



Agenda Papers

FAOBMB Council Meeting, September 2010

Date: September 26, 2010

Time: 1 pm start, light lunch from 12 noon.

Place: Press Room, Melbourne Convention Centre

Agenda

1. Welcome by President, Professor Masamitsu Futai
2. Apologies, introductions and greetings from members
3. Minutes of FAOBMB Council Meeting, Shanghai, August 2, 2009 and Minutes of Executive Meeting, Seoul, May 8, 2010.
4. Business arising from Minutes (not otherwise on the Agenda)
5. President's Report
6. Secretary-General's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Report of Chairperson of Fellowship Committee
9. Report of Chairperson of Education Committee
10. Elections
11. Future meetings
12. Matters from the Executive for consideration:
13. Any other business

John de Jersey,

Secretary General, FAOBMB.

3. Minutes



Minutes of the FAOBMB Council Meeting, Shanghai, August 2, 2010

1. Welcome by President

The meeting was held in Room 5J of the Shanghai International Convention Centre. Professor Futai opened the meeting at 9.00 am by welcoming executive committee members, member society delegates, committee chairs, observers and invited guests. Attendees introduced themselves and said a few words about their societies or committee roles. The Agenda Papers for the meeting had been distributed to Council members by email prior to the meeting and were made available in hard copy at the commencement of the meeting.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance:

Executive and Committee Chairs:

Masamitsu Futai (President and Chair), Kyung-soo Hahm (Past President), John de Jersey (Secretary-General), Uhtaek Oh (Treasurer), Hoon Eng Khoo (Chair, Education Committee), Piamsook Pongsawasdi (Chair, Fellowships Committee).

Member Society Delegates (or Alternates):

Phillip Nagley (Australia), Haseena Khan (Bangladesh), Jiarui Wu (China), Chung-Eun Ha (Hawaii), V (Raj) Nagaraja (India), Ali Saboury (Iran), Katsuyuki Tanizawa (Japan), Myo Win (Myanmar), Doj Raj Khanal (Nepal), Waheed Akhtar (Pakistan), Cheng Fei (Singapore), Ming Daw Tsai (Taiwan), Jisnuson Svasti (Honorary member, and representing Thailand),

Observers and Invited Guests:

Susan Hamilton (Chair, IUBMB Education Committee), Jacques Weil (IUBMB Secretary General)

Apologies:

Heung-Chin Cheng (Public Officer), Angelo Azzi (Observer, IUBMB President), delegates from Nepal (Tilak Shrestha), Singapore (Koh Siok Im), Thailand (Rudee Surarit) and Vietnam (Pham Thi Tran Chau). Alternates representing delegates from Nepal, Singapore and Thailand are listed above.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the FAOBMB Council Meeting held in Taipei on October 23, 2008, had been pre-circulated to Council Members and were confirmed by the meeting, *nem con*.

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held in Morioka on May 16, 2009 were provided for the information of members.

4. Business Arising from Minutes (Items not covered elsewhere in the agenda)

1. The meeting noted the offer of Honorary Membership to living Past Presidents of FAOBMB, in accord with the decision of the Taipei Council Meeting.
2. Professor Myo Win made a very moving presentation to the Council on the devastation in his country caused by Cyclone Nargas. The effects on the teaching and research programs of Myanmar universities were also devastating. Council agreed to provide FAOBMB funds to a total of US\$10000 to Myanmar, to be allocated in consultation between Professor Win and the Executive.
3. Following on from the discussion of support for Myanmar, it was suggested by Professor Svasti that FAOBMB could possibly assist in the re-distribution of older high-end equipment among member countries, e.g. by operating a clearing house. It was pointed out that FEBS has such a program, led by Dr Carl Wirtz of the Netherlands. There was considerable support for the idea with suggestions it could be extended to electronic resources and possibly non-perishable consumables. It was recognized that setting up such a program would be a major task involving significant costs for shipping, repairs etc and that member societies might be able to collaborate with FAOBMB in this endeavour. Council members were asked to consider this matter further in consultation with their home societies.
4. Dr Saboury indicated that the Congress of Biochemistry planned to be held in Tehran in July 2009 had been postponed to November 9-12.

Members were directed to the minutes of the May 2009 Executive Committee Meeting for further updates of matters discussed at the Seoul Council Meeting.

