

## **Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> AONSA Executive Committee Meeting**

**Date:** 13:00-17:00, July 19 (Sunday), 2015

**Place:** Pacific Room, Manly Novotel Pacific, Sydney, Australia

**Participants: 24**

### **[Board Members]**

Wen-Hsien Li (President; TWNSS; NCU)  
Sung-Min Choi (Vice-President; KNBUA; KAIST)  
Chris Ling (Secretary; ANBUG; U. Sydney)  
Hideki Seto (Public Relations Officer; JSNS; KEK)

### **[Members]**

Erich Kisi (ANBUG; U Newcastle)  
Hesheng Chen (CNSS; IHEP)  
Jae-Ho Chung (KNBUA; Korea U)  
Hsiung Chou (TWNSS; National Sun Yat-Sen U)  
Hsi-Mei Lai (TWNSS; National Taiwan U)  
Yoshiaki Kiyonagi (JSNS; Nagoya U)

### **[Observers]**

Yasuhiko Fujii (Past President; KEK)  
Toshiji Kanaya (J-PARC)  
Mitsuhiro Shibayama (JRR3)  
Rob Robinson (ANSTO)  
Chang-Hee Lee (HANARO/KAERI)  
Surendra Singh (BARC)  
Yuntao Liu (CARR/CIAE)  
Fangwei Wang (CSNS)  
Sutiarso (BATAN)

### **[Special Observers]**

John White (ANU)  
Christiane Alba-Simionesco (ENSA; LLB)  
Kirrily Rule (ANSTO)  
Yukinobu Kawakita (J-PARC)  
Kenji Nakajima (J-PARC)

**[Apologies]**

Erwin Desa (NSSI; Goa U)

Ranjan Mittal (NSSI; BARC)

Dongfeng Chen (Treasurer; CNSS; CIAE)

Gunawan (BATAN; Indonesian Community)

Abdul Aziz Mohamed (UNITEN; Malaysian Community)

Edy Giri Rachman Putra (BATAN; Indonesian Community)

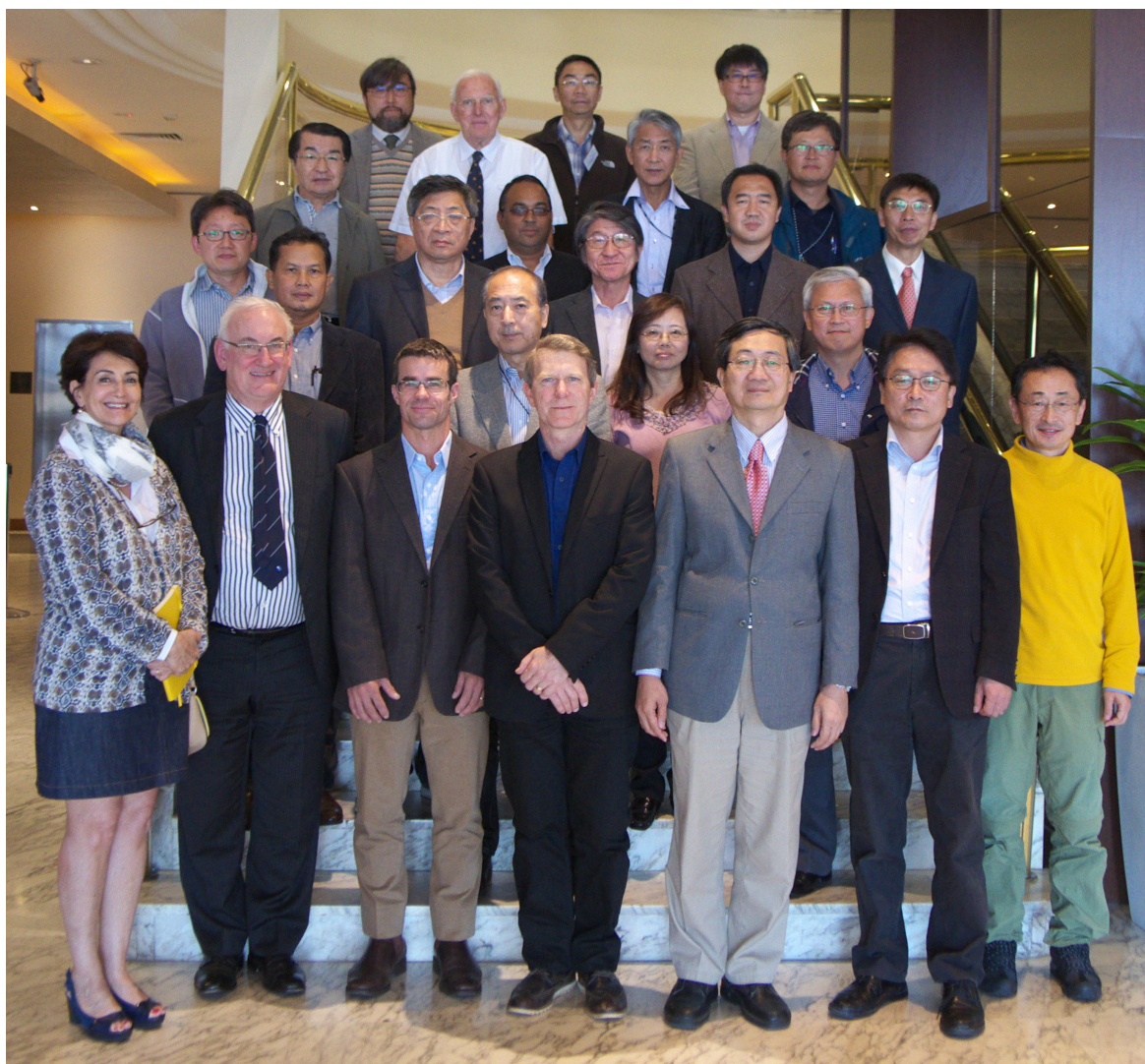
Evy Kartini (BATAN; Indonesian Community)

