

AEARU 18th Board of Directors Meeting
April 11-13, 2006,
Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu, Taiwan

PRESENT

Prof. Chan-Mo Park	Chairperson of AEARU, President of POSTECH
Prof. Kazuo Oike	Vice-Chairperson of AEARU, President of Kyoto University
Prof. Qing Shi Zhu	Immediate Past Chairperson of AEARU, President of USTC
Prof. Wen-Tsuen Chen	President of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu
Prof. Roland Chin	Vice-President of HKUST

SECRETARY

Ms Cindy Choe	AEARU Secretary, International Affairs Office of POSTECH
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IN ATTENDANCE

POSTECH

Prof. Kyung Seop Han	Dean of Planning and International Affairs
Ms Jung-Hee Yang	Manager of International Affairs Office

Kyoto University

Prof. Toshio Yokoyama	Vice President
Mr. Satoru Endo	Director of International Affairs Division

USTC

Dr. Zhang Mengping	Director of International Office
Mr. Zhengkai Zhou	Deputy Director of International Office

Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu

Prof. David Hsiao-Wei Chiang	Director of Academic Cooperation
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HKUST

Ms Mandy Cheung	Assistant to President
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MEETING MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The former Chairperson Qing Shi Zhu expressed his thanks to all the BOD members for their support during his term and welcomed President Chan-Mo Park as the 6th Chairperson of AEARU. New Chairperson Chan-Mo Park thanked former Chairperson Zhu and said he will follow the former Chairperson's model case and do his best as an AEARU Chairperson. Chairperson Park also said he will be open to all suggestions and guidance from the members.

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park briefly went over the outline of the Agenda and asked board members for any new items to add. He suggested a discussion on amending the constitution regarding the election procedure of AEARU chairperson.

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park welcomed President Chen of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu as a new member of the BOD and expressed his appreciation for the wonderful hosting of the 18th BOD meeting.

President Chen shared his excitement and pleasure in joining AEARU BOD and hosting this meeting. President Chen had prepared his CV to share with members. He first welcomed everybody on behalf of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu and then reminded everybody of the AEARU's founding meaning and the purpose. He emphasized the importance of AEARU with rapid development of network and IT and stated the increased challenges AEARU faces today. He believes BOD members will come up with great ideas to promote AEARU activities and wished all wonderful time in Hsinchu.

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park introduced new AEARU secretary, Ms. Cindy Choe. He expressed his appreciation to the former secretary Mr. Zhengkai Zhou and his excellent work.

II. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park asked participants for any amendment requests for the minutes of the 11th AGM and the 17th BOD.

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park recommended to place page numbers and made suggestions to rephrase following sentences in the 11th AGM minute:

1. President Park's comment in part II reads; "sparing no efforts in serving the Association." He remarked that it could be interpreted in negative meaning although he acknowledges its positive use on the minute. To make it clearer, amend this part as "doing his best in serving the Association."
2. Part VII section B says; "But most of the members do not agree with." Change the verb "do" to "did" for correct tense.
3. Part VII section C, 4th paragraph reads; "it was his fifth term as chairperson." "he was the fifth chairperson" should be accurate phrase.

III. REVIEW OF WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT CAMPS IN 2005

1. Student Summer Camp (General); July 24-30, 2005, HKUST, Hong Kong

No particular comments were made.

2. 1st AEARU Student Physical Game-Futsal Game; July 26-August 1, 2005, Tsinghua University-Beijing, China (Postponed)

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park informed that the game had to be postponed due to the lack of participants. He urged the members for more participation in the future. Participants shared the rules and form of Futsal game which concluded as a small size soccer game.

3. Student Summer Camp (Topical); August 15-21, 2005, Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu, Taiwan

President Chen of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu informed that the activities they prepared for the students were very successful. He also remarked that the camps are meaningful for multicultural acquaintances among our students.

4. AEARU and APRU Joint Symposium on Earthquake Hazard around the Pacific Rim-Prediction and Disaster Prevention; August 31-September 2, 2005, Kyoto University, Japan

Vice-Chairperson Kazuo Oike remarked on the importance of symposiums involving young researchers and students. He informed that the joint symposium was completed successfully and that the cooperation between similar associations was a meaningful experience. The second joint symposium on Earthquake Hazard will be held in this month at San Francisco, co-hosted by Osaka University and UC-Berkeley and he also looks forward to the 3rd symposium to be held in Tokyo University. He suggested supporting young researchers and students to join more of the symposiums which cover the latest topics and raise attentions in our young scholars.

5. 7th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop; September 19-21, 2005, Tsinghua University-Beijing, China

Cancelled due to limited participation.

6. 6th AEARU Workshop on Mobile Internet Access and Embedded Software; October 6-7, 2005, POSTECH, Korea

Cancelled due to limited participation.

7. 2nd AEARU Workshop on Advanced Materials Science; November 30-December 2, 2005, Nanjing University, China

Cancelled due to limited participation.

Chairperson Park commented that these frequent cancellations of the workshops are the

reason we have to discuss about the means to promote AEARU activities later.

8. 3rd AEARU Workshop on Network Education; December 5-6 ,2005, Seoul National University, Korea

No particular comments were made.

9. International Conference on Traditions of Controversy East & West; July 20-23 ,2005, Taiwan University/International Association for the Study of Controversies (IASC)

The report is expected to be submitted.

