



## **Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> AONSA Executive Committee Meeting**

**Date:** 09:00 - 14:30(TBC), June 25 (Monday), 2018

**Place:** Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Bangi, Malaysia

**Participants:** 29

### **[Board Members]**

Brendan Kennedy (President; ANBUG, U. Sydney)  
Dongfeng Chen (Vice-president; CNSS; CIAE)  
Jae-Ho Chung (Secretary; KNBUA; Korea U)  
Hsiung Chou (Treasurer; TWNSS National Sun Yat-Sen U)  
Sung-Min Choi (Past President; KNBUA; KAIST)

### **[Members]**

Darminto (INSS; Institute of Technology, Surabaya)  
Yoshiaki Kiyonagi (JSNS; Nagoya U)  
Sungkyun Park (KNBUA; Pusan NU)

### **[Observers]**

Jamie Schulz (ANSTO)  
Sun Kai (CARR)  
Fangwei Wang (CSNS)  
Jian Gong (CMRR)  
Iwan Sumirat (BATAN)  
Toshiji Kanaya (J-PARC/KEK)  
Masayasu Takeda (JRR3/JAEA)  
Sungil Park (HANARO)  
Apichate Maneewong (Thai Community; TINT)  
Abdul Aziz Mohamed (Malaysian Community; UNITEN)

### **[Special Observers]**

Kenji Nakajima (J-PARC)  
Abdul Muin Bin Abdul Rahman (Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Deputy Director)

General)

Faridah Mohammad Idris (Malaysian Nuclear Agency)  
Khairiah Yazid (Malaysian Nuclear Agency)  
Julie Andrianny Murshioi (Malaysian Nuclear Agency)  
Asrulnizam Abd Manaf (CEDEC, Univesity of Selagor Malaysia)  
Imran Yusuff (Univesity of Kebangsaan Malaysia)  
Mohd Idzat Idris (Univesity of Kebangsaan Malaysia)  
Mohd Rafi Mohd Solleh (Univesity of Selagor Malaysia, UNISEL)  
Muhammad Akif Bin Muhammad Fakhree (University of Malaya)  
Mokd Zaid Akdullah (University of Selangor Malaysia)

**[Apologies]**

Taku J Sato (Public Relations Officer; JSNS, Tohoku U)  
Evy Kartini (Member-at-Large; BATAN; Indonesian community)  
S. M. Yusuf (Member-at-Large; NSSI; BARC)  
Chris Ling (Past Secretary; ANBUG; U. Sydney)  
Tracy Rushmer (ANBUG; Macquairie U)  
Ian Gentle (ANBUG; U Queensland)  
Hesheng Chen (CNSS; IHEP)  
Ko-Wei Lin (TWNSS; Nat. Chung Hsing University)  
Mitsuhiro Shibayama (JRR3/U Tokyo)  
D. Pandey (NSSI; ITT BHU)  
P. U. Sastry (BARC)  
Hideki Seto (AONSA Office; KEK)



*Group photo of the 20<sup>th</sup> AONSA Executive Committee Meeting in Bangi, Malaysia*

## **Minutes**

### **Report from the AONSA Office**

H. Seto was not able to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> EC meeting due to the illness. K. Nakajima noted that Misono Fujii recently replaced Chikako Doda as the secretary of the AONSA Office.

#### **1. Process matters**

No items were reported at this meeting.

#### **2. Formal matters**

No items were reported at this meeting.

#### **3. Financial matters (Appendix 2)**

The AONSA Annual Fee and Budget Plan, and the AONSA Prize Fund and Budget Plan, were presented by H Chou. The 2018 annual fees were paid by 4 out of 7 member societies as of the day while the rest are anticipated to pay soon. The prize fund increased significantly due to the transfer of donations from the annual fee account. A discussion item was put forward regarding the financial supports for postdocs from developing countries to stay two more weeks in facilities after their experiments. This was to be discussed as the future plan of YRF program below.

#### **4. AONSA Prize (Appendix 3)**

D Chen reported on the nominations of the Selection Committee (SC) for the 5<sup>th</sup> AONSA Prize, which consist of seven members chaired by the Vice President along with other six suggested by member societies. The EC approved the formation of the SC with no objections. The SC will announce Call for Nominations, the deadline for which is August 15<sup>th</sup>. The SC will then nominate the recipient in six weeks from above. If approved in the 21<sup>th</sup> EC meeting in November 2018, the award ceremony will take place at the 5<sup>th</sup> AOCNS in November 2019, Taiwan.

