

AEARU 16th Board of Directors Meeting
May 12-15, 2005, Kyoto, Japan
Kyoto University

PRESENT

Prof. Qing-shi ZHU (Chairperson)	President, University of Science & Tech. of China
Prof. Wei-Jao CHEN	President, Taiwan University
Prof. Kazuo OIKE	President, Kyoto University
Prof. Ching-Wu CHU	President, Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Tech..
Prof. Robert B. LAUGHLIN	President, Korea Advance Institute of Sci. & Tech.

SECRETARY

Mr. Zhengkai ZHOU	AEARU Secretariat, Deputy Director of International Office, USTC
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IN ATTENDANCE

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Mr. Adrian CHEUNG	Director, Office of Development and Public Affairs
Ms Serena CHAN	University Development Office

University of Science and Technology of China

Dr. Mengping ZHANG	Director of International Office
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Kyoto University

Prof. Kojiro IRIKURA	Executive Director
Prof. Toshio YOKOYAMA	Vice-president
Mr. Satoru ENDO	Director, International Affairs Division

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

Prof. Kyungho KO	Director, International Relations
Mr. Harrison LEE	the President's personal assistant

Taiwan University

Ms. Su-Nu TSAI	Secretary
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Minutes

I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

A. Introductory Remark by Chairperson Qingshi ZHU

Chairperson Qingshi ZHU Chairperson Zhu Qingshi welcomed all the participants. He said that Kyoto is a beautiful city and he invited President Kazuo OIKE to give a speech of welcome on behalf of the host university.

B. President of Kyoto University, President Kazuo OIKE's welcome
President Kazuo OIKE welcomed the members of the board and mentioned that 2005 is the World Year of Physics endorsed by the United Nations. He gave a brief introduction about the background on the city of Kyoto as a cultural and religious center, and hoped that the members would take time from their busy schedule to enjoy the sights.

C. Turnover Update

Chairperson Qingshi ZHU welcomed the new BOD member President Robert B. LAUGHLIN of KAIST, and introduced him. President Robert. B. LAUGHLIN is a Nobel Prize laureate of 1999 in physics.

1. Welcome new BOD member, President Robert B. LAUGHLIN, KAIST
2. Change of the presidency at the University of Tokyo from President Takeshi SASAKI to President Komiyama HIROSHI

II. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Qingshi ZHU confirmed the Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting, held between October 6-9, 2004 at Tsinghua University-Hsinchu and the Minutes of the 15th Board of Directors Meeting, held on October 8, 2004 at Tsinghua University-Hsinchu

III. REVIEW OF WORKSHOPS IN 2004

Chairperson Qingshi ZHU read through the following list of workshops and invited members' comments and thanked the host Universities for their participation. President Robert B. LAUGHLIN had a question regarding how the workshops were funded. Chairperson Qingshi ZHU explained it was the Oriental tradition for the host to pay the cost for the events and the individual universities to pay their own travel costs.

The notes from each of the workshops are printed in the meeting proceedings.

1. 1st AEARU Medical Center Workshop, HKUST/Peking University/Taiwan University, Shenzhen, China, April 21-23, 2004
2. 2nd AEARU Environmental Workshop, Pohang Univ. of Science & Tech., Aug. 19-20, 2004
3. 2004 AEARU Student Summer Camp (General), University of Science & Technology, Aug. 11-17, 2004
4. 2004 AEARU Student Summer Camp (Topical), Taiwan University, Aug. 15-21, 2004
5. AEARU International Symposium on Bio-Systems, KAIST, Aug. 20-21, 2004
6. 2nd AEARU Science & Technology Park Workshop: Business Incubation & Technology Transfer, KAIST, Nov. 19-21

IV. REVIEW OF WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS AND STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS TO BE HELD IN 2005

1. 1st Student Physical Game-Futsal Game, Tsinghua University

There was some discussions with regards to the elimination of the robot games. Secretary Zhengkai ZHOU, mentioned that only KAIST had responded to the request for comments, so the games had been dropped

from the camp. Mr. Robert B. LAUGHLIN mentioned that KAIST and POSTECH had held a similar event, and the students had arranged for a musical performance after the games that had been very successful.

2. Students Summer Camp (General), July 24-30, 2005 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Invitations have been sent out to the member Universities and the theme of the camp will be Peace, Trust and Balance in Asia. Speakers have been invited. Closing date for registration was May 11th, 2005.

3. Students Summer Camp (Topical), August 15-21, 2005, Tsinghua University-Hsinchu

The invitations have been sent to the member universities and things are proceeding on schedule.

4. AEARU and APRU Joint Symposium on Earthquake Hazards around the Pacific Rim - Prediction and Disaster Prevention, August 31-Sept. 2, 2005

Kyoto will host this symposium. The purpose of the meeting will be to share information and knowledge on seismology to help mitigate damage from future earthquakes. President Kazuo OIKE also shared information and film footage on the recent earthquake. As East Asia is at the center of most seismographic activity in the world this is a very important issue for all AEARU member universities.

5. 11th General Meeting and 17th Board of Directors Meeting, August 7-9, 2005, Fudan University

The meeting will coincide with the centennial anniversary of the university. All the Member university Presidents have responded except the Tokyo University President who will not be able to attend because of another meeting in the UK.

6. International Conference on Traditions of Controversy East & West, Taiwan University

The original date for this conference has been rescheduled to take place on July 20-23, 2005.

7. 6th Workshop on Web Technology & Computer Science,
POSTECH

This meeting has been scheduled for October 6-7 2005, and the plans are progressing.

8. 3rd Workshop on Network Education, Seoul National University

Despite changes in personnel at Seoul National University, the workshop will be held as planned.

9. 2nd Workshop on Advanced Materials Research, Nanjing
University

This workshop is still in the planning stages by the university and they are in the process of inviting speakers. Announcements will go out to AEARU member universities once the speakers have been confirmed. The tentative date for the workshop is November 30th - December 1st, 2005.

10. 7th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop, Tsinghua
University-Beijing

This workshop is scheduled to be held between September 19-21 2005.

President Robert B. LAUGHLIN mentioned that one of his goals is to increase the communication value of the workshops and social events. He asks everyone to think about how to turn the activities into something bigger and how AEARU members might use technology to extend the benefits of these meetings.

V. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 10TH AGM AND 15TH BOD

A. Next Edition of AEARU Printed Brochure

The brochure will be updated to reflect the changes in membership.

the last brochure was published two years ago. The secretary will be contacting each university to get up-to-date information about their university. The brochures will be available by the end of this year, each university will be able to order as many copies as the need and will be charged accordingly. The brochure provides a brief introduction to students about the AEARU universities and activities.

B. Issue of KTH's (Royal Institute of Technology of Sweden) application for associate membership

In general it was agreed that associate memberships with Universities from other parts of the world was favorable for several reasons. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the terms on which associate members would be admitted.

It was suggested that perhaps associate members would be charged a fee. The general feeling was that this would conflict with the Asian cultural concept of hospitality. The point was made that perhaps it was more important for the organization to function on business principles rather than social. It was agreed that a decision would be postponed and the issue would be addressed at the next General meeting.

VI. ISSUE OF AEARU VICE-CHAIRPERSONSHIP

President Laughlin will not be able to take on the role of Vice Chairperson. According to AEARU guidelines the Vice-Chairperson should also be a BOD member. It was agreed that the new vice-chairperson should come from a Korean University. President Laughlin agreed to speak to the other two Korean universities about accepting the position. The board will agreed to the decision made by the Korean Universities and will announce the decision at the next general meeting in August.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

President Zhu presented a gift of appreciation to Kyoto University. The meeting was adjourned.