

AEARU 31st Board of Directors Meeting

November 2, 2012

Seoul National University, Korea

PRESENT

Lih J. CHEN	Chairperson; President, Tsing Hua University - Hsinchu
CHEN Jun	Vice Chairperson, President; Nanjing University
OH Yeon-Cheon	President, Seoul National University
Susumu SATOMI	President, Tohoku University
Kenzo ABE	Trustee, Osaka University
Kar Yan TAM	Associate Provost and Dean of Students, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

SECRETARY

Sabrina LI	AEARU Secretariat, Tsing Hua University - Hsinchu
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IN ATTENDANCE

Tsing Hua University - Hsinchu

Wei-Chung WANG	Vice President of Global Affairs
Chen-Fu Chien	Chief of Staff
Chung-min CHEN	Counselor, Office of the President

Nanjing University

PU Lijie	Associate Vice-President
WU Heng	Deputy Director, the President's Office
SUN Wen	Deputy Director, Office of International Exchanges and Cooperation

Osaka University

Hiroshi MUKAI	Head, International Affairs Division
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Seoul National University

SHEEN Seongho	Associate Dean, Office of International Affairs
Yu Ri BAE	International Conference Coordinator, Office of International Affairs

Tohoku University

Toshiya UEKI	Executive Vice President
Sanae AOKI	Managing Professor for International Affairs

Sayaka YAMAGUCHI

Staff Member, International Exchange Division

MEETING MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION REMARKS

The Chairperson began the meeting by greeting the assembled BOD members. He thanked President Yeon-Cheon Oh and Seoul National University for their hospitality, and stated that there will be two guest speakers presenting in the Presentation Session in the afternoon; Prof. Kurt Deketelaere of League of European Research Universities (LERU), to introduce LERU and possible cooperation with AEARU; and Mr. Phil Baty of Times Higher Education Ranking, to brief us on the ranking system works.

President Oh greeted all BOD delegates, and thanked all AEARU members for their hard work and contributions. He believed that the current mission for AEARU is to enhance the collaborations among member universities, and create a brighter future for the Association.

II. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1. Minute of the 30th BOD meeting; May 20th, 2012; Nanjing University, China

The Chairperson explained that the minute of the above meeting was compiled by the AEARU Secretary and distributed to all members. With no amendment, the minute was confirmed.

III. SECRETARY REPORT

1. Financial status

There was no earning since May 2012. Currently the Association has assets of USD \$44,359.92 in balance.

2. Status report of AEARU Activity Sponsorship Program of 2012

During the year of 2012, two AEARU activities had been funded with US \$10,000 and \$4,000 respectively. One was to the 5th Network Education Workshop organized by Nanjing University last November, and the other was to Peking University for hosting 2013 Student Summer Camp. Each sponsorship funding was/will be used to support AEARU member students' travel, accommodation and registration fees.

IV. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

1. AEARU's possible cooperation with The League of European Research Universities (LERU)

The Chairperson explained to the Board of Directors that the Secretary General of The League of European Research Universities, Prof. Kurt Deketelaere, visited Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu last August and expressed the interests of establishing collaborations between the two associations. The Chairperson stated that since LERU is a counterpart of AEARU, it will be beneficial for our association to interact with them.

The Chairperson further stated that LERU is, however, somewhat different from AEARU; it collects a large amount of membership fee, \$30,000 euro per year, and has a full time headquarter office with five full time employees (including the Secretary General).

President Oh stated that although cooperating with LERU is beneficial for AEARU but the timing is not appropriate. He believed that the current agenda for AEARU is to strengthen the cooperation between member universities before working with others.

The Chairperson agreed with President Oh that AEARU should focus strengthening the cooperation among member universities. But, developing a linkage with sister association such as LERU will enhance our visibility, as well as provide us with ideas as how to strengthen our association.

President Chen Jun supported the idea of AEARU-LERU collaboration, and stated that he had an encounter with few representatives of LERU last August as they were invited to participate in meetings held in China, and they also indicated their interests in cooperating with universities in our region.

President Susumu Satomi also agreed to create relationships LERU for the betterment of AEARU, and it is also a good way to promote and boost the popularity/reputation of our member universities in Europe region.

The Chairperson further mentioned that AEARU is an ideal platform facilitates the exchanges between member universities and provides opportunities for the member presidents to get together to share ideas and to know each other personally. Thus, he believed that if AEARU presidents take this chance to meet and stay in good contacts with the presidents of LERU member universities, it will be beneficial for the growth

of AEARU and our members.

With no further comments or suggestions, The Chairperson closed the discussion and stated he will report this issue in AGM meeting in the afternoon.