#### **5. Asia-Oceania Conference on Neutron Scattering (Appendix 4)**

H Chou reported on the status of TWNSS preparations to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> AOCNS in 2019, which

will be held in Kenting, Taiwan. The meeting date was changed to Nov 3-6 from one week later, which was intended to encourage local students to attend who would otherwise be having final exams during the AOCNS. The possibility is mentioned of extending the meeting an additional day in case the number of abstract submissions is exceptionally high. International Advisory Board will include all presidents of the member societies. International Scientific Program Committee will include two recommendations from each member society while the Organizing Committee will include one from each.

Early bird registration will be US\$620 (US\$300 for students) whereas the standard rate will be US\$750 (US\$350 for students). Banquet fee will be an additional US\$80 per person. The number of registrations is estimated to be 350 full plus 100 students. Final organizational decisions will be made at the 2nd EC meeting in 11/2018, followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> announcement in the following month. Plenary speaker invitation will be made by 04/2019. AONSA will support US\$5000, respectively, for student travel. Member societies were suggested for additional supports. The IUCr will also be approached for support. IAEA will also be contacted for possibility of support although they typically do so for trainings but not for conferences.

Y Kiyonagi and T Kanaya mentioned that JSNS Annual Meeting, which is typically in December, is going to be cancelled so that more Japanese colleagues will be encouraged to participate the AOCNS 2019. They requested a room to hold the 2019 General Assembly and Prize Session in Monday evening. B Kennedy added that ANBUG may do similar.

Sungkyun Park pointed out that 2019 Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials would be held during November 4 – 8, 2019. B Kennedy suggested the TWNSS to discuss within themselves and inform the board members of the final decision within one month.

## **6. AONSA Neutron School (Appendix 5)**

J Schulz on behalf of T Rushmer (absent) reported on the 10th AONSA Neutron School scheduled to be held at ANSTO in November 11 – 16 2018. The details of the program are available online at [aonsa2018.sydney](http://aonsa2018.sydney). In total 53 applications were accepted for 30 available seats. The acceptance will be notified by 6<sup>th</sup> July, and the registration fee of AUD450 will cover all local costs. Financial supports from facilities, societies and universities were solicited either directly to the School or paying travel costs to participants.

SM noted that the previous schools typically accepted 40 applicants. J Schulz replied that the organizers of the School intend to have smaller groups for hands on experiments.

### **7. AONSA Young Research Fellows (Appendix 6)**

D Chen reported on the progress of AONSA Young Research Fellow (YRF) Selection Committee, which should consist of 7 members chaired by the Vice President. Six members of the YSF Selection Committee were suggested by the member societies, and approved unanimously by the EC members. Call for nomination for 2019 AONSA YRF will be announced in July 2018 with the deadline for application set on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The applications will be circulated for review among the Selection Committee members during the following month, followed by the final selection by November 2018 and the official approval during the 21<sup>st</sup> EC in Sydney.

It was noted that Dr. Xingxing Zhang, one of the 2018 AONSA YRFs, wanted to change the duration of his stay at J-PARC from formerly approved three months to two months.

Potentially as a future program for the AONSA YRF, a scheme was discussed for supporting postdocs from developing countries to stay for two additional weeks after the beam time experiment is finished. It is designed to assist early career scientists who need guidance for data analysis. T Kanaya pointed out that it will be too much burden for the instrument scientists to perform the role of extended guidance. B Kennedy added that the applicants will have to find mentors from universities who can guide for data analysis. This program will be implemented for 3 years with the budget of US\$5,000/year, which will be consumed on a first-come-first-served basis. Afterwards, the program will be reviewed by the EC and determined for further course.

### **8. AONSA Newsletters and Homepage (Appendix 7)**

JH Chung on behalf of T Sato (absent) presented the report of the Public Relations Officer. He is aiming to have the Newsletter Vol 10 No 1 ready for distribution by 31/07/2018. The article submission deadline is 30/06/2018.

### **9. Activities Related to SE Asia and Other Non-member Countries**

B Kennedy noted that INSS is organizing ICA-IUMRS Bali 2018 and has sent a request

AONSA of financial supports for students. It was reaffirmed that, whereas AONSA will encourage its members to participate in the conference, financial supports to local conferences are beyond what AONSA may offer.