5. President's Report

President Futai spoke to his report which was printed in the Agenda papers. The report contained notes on matters discussed at the IUBMB April Council Meeting in Marrakech attended by our President, many of which are relevant to the FAOBMB.

The President suggested that FAOBMB would benefit from closer interactions with the IUBMB on such matters as finance, jointly sponsored workshops and conferences, and Wood-Whelan Fellowships.

He noted that an Advanced School of Biotechnology supported by IUBMB and UNESCO will be held in Delhi.

He suggested that FAOBMB should work closely with IUBMB in an attempt to gain additional member societies.

The President also reported positively on the FAOBMB Executive Committee Meeting held in Morioka in May, 2009.

6. Secretary General's Report (printed in Agenda papers)

Professor de Jersey spoke to the report and there was discussion on some matters raised, as follows:

- The report called for discussion of additional ways in which FAOBMB could fulfill its Statement of Purposes as contained in the Rules and Standing Orders. Suggestions included: formalization of ways in which FAOBMB could support smaller meetings in association with member societies, especially in countries where it may be difficult to sustain a large meeting such as the annual meeting sponsored by FAOBMB; one avenue would be for FAOBMB to support one or two speakers to national meetings. It was noted that Nepal would be running a symposium in 2011 and would be seeking support from FAOBMB. A further point was made that travel fellowships for delegates to Education Workshops would be very valuable.
- Council endorsed the proposal from the Executive to provide financial support to assist one or two delegates each year who for financial reasons would not otherwise be able to attend the Council Meeting.
- Council endorsed the value of holding a second Executive Committee Meeting each year, with most of the funding to come from non-FAOBMB sources.

The Secretary General indicated that there would be an election for President Elect to in 2009, to be initiated soon after the Congress.

7. Treasurer's Report (see Agenda papers)

Council approved the changes to the Capitation (membership) Fees as set out in the Minutes of the Morioka Executive Meeting (Item 7 of Minutes, page 13 of Meeting Papers). The four bands or levels (A-D) of fee per ordinary member are maintained and the amounts in each level increased for the first time since 2002. Members continue to have the right to select the band which is appropriate to their financial position and fee structure.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Professor Oh and received and approved by Council. It showed that FAOBMB had a substantial credit balance in its operating accounts. Included in the report was a budget for the forthcoming year which has been discussed by the Executive. Professor Oh agreed to clarify a number of items with the IUBMB, including the proposed allocations from IUBMB to FAOBMB in the 2009-2011 triennium. This process had been impeded by the serious illness of the IUBMB treasurer. The Secretary General and Public Officer were requested to assist the Treasurer in accessing funds held in the National Australia Bank.

8. Report of the Fellowship Committee (see Agenda papers)

Associate Professor Pongsawasdi spoke to her report. There were eleven applications for travel awards to the Shanghai Congress and 10 awards were made. After discussion, the Congress organizers agreed to refund registration fees paid by travel award winners. It was noted that in future, there should be agreement on this before awards are made. Of the ten awards, two went to Australian scientists, two to Indian scientists, and one each to Bangladesh, Japan, Nepal, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. The FAOBMB Anraku Young Scientist Awards for the 2009 Congress (for one male and one female young scientist) were awarded to Dr Reiko Nagasaka of Japan and Dr Travis Beddoe of Australia.

Council Members were urged to attend a ceremony during the Congress at which the awards would be presented and the winners of the Young Scientist awards would present their research.

At the Taipei Council Meeting, it was agreed to call for applications for a round of research exchange fellowships in 2009. The budget for 2009 contains an amount of \$7,000 for research exchange fellowships (which could possibly be increased). Some of our member societies may wish to contribute to this scheme. The Chair and the Executive will need to agree on details of the application and review process.

9. Report of the Education Committee (see Agenda papers)

Professor Hoon Eng Khoo's report showed that FAOBMB had sponsored two successful events at the Taipei Conference in October, 2008:

- a "Bioinformatics and Systems Approach to Disease" workshop, led by Chun-Houh Chen of Academia Sinica (Taiwan) and Ueng-Cheng Yang of National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan.
- A "Women in Science" symposium with speakers from China, Malaysia, Australia, Indonesia, India and Taiwan.

Hoon Eng requested that Organizing Committees for FAOBMB-sponsored meetings involve the Chair of our Education Committee to a greater extent in planning of education components of conferences.