2. AEARU Activity Sponsorship Program – activity proposals selection and funding approval

Seoul National University applied for AEARU sponsorship to support the Symposium on Biomedical Research in East Asia (AEARU 2012 Flagship Symposium), which will be held on November 3, 2012.

The Chairperson stated that the sponsorship fee is normally used for supporting student activities, however, it is not in this case, and he has recommended Seoul National University to revise the proposal when it was submitted to the AEARU Secretariat through email prior to this meeting.

Prof. Seongho Sheen stated that it was suggested by the Office of Secretariat that member universities can apply for a sponsorship to support AEARU activities. The program that Seoul National University is organizing will not have any student participation this time, and understood that the symposium might not be appropriate to supply for sponsorship. He further stated that while Seoul National University doesn't need the funding for this event but by approving their proposal, it will be encourage other member universities to put more effort into organizing flagship events in the future.

President Susumu Satomi agreed with The Chairperson that the sponsorship should be used for student activities only.

The Chairperson stated that if it doesn't cost Seoul National University any financial difficulties and out of respect for the tradition of AEARU Activity Sponsorship Program, he will disapprove the application this time, but he will pay more attention to future flagship event proposals and other activities submitted by Seoul National Universities. The Chairperson thanked Seoul National University for understanding and their effort for AEARU.

V. DATES AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chairperson reminded the BOD that it was approved in the 30th BOD meeting at Nanjing University last May that the 33rd BOD and 19th AGM meetings will be held in Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu, Taiwan. However, the venue for 32nd BOD meeting hasn't been decided yet.

President Susumu Satomi volunteered and stated that Tohoku University will be more than happy to host the 32nd BOD meeting, and would like to invite all BOD members to visit Sendai next Spring.

The Chairperson confirmed and thanked President Susumu Satomi for his kind support.

Executive Vice President of Tohoku University, Prof. Toshiya Ukei, suggested May 10th and May 17th, and the Board decided that the 32nd BOD will be held on May 10, 2013.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Appendix 1b - Balance Sheet



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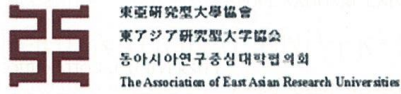
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Appendix 2: Status Report of AEARU Activity

Workshop/University	Intended Use of Funding	Sponsorship Approved	Status
5 th Workshop on Network Education; Nov 2011, Nanjing University	To assist five students from AEARU member universities with partial travel, accommodation and registration fees.	USD \$4,000	Workshop completed. \$4,000 of \$10,000 AEARU Sponsorship Funding was used.
2013 AEARU Student Summer Camp; July 2013, Peking University	To provide assistance for six selected undergraduate students to attend the student summer camp, covering tuition for the program, and accommodation and meal costs.	USD \$10,000	The workshop will be held in July 2013. AEARU funding report will be provided upon completion and presented to the next AGM and BOD Meeting.



AEARU 2012 Flagship Symposium :
Innovative Partnerships for Leading Biomedical Research in East Asia
 to be held by Seoul National University College of Medicine

- Date : November 3, 2012, 14:00~18:00
- Venue : Faculty Conference Room #1, Administrative Building,
Seoul National University, College of Medicine (Yongon Campus)
- Sponsors : Seoul National University
Seoul National University, College of Medicine
- Theme : This symposium is intended to initiate discussions on
 - (1) Discovering topics regarding East Asian collaborative biomedical research,
 - (2) Establishing relationships and networks related to those topics, and
 - (3) Maintaining a system for sustainable partnerships

■ Tentative Schedule :

	Program	Venue
14:00-	Welcome address and Keynote speech (Dean, SNUCM)	Faculty Conference Room #1
14:20-	Overview of research activities in SNUCM (Associate Dean for Research Affairs, SNUCM)	
14:40-	Overview of research activities in medical colleges : 4 medical colleges and titles : to be arranged	
16:00-	Discussion: research collaboration and partnership	
18:00-	Dinner	

■ Who should attend?

Deans and Associate Deans of medical colleges, or schools related to biomedical sciences

■ Organizing committee :

- (1) Prof. Daehee Kang, M.D., Ph.D. : Dean, Committee Chair
- (2) Prof. Seong, Seung-Yong, M.D., Ph.D. : Associate Dean for Planning
- (3) Prof. Han-Suk Kim, M.D., Ph.D. : Associate Dean for International
- (4) Prof. Kyung Sang Yu, M.D., Ph.D. : Assistant Dean for International
- (5) Prof. Inhee Mook, Ph.D. : Committee Secretary General
Department of Biomedical Sciences
- (6) Prof. Won-Woo Lee, Ph.D. : Department of Microbiology and Immunology

■ Official language : English

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