes from the 9<sup>th</sup> AGM and the 13<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting to the members for review. He called for comments regarding the minutes. No comments were offered from the other members.

### **IV. Review of Workshops in 2003**

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi read through the schedule of workshops for 2003.

- 1) The 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Web Technology & Computer Science was held at Tsukuba University on Oct 15-16 2003.
- 2) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Network Education was held at Taiwan University, Dec. 10-11, 2003.
- 3) The 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop on Business Incubation & Technology Transfer scheduled for Nov. 19-21 2003 was cancelled.

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi said that KAIST had cancelled the 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop due to lack of participant applications from member universities. KAIST would like the members to consider holding the

Workshop in November of 2004. He then opened the floor for comments.

A discussion was held with regard to holding the Business Incubation and Technology Transfer workshop later this year. KAIST stated that the situation was better now than last year. Chairperson Zhu Qingshi stated that the topic is very popular and important for universities in China, and that many universities in mainland China had groups that are involved with this type of initiative. All of the members agreed that they would strongly encourage participation from the professors of their universities. Chairperson Zhu Qingshi said that USTC would do its best to make all the mainland universities aware of the workshop.

## **V. Preview of 2004/2005 Workshops and Student Summer Camps**

### **Workshops and Student Camps to be held in/proposed for 2004**

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi read through the list of proposed workshops and summer camps for 2004-2005.

The representative from KAIST commented that BioSystems is a top area of research and the symposium would be the first organized by AEARU on this topic. Topics to be covered at the Symposium include BioInformation, BioElectric, BioEngineering, and BioNano Systems.

There was a discussion about the overlap of the dates for the BioSystems and the Environmental workshops. It was agreed that the date for the BioSystems workshop would be shifted to Aug 21-22, as the announcements for the Environmental workshop had already been distributed.

The Student Summer camps were discussed. The summer camp (General) hosted by USTC will take place in the southern part of Anhui province. The deadline for applicants for the Taiwan summer camp

(Topical) was set for May 20<sup>th</sup>, to allow enough time to process the needed procedures for the Chinese attendants. The \$200 camp fee covers housing, meals, and materials, the students are required to pay their own airfare. President Wei-Jao Chen said that 45 applications for the Taiwan summer camp have been received with the limit being set at 68.

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi commented on the Molecular Biology and Biotechnology workshop to be held at Tsinghua University. The international office at USTC will contact Tsinghua to get an update on the progress of the plans for the workshop, and then contact the other AEARU member universities with the information.

### **Workshops and Student Camps to be held in/proposed for 2005**

USTC has taken part in several Robo Football, and Robo Basketball tournaments. The date for the Robo games will be determined as soon as possible to allow adequate time for participants to prepare. As soon as the date is set USTC will contact the other member universities with the necessary information. It was suggested that this may become an annual event and that perhaps a trophy should be designed and awarded to the winner.

The locations for the 2005 student summer camps will be discussed at the next General meeting. Korea, Japan, and Hong Kong, were mentioned as possible hosts for the camps.

The final decisions concerning the topics, dates and sites for the unscheduled workshops and camps will be decided at the General meeting in October at Tsinghua University.

## **VI. Matters Arising from the 9<sup>th</sup> AGM and 13<sup>th</sup> BOD**

### **Contact with Cluster**

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi said USTC had made contact with the Secretariat of CLUSTER with regard to inviting undergraduate students from CLUSTER member universities to attend the AEARU Student Summer Camp to be held at USTC from August 11-17, 2004. Cluster promised to publish the news of the student summer camp in their Newsletter.

Professor Kwang Hyung Lee, Dean of International Relations Office of KAIST has been in contact with members of CESAER, and gave a brief overview of the structure of CESAER. There are 2 European organizations CLUSTER and CESAER, CESAER is the larger of the two. The President of CESAER is interested in attending the next general meeting of AEARU in October. It was decided that an invitation would be sent to the President of CEASAR to attend the next general meeting.

### **Expansion of AEARU**

Several AEARU members have had contact with universities who would like to join AEARU, including the Kwangju Institute of Science and Technology in Korea. The representative from KAIST gave a short introduction of Kwangju Institute.

It was decided that a questionnaire would be sent to the AEARU members asking for their input on membership criteria. To facilitate in establishing a policy, it was suggested that the members should be given a proposed policy and then asked to comment on, or suggest changes. The primary issues to be decided are as follows:

- The suitable size of AEARU
- The quota for new members from each region
- The criteria for new members
- The procedure for nomination and final decision
- The definition of East Asia

## **VII. Dates and Venues of Future Meetings**

The dates and location for the 10<sup>th</sup> AGM and 15<sup>th</sup> BOD meetings were confirmed by the members in attendance. The meetings will be held at Tsinghua University (Hsinchu) between October 6-9, 2004. The schedule has been sent to all the member universities.

The dates and location for the 11<sup>th</sup> ADM and the 17<sup>th</sup> BOD were discussed. The meetings will be held at Fudan University. Fudan University will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2005. The dates for the meetings were tentatively set for August 2005.

Japan was proposed as the location for the 16<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting. The date was tentatively set for April 2005 to coincide with cherry blossom season.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Chairperson Zhu Qingshi thanked all the members for attending the 14<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting.

President Paul Ching-Wu Chu raised the question as to whether the Vice Chair position would remain with a member from KAIST. President Wei-Jao Chen commented that he also had concerns as Mr. Hong was nominated because of his extensive involvement with AEARU, and it was the speaker's understanding that it was the individual who held the position not the University. Chairperson Zhu Qingshi commented that the Vice Chair position was selected in the General meeting, therefore the question should be addressed at the next general meeting. President Wei-Jao Chen suggested that there was precedent set for allowing KAIST to continue as Vice Chair until the issue could be resolved. It was decided that unless the other Korean universities objected, the representative from KAIST would serve as the acting Vice Chairperson,

and this arrangement would be reevaluated at the October General meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.