10. Reports on FAOBMB Past and Future Conferences

2008 20th FAOBMB Symposium, Taipei

A final report is in the Agenda Papers. The Taipei Symposium was very successful scientifically, organizationally and socially, and the financial statement showed a balanced final budget. Council again thanked Professor Yan-Hwa Wu Lee, Dr Jing Jer Lin and other members of the Organizing Committee for their dedicated work in mounting the Symposium and especially thanked the National Yang-Ming University for providing the excellent venue.

2009 21st IUBMB-12th FAOBMB Congress, Shanghai

Jiarui Wu, Secretary-General of the Congress and FAOBMB Council delegate for China, gave an update on the Shanghai Congress, which was due to start with the opening ceremony immediately after the Council Meeting. Based on the scientific and social programs planned for the congress, Council congratulated Jiarui and the Organizing Committee for their dedicated work.

2010 OzBio2010, an IUBMB and FAOBMB-sponsored conference (21st FAOBMB Conference), Melbourne

Phillip Nagley, FAOBMB delegate for Australia and Co-Chair of the Conference, provided a detailed report on progress (see Agenda Papers). The Congress will be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre from Sunday, September 26 till Friday, October 1, 2010. Philip indicated that the conference web site was up and running. He also indicated that there would be a program of student fellowships and/or a Young Investigator Program similar to the Young Scientist Program run at IUBMB Congresses. Phillip requested that FAOBMB consider providing financial support for one or more plenary speakers and support for Travel Fellowships. Council suggested that the Organizing Committee consider a "Women in Science" symposium.

2011 22nd FAOBMB Conference/Symposium, Singapore

The Singapore delegate Koh Siok Im, provided a report (see Agenda papers) on planning for the meeting in Singapore (either a Conference or a Symposium). In her absence, her alternate Cheng Fei spoke to the report. The suggested dates are October 12-14, 2011. The theme of the symposium is “Creativity and Innovation in Life Science Research, Enterprise and Education”. Koh Siok Im is the Chair of the Organizing Committee and the symposium will bring together a number of related life science societies in Singapore. It is hoped to attract an attendance of 400. Council supported the decision of the Committee to seek an alternative venue to Suntec City to allow lower registration fees to make the symposium more accessible. The move to a lower cost venue would also reduce the level of financial exposure of the organizing societies. The FAOBMB Executive will continue to discuss financial support from FAOBMB for the meeting.

2012 Congress

Jisnuson Svasti indicated that the Science Society of Thailand, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Section, was very interested in mounting an FAOBMB Congress in 2012 in Bangkok. The Congress would likely be timetabled in November. He felt that it would attract about 400 Thai registrants and perhaps 200 international participants. Council enthusiastically endorsed this proposal and asked that the Thai Society prepare a preliminary document for discussion at the FAOBMB Executive meeting in April, 2010.

2013 and beyond

Haseena Khan gave a preliminary indication that Bangladesh would like to hold an FAOBMB-sponsored Symposium in December 2013 and Raj Nagaraja indicated that India would like to be considered for an FAOBMB-sponsored Conference in 2014.. Council encouraged Haseena and Raj to submit written brief preliminary proposals to the Secretary-General, in consultation with their home societies.

11. Other Business

Matters from the Executive (see Item 11 of Agenda Papers)

- **Mechanism of election of Secretary-General or Treasurer for a second term**

Council accepted the desirability of the Secretary-General and Treasurer carrying out their duties for two three-year terms to enhance continuity. Rather than changing the Rules and Standing Orders, it was suggested that the President should write to Council members at the time when nominations were being called (early to middle of the third year of the first term) if appropriate to advise members of the support of the President and Executive for the incumbent to serve a second three-year term. It was considered that this procedure would in most cases mean that there would be only one nomination (that of the incumbent) and no need for an election.

- **Proposal to introduce an FAOBMB Medal and an FAOBMB Education Award**

The previous Council Meeting had given in principle agreement to these awards. Draft rules for these awards were provided in the Agenda Papers and supported by Council, with the proviso that no awards be advertised until appropriate financial sponsorship was obtained. The Executive agreed to pursue sponsorship, to allow the awards to be made available each year at the annual FAOBMB-sponsored congress/conference/symposium.

