

# Minutes

## 2008 Meeting of the International College of Fellows, Biomaterials Science and Engineering (ICF-BSE)

8<sup>th</sup> World Biomaterials Congress  
31st May 2008, 1.30pm – 3.00pm  
RAI Congress Centre, Room P, Europaplein, Amsterdam  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### Attendees:

Joachim Kohn (Chair)	Peter Revell
Melissa Aranzamendez (Secretary)	C. Rolf Howlett
Arthur Coury	John Ramshaw
William R. Wagner	Hsing-Wen Sung
Paolo Netty	Georges Van der Perre
M. Cristina Tanzi	Nan Huang
Nobuo Nakabayashi	Shenguo Wang
Ulrich Gross	Yingjun Wang
Jack Lemons	Ivars Knets
Lynne C. Jones	Bruce Milthorpe
Stuart B. Goodman	Elizabeth Tanner
C. James Kirkpatrick	Peter Thomsen
Jon Chtopek	Hasan Uludag
Young Ha Kim	Buddy Ratner
Chong-Su Cho	David Williams
Doo Sung Lee	Bob Pilliar

- 1) Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 1.30 pm.
- 2) Introductions – J Kohn welcomed all, especially the new Fellows who were inducted during this congress. Introductions were made. J Kohn provided a brief history of the International College of Fellows and its recent activities.
- 3) Announcements – It was announced that the voting for ICF Steering Committee Chair closed. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes is J Kohn, who will preside as Chair until the 2012 WBC.
- 4) Discussion of Program Activities
  - a. It was announced that the ICF-BSE bylaws were approved by vote in December 2007. Any proposed changes to the By-Laws should be approved by vote during the next ICF-BSE meeting.

- b. The members of the ICF-BSE Steering Committee include: J Kohn (Chair), D Williams, P Revell, B Milthorpe. All Steering Committee members agreed to serve until the next set of elections in 2012. Since the By-laws indicate a maximum of 8 Steering Committee members, self-appointments will be solicited for an additional four (4) Steering Committee members.
- c. Selection of Subcommittee Chairs:
  - i. The vision for the ICF is to develop the group into an international academy of biomaterials, which can be recognized by government agencies as an advisory body. In order to realize this vision, international collaborative funding opportunities are needed for ICF Symposia and to promote exchange of scientific information. It was agreed that Kohn will assign a subcommittee chair to investigate this item.
  - ii. It was agreed to table the item regarding standards guidance document on nomenclature and methodology.
- d. The members provided positive feedback regarding the Special Fellows Session. Many members felt the session was fun, very interesting, excellent, reached out to a large audience of younger people. The members thank D Williams for putting the debate together, it was good to have problems presented in such a format. The following suggestions were made:
  - Include dental materials topics
  - Use a more controversial topic
  - Be conscious of non-English speakers (either use slides or speak more slowly)
  - Speakers should be selected from diverse geographic areas
  - We are now seeing the outcome of 20-30 years of biomaterials studies. Have we achieved what we had intended?

It was unanimously agreed that the Special Fellows Session was a successful introduction of the ICF.

Action item: J Kohn will communicate officially to Prof. Jiang to ensure that the Special Fellows Session(s) be included in the program for the 2012 WBC in Chengdu.

- e. Methods of Communication between Fellows – The Fellows agreed that e-mail is the most effective way to communicate between the membership. Kohn mentioned that the ICF forum (<http://www.fellowsbse.org>) can also be an effective way of communicating between the Fellows. It was agreed that any items to be discussed among Fellows should be sent to Dr. Kohn

and he will post these on the forum. E-mail notifications should be sent to all the Fellows when an item is posted.

- 5) Other Business – S Goodman brought up the issue of photography during sessions. He has indicated that this practice enables members of the audience to use a presenter's slides without the presenter's permission. The question was raised on whether there should be rules banning the use of photography during conferences, event though this would be hard to police. S. Goodman requested that the members think about the issue and determine what rules the other societies abide by with respect to photography.
- 6) The next meeting is scheduled during the 2009 Annual SFB Meeting in San Antonio Texas on April 22-25, 2009. J Kohn indicated that he will attempt to make available attendance via teleconference and/or webconference.
- 7) The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.