F Mohamad Idris of Malaysian Nuclear Agency was given an opportunity to announce International Nuclear Science, Technology and Engineering Conference (NUSTE 2018), which is going to be held on 23 – 25 November, 2018, in Malaysian University of Technology.

#### **10. Neutron Facility Directors Meeting (Appendix 8)**

T Kanaya presented a report on the 15<sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors Meeting, held the day before the EC Meeting. He raised the necessity to have an FDM page on AONSA homepage, which was acknowledged and approved by the EC members.

#### **11. Cooperation with IUCr and IAEA**

The current chair of the IUCr for neutron scattering is Prof Toru Ishigaki from Ibaraki University (Japan). The IUCr has traditionally supported both Schools and Conferences and closer links will be explored. Likewise efforts will be made to increase interactions with the IAEA, especially around training.

S Park added that IAEA Training Workshop on Neutron Imaging will be held in September 2019 at KAERI, Daejeon, Korea hosted by the Neutron Science Center of KAERI.

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

B Kennedy mentioned there will be Three Presidents Meeting during the AOCNS 2019 in Taiwan. The presidents of NSSA and ENSA will be invited to give talks at AOCNS 2019.

#### **13. Cooperation with AOFSSR**

B Kennedy note that that he maintains personal acquaintance with the incumbent President of AOFSSR, and will seek to find opportunities for cooperation when necessary. It was also noted that the Incoming President for the next term is from Taiwan.

#### **14. Calendar of AONSA Activities (Appendix 1)**

JH Chung presented the calendar of AONSA activities expected to take place until the end of 2019. The events listed in the calendar are also commented in the Item 15 below.

#### **15. Venues for the 21st, 22nd and 23rd EC Meetings**

- The 21st EC Meeting will take place in Australia on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018. J Schulz noted that FDM is scheduled on 16<sup>th</sup> November, which is Friday and the last day of the 10<sup>th</sup> AONSA Neutron School.
- The venue and dates for the 22<sup>nd</sup> EC Meeting are yet to be determined. KAERI is going to host the 11<sup>th</sup> AONSA Neutron School, the exact schedule will be determined after S Park consults with reactor operations of HANARO. If it is to be held during the first half of 2018, the 22<sup>nd</sup> EC will take place in Korea in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> AONSA NS. If it is to be held during the second half of 2019, however, China will hold the EC meeting during the first half of 2019.
- The 23<sup>rd</sup> EC Meeting will take place in Taiwan in November 2019, in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> AOCNS. The exact dates are to be determined as soon as TWNSS selects the schedule of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AOCNS between 3 – 6 and 10 – 13 in November.

#### **16. Reports from Neutron Associations**

The following reports were presented.

- ANBUG (J Schulz for I Gentle, not in attendance) (Appendix 9)
- CNSS (D Chen for H Chen, not in attendance) (Appendix 10)
- INSS (Darminto) (Appendix 11)
- JSNS (Y Kiyanagi) (Appendix 12)
- KNUBA (Sungkyun Park) (Appendix 13)
- NSSI (S. M. Yusuf, not in attendance) (Appendix 14)
- TWNSS (H Chou for KW Kin, not in attendance) (Appendix 15)

#### **17. Meeting close**

The AONSA President B Kennedy thanked the Malaysian hosts for organizing an excellent meeting and showing their hospitality. He then thanked all the Board and EC members and

observers for their contributions and participations in the 20th EC Meeting.



## Appendix 1: Calendar of AONSA Activities

### Year 2018

Date	Events
June 24	14 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (UKM, Selangor, Malaysia)
June 25	20 <sup>th</sup> AONSA EC Meeting and reactor visit (Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Bangi, Malaysia)
June 26	Seminar neutron beam for science and engineering (Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Bangi, Malaysia)
Nov 12-16	10 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Neutron School (ANSTO, Australia)
Nov 16 Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting (ANSTO, Australia)
Nov 17 Sat	21 <sup>st</sup> AONSA EC Meeting (ANSTO, Australia)

### Year 2019

Date	Events
TBD	16 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting
TBD	22 <sup>nd</sup> AONSA EC Meeting
Nov 3-6 or Nov 10-13	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Asia Oceania Conference on Neutron (Kenting, Taiwan)
Nov XX	17 <sup>th</sup> AONSA Facility Directors' Meeting
Nov XX	23 <sup>rd</sup> AONSA EC Meeting