- **Proposal to support biochemistry and molecular biology at the Asian University for Women in Bangladesh (see Agenda Papers under Item 11, also Executive Committee Minutes)**

Hoon Eng Khoo in her role as Vice Chancellor (President) of the AUW spoke by invitation to her application for support towards the establishment of a biochemistry and molecular biology program at AUW. She indicated that AUW students were recruited from across the FAOBMB region and that the first undergraduate class of about 175 was due to start on August 23, 2009. Thus, providing seeding funds to the AUW for this purpose could be seen as clearly within the scope of the FAOBMB charter.

After discussion it was moved and seconded (Uhtaek Oh and Kyung-soo Hahm) and carried that FAOBMB provide US\$5000 p.a. for three years (2010, 2011 and 2012) to support introduction of a biochemistry and molecular biology teaching program at AUW.

In making this allocation, Council recognized that there were many other activities in our region worthy of support by FAOBMB and members were invited to make similar submissions, while recognizing current funding limitations.

- **Further consideration of an FAOBMB sponsored Journal**

At the Taipei Council Meeting, it was agreed in principle to seek to establish an FAOBMB-sponsored Journal in association with Elsevier. Unfortunately, Elsevier soon after decided not to pursue the proposal due to a change in management policy. Before the May 2009 Executive Meeting, we were advised that Springer, another of the big three scientific publishers, may be interested in working with FAOBMB to publish a Journal. Peter Butler of Springer attended Council by invitation of the Executive to speak about this possibility. Peter was able to give examples of other societies which had worked with Springer in recent years to successfully launch new Journals. After hearing the reasons for Springer's interest, Council agreed that the Executive should work with Peter Butler and Springer to come up with a detailed proposal.

- **Amendments to Rules and Standing Orders**

Since time had run out, there was no discussion of this matter and it was put on the Agenda for the next Executive and Council Meetings.

Additional Matters

The meeting had adjourned for an excellent lunch at a nearby restaurant, courtesy of the Congress Organizing Committee.

At 2.30 pm, the President, and Secretary General had to leave the meeting to take part in a reception for dignitaries prior to the Opening Ceremony. The Past President, Kyung-soo Hahm took the Chair and led a further discussion which included the following topics:

- The importance of the presidential election was emphasized. Delegates were asked to give careful consideration of possible nominees and were encouraged to discuss them with members of the Executive during the Congress.
- Professor Hahm asked for any information about several FAOBMB-member countries which had been very active in earlier years but which had been much less active recently.

- Raj Nagaraja asked why there would be no G.N. Ramachandran Lectureship at the Shanghai Congress. The Executive will look into the rules governing the Ramachandran Award. Raj also requested that member societies be kept informed of FAOBMB matters and reaffirmed the desire of the Society of Biological Chemists of India to co-sponsor an FAOBMB conference in the near future.

The Vice President closed the meeting at 2.50 pm to allow members time to attend the 3 pm Congress Opening Ceremony.

Next Meeting

Council will meet on Sunday, September 26, 2010, in Melbourne (details to be advised).

John de Jersey
Secretary General, FAOBMB
February 11, 2010.



Minutes of FAOBMB Executive Meeting, May 8, 2010

The meeting was held at Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea.

Present:

Professor Masamitsu Futai, President (Chair)

Professor Andrew Wang, President-Elect

Professor John de Jersey, Secretary-General

Professor Uhtaek Oh, Treasurer

Professor Phillip Nagley, Co-Chair of OzBio201.

Welcome to Seoul by President Oh. Members thanked Professor Oh for organizing the meeting and the associated Symposium at Seoul National University. The Symposium was entitled “Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the 21st Century”. Professor Oh obtained funding for the Symposium to cover the travel and accommodation costs of the Executive members. Hence the cost to FAOBMB of holding the Executive Meeting was minimal. It is hoped to have a similar arrangement for an Executive Committee meeting in May 2011. Members welcomed Professor Phillip Nagley who attended by invitation as Co-Chair of OzBio2010.

Matters Discussed and Recommendations Made:

1. FAOBMB Membership. Members discussed several matters related to FAOBMB membership, as follows.

- The need to follow up several existing members who have been inactive or almost inactive for some years. In some cases, these members have been very active at certain periods in the past. It was decided to develop an email list which includes Presidents and Secretaries of member societies in addition to the FAOBMB Council delegates and to send them meeting minutes and other information.
- It was noted that Uzbekistan is a member of IUBMB but not FAOBMB. The President was following this up. There are several other Central Asian Republics that fall in the FAOBMB region.
- Sri Lanka and Mongolia were suggested as potential new members.