Wim Klooster (Singapore Community)

Samrath Chaplot (NSSI; BARC)

Dhananjai Pandey (NSSI; Banaras Hindu U)

Ramaprosad Mukhopadhyay (NSSI; BARC)



*Group Photo of 14<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting in Manly, Australia. July 19, 2015*

## **1. Opening remarks by AONSA President Wen-Hsien Li**

AONSA President Wen-Hsien Li welcomed all members and observers to Sydney.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda of the 14<sup>th</sup> AONSA EC meeting was approved by the EC.

## **3. Approval of Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> AONSA EC Meeting**

The Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> AONSA EC meeting in Serpong, Indonesia, which was circulated to the EC members and observers through email previously, were distributed to all the EC participants as hard copies at the meeting. The minutes were approved.

## **4. Discussions and formal matters**

### **4.1. Gender balance in the Asia-Oceania neutron scattering community**

Kirrily Rule (ANSTO) gave a presentation on gender balance in the Asia-Oceania neutron scattering community, comprising data compiled by ANSTO staff and by the organisers of the second AOCNS (**Appendix 1**). The considerable effort involved in compiling these data was greatly appreciated, and a commitment to encouraging and facilitating female participation in this field was expressed. The diversity policy ultimately adopted for the second AOCNS will be used as the basis for a similar policy at the third AOCNS and at ICNS-2017. It is hoped that AONSA regional societies will encourage female members to register with the database being compiled as part of the NMI-3 project.

### **4.2. Financial matters**

The AONSA financial report for 2014 (**Appendix 2**) and budget plan for 2015 (**Appendix 3**) were presented by Yuntao Liu on behalf of the AONSA Treasurer, Dongfeng Chen. The budget plan was approved by the EC. A summary of the impact of the AONSA Young Research Fellow program was also presented (**Appendix 4**).

### **4.3. AONSA Prize**

Sung-Min Choi presented a report on the AONSA Prize 2015 (**Appendix 5**).

#### **4.4. Asia-Oceania Conference on Neutron Scattering**

Presentations were delivered by the three bidders to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> AOCNS in 2019: CNSS (by Hesheng Chen), NSSI (by Surendra Singh) and TWNSS (by Hsiung Chou). According to the rules, each bidder was given 15 minutes to make their presentation, followed by questions. An anonymous ballot was then conducted, in which each of the EC members could vote (2 representatives of each full member society, plus the President).

The results were: TWNSS 6 votes; CNSS 5 votes; NSSI 1 vote.