IV. SETTLED WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT CAMPS IN 2006

1. International Symposium Towards Establishment of the Sustainability Science; February 2-4,2006, University of Tokyo,Japan

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park and President Qing Shi Zhu of USTC participated in the symposium and shared their experience of the symposium which was very successful. Chairperson Chan-Mo Park finished by saying “Sustainability” is the keyword nowadays.

2. AEARU and APRU Joint Symposium on Earthquake Hazard along the Pacific Rim-Global Watch and Environment Impact; ; April 21–22, 2006, co-hosted by UC-Berkeley and Osaka University, San Francisco, US

Previously mentioned by Vice-Chairperson Kazuo Oike of Kyoto University.

3. 1st AEARU Student Physical Competition; late July, 2006, Tsinghua University-Beijing, China

Previously discussed.

4. Student Summer Camp (General); August 4 – 12 , 2006, Taiwan University

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park expressed his wish for members’ active participation.

5. 4th Workshop on Network Education; November 16-17, 2006, Taiwan University

No particular comments were made.

6. 3rd Workshop for Development and Collaboration of Asian Business schools, HKUST, Hong Kong (Cancelled)

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park reminded everybody from the last meeting’s discussion on excessive number of business schools and similar workshops in Asia. It was concluded that this workshop will be difficult to attract expected attention.

Vice-President Roland Chin of HKUST also commented that competition among business schools is keen which makes it tough to cooperate and share information.

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park stated that it may not be necessary to hold this workshop anymore.

V. UNSETTLED WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT CAMPS IN 2006

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park inquired Board of Directors for any volunteers or suggestions on appropriate Member University of their Regions to host 2006 AEARU activities.

Prof. David Chiang of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu volunteered on behalf of Tsing Hua University to host the 7th Workshop on Web Technology & Computer Science around November, 2006.

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park announced that letters will be sent to all the members inquiring for the volunteers to host the AEARU activities and the rest of the unsettled items will be dropped.

VI. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Means to Promote AEARU Workshops

There is definite need for more support from AEARU member universities. Statistics of AEARU Activities clearly show the member universities with low number of hosting AEARU activities.

Vice-Chairperson Kazuo OIKE of Kyoto University inquired Mr. Endo on his experience at recent international staffs' conference to promote new kind of conferences and exchange programs. Mr. Endo of Kyoto University briefly explained about the conference where members' international administrative staffs were invited and discussed about benefits of cooperating together and how to innovate and promote AEARU programs. Vice-Chairperson Kazuo OIKE emphasized the importance to support more programs to exchange the researchers and students.

Members acknowledged some of the workshop topics might not be interesting anymore and agreed on the need of the new topics to attract today's generations.

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park will send out letters to all member universities asking for suggestions to initiate new topics of the future workshops for young generation.

Vice-President Roland Chin of HKUST shared difficulties he observed when hosting AEARU workshops since the founding of the association. The problem involving the copyright causes AEARU activities complication for researchers to submit paper when they want to publicize the same paper on the other SCI journal or conference. One of the solutions can be submitting power point files and sharing their research presentations but not the full paper.

B. URL of AEARU Homepage

AEARU homepage address has been moving to the new chair university's URL and this caused

a lot of trouble and in loss of data. Chairperson Chan-Mo Park suggested having fixed URL (e.g. www.aearu.org) which will make it more convenient to update and maintain the website. Vice-President Roland Chin of HKUST commented the cost will be minimal nowadays.

All Board of Directors agreed to having fixed AEARU homepage address and so the matter will be passed to the Annual General Meeting for the final approval.

C. Affiliation with Other Research Universities Associations (e.g. CESAER, URA, APRU)

Joint activities with other associations will bring more people to the workshops. Chairperson Chan-Mo Park suggested having formal relations with other associations such as joint sponsorships.

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park requested Vice-Chairperson Kazuo Oike to probe into this matter and to report back to Annual General Meeting. Vice-Chairperson Kazuo Oike commented that APRU has similar interest with our association but he is uncertain about the other two.

D. Amendment of AEARU Constitution

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park made suggestion to the Board to amend an item of the constitution concerning the election of the new Chairperson. The past election cases demonstrate that the Vice-Chairperson automatically becomes the next Chairperson. President Zhu of USTC explained that the Vice-Chairperson is the first candidate of the next Chairperson and if there are no other candidates, Vice-Chairperson becomes the new Chairperson. The constitution does not mention about selecting candidates and thus far, there have been no other candidates. He also reminded that the matter should be discussed at Annual General Meeting.

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park concluded to investigate more about the amendment by forming a committee. Chairperson Chan-Mo Park proposed to President Zhu, Chen, and Park himself to form a sub-committee to review the constitution and discuss further through mail.

VII. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The 12th AGM and 19th BOD are scheduled for September 26-29, 2006 at POSTECH, Korea. Chairperson Chan-Mo Park reminded everybody that the 12th AGM and 19th BOD will be combined with the Presidents' Forum to celebrate POSTECH's 20th Anniversary. For the Presidents' Forum, AEARU members and few of non-member presidents will be invited. He further explained that non-member presidents will attend only the President's Forum which will be arranged after the AEARU meetings and AEARU members are expected to attend both the meeting and the forum. He asked members to suggest and submit items for the next meeting's agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park announced the 18th Board of Directors Meeting has been adjourned.