TWNSS was therefore confirmed as the host of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AOCNS in 2019.

#### **4.5. AONSA Neutron School**

Hideki Seto presented a report on preparations for the 7th AONSA Neutron School in 2015 in Tokai, Japan (**Appendix 6**).

Surendra Singh presented the proposal by NSSI to host the 8th AONSA Neutron School in October 2016 in India (**Appendix 7**). There being no other proposal to host this School, the proposal was accepted and NSSI confirmed as the host of the 8th AONSA Neutron School.

#### **4.6. AONSA Young Research Fellows**

Sung-Min Choi presented a report on the current status of the AONSA YRF 2015 and the schedule for the AONSA YRF 2016 (**Appendix 8**). It was noted that according to the rules, the nominations for the next year should be confirmed by the end November; however, the next EC meeting will take place on December 4. It was therefore proposed and accepted that the nominations would be conveyed to EC members before the end of November, and that final confirmation would take place at the EC meeting on December 4.

It was also noted that only two facilities will be able to host AONSA YRF in 2016: ANSTO and J-PARC. ANSTO has offered to host up to two AONSA YRF in 2016, under these exceptional circumstances.

#### **4.7. ICNS2017 in Korea**

Sung-Min Choi reported on the status of preparations for ICNS2017 in Korea (**Appendix 9**).

#### **4.8. AONSA Newsletters and Homepage**

Hideki Seto presented the report of the Public Relations Officer (**Appendix 10**). It was noted that contributions to the next Newsletter will be required by August 17, 2015.

#### **4.9. Cooperation with ICSU, IUCr and IAEA**

Wen-Hsien Li thanked the IAEA and IUCr for their continuing support of AONSA activities, including AOCNS-2015 and the 5<sup>th</sup> AONSA Neutron School.

#### **4.10. Cooperation with NSSA and ENSA**

Christiane Alba-Simionesco thanked AONSA for its Letter of Support concerning the shutdown of Saclay (**Appendix 11**). She reported that the shutdown is still planned for the end of 2019, and noted that this is part of a broader challenge for the future of neutron scattering in Europe, together the shutdown of the Berlin reactor, uncertainties over the future of PSI, and the eventual lifetime limits on the ILL (around 2030).

#### **4.11. Cooperation Association of Asia-Pacific Physical Societies (AAPPS)**

Yasuhiko Fujii presented a summary of the history and activities of AAPPS (**Appendix 12**).

#### **4.12. Venue for the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> EC Meetings**

The 15<sup>th</sup> AONSA EC meeting will be held in Tokai, Japan, on December 4, 2015. The venue for the 16<sup>th</sup> EC meeting will be decided at this time.

### **5. Reports from Neutron Associations**

Reports were presented for the following associations:

- ANBUG (Erich Kisi) (**Appendix 13**)
- JSNS (Yoshiaki Kiyanagi) (**Appendix 14**)
- KNUBA (Jae-Ho Chung) (**Appendix 15**)
- NSSI (Surendra Singh) (**Appendix 16**)
- TWNSS (Hsi-Mei Lai) (**Appendix 17**)
- CNSS (Hesheng Chen) (**Appendix 18**)
- Indonesian Community (Sutiarso) (**Appendix 19**)

## 6. Calendar of AONSA Activities

### Year 2015

Date	Events
1/27-31	XVII BARC/NSSI pre-conference school on neutron scattering (Mumbai, India)
2/4-5	5th BARC/NSSI Conference on neutron scattering (Mumbai, India)
6/21-26	Gordon Research Conference on Neutron Scattering (Hong Kong, China)
7/13-7/31	HERCULES School (Taiwan)
7/18	9 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (Manly, Australia)
7/19	14 <sup>th</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (Manly, Australia)
7/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> AONSA Instrument Scientist Workshop (Manly, Australia)
7/19-23	2 <sup>nd</sup> AOCNS (Manly, Australia)
8/30-9/4	6 <sup>th</sup> European Conference on Neutron Scattering (Zaragoza, Spain)
9/16-18	16 <sup>th</sup> International conference on Small-Angle Scattering
12/3	10 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (Tokai, Japan)
12/4	15 <sup>th</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (Tokai, Japan)
12/2-4	7 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Neutron School (Tokai, Japan)