Executive members will talk to delegates from as many countries as possible during OzBio2010 and encourage other Council members to do the same especially those with contacts in the countries concerned.

2. **Honorary Membership of FAOBMB**

In accord with the decision of Council, Executive members agreed to nominate Professor Kyung-soo Hahm to be an Honorary Member of FAOBMB. Professor Hahm is our most recent former President of FAOBMB.

3. **FAOBMB web site and support for Executive members.** Professor Wang indicated his willingness to host the FAOBMB web site at Academia Sinica in Taipei and provide support to the Executive in keeping it up to date and extending its coverage.
4. **Support for Myanmar.** Professor Oh agreed to liaise with Dr Myo Win (Myanmar's Council delegate) over the provision of FAOBMB support to Myanmar. The Shanghai meeting approved the provision of US\$15000. Of this sum, Dr Win was able to take with him from Shanghai some equipment and a book to the value of approximately US\$2000. It was suggested that one option may be the provision of a number of computers (to be shared between several Universities) to be purchased by FAOBMB. Professor Oh will report on progress at the Melbourne Council Meeting.
5. **Research Exchange Fellowships.** Council in Taipei had agreed to a round of these fellowships (which resemble the Wood-Whelan Fellowships of the IUMB). Given the shortage of funds in the FAOBMB budget, Executive has now agreed to recommend a revised scheme whereby FAOBMB and host Societies would jointly sponsor fellowships. This would enable more fellowships to be provided than if FAOBMB met the entire cost of each fellowship. If this scheme is supported and the rules developed, it will be canvassed by the Secretary General with member societies, initially with those societies which have sound financial positions. It was also suggested for consideration that a similar fellowship scheme be developed for the gaining of teaching and learning experience in another country.
6. **Bank Accounts Held in Australia.** Major difficulty has been experienced in obtaining access to these accounts (principally accounts for the FAOBMB named lectureships and Young Scientist awards). The accounts are with the National Australia Bank and administered in Melbourne. We will take the opportunity to sort out this problem during OzBio in Melbourne when all Executive members will be present. It will be necessary to access all of these accounts well before the next FAOBMB Congress in Bangkok to make funds available for the four named lectures and the Young Scientist Awards. It was also noted that the sum of US\$5400 needs to be transferred from the Young Scientist Awards fund to the FAOBMB working account, being the moneys paid to the two award winners at the Shanghai Congress (each received US\$2000 as the award and \$700 for conference registration).
7. **FEBS Lectureship.** FEBS has provided a lectureship to be held at some FAOBMB-sponsored conferences. The opportunity will be taken to discuss this matter with the FEBS Secretary General (Israel Pecht) in Melbourne with a view to having a FEBS Lecture in Singapore.
8. **Amendment of Rules and Standing Orders** The Secretary General was asked to circulate a marked up version of FAOBMB Rules and Standing Orders for comment by the Executive and Council. Given that 2011 is the final year of the second term of the Secretary General, it would be appropriate for the changes to be made at the 2011 Council Meeting in Singapore. There will be two types of amendment: those that relate to updating of procedures to reflect modern conditions and those of substance requiring discussion at Council.

9. **OzBio2010 and Young Scientist Fellowships.** Professor Phillip Nagley provided a detailed and very positive report for the meeting on OzBio2010. He indicated that the program was close to final, that the exhibition was likely to be sold out, and that registrations were likely to reach the break-even target in the meeting budget. The program includes contributions from 25 international invited speakers. The Executive approved the provision of US\$10000 to the Organizing Committee as a contribution towards the OzBio2010 budget. There was also a request from the organizing committee for an additional US\$5000 towards the costs of providing free registration to members of the FAOBMB. It has been the usual practice that the organizing committee provides free registration for Council members. It was noted that OzBio2010 had a high cost structure and the organizing committee had remaining and justified concerns about bringing in a balanced budget. It was agreed that the Secretary General, Treasurer and other members of the Executive discuss this matter further with the organizing committee. The Secretary-General will also liaise with the Organizing Committee about arrangements for the FAOBMB Council Meeting.

Phillip also reported on a Young Scientist Fellowship scheme being developed by the meeting organizers with support from IUBMB and FEBS: a program for young scientists in the three days before OzBio2010, similar in some respects to the YSP held before IUBMB Congresses. Attendees would be selected after application and offered fellowships towards accommodation and travel costs. After discussion, the Executive approved the allocation of US\$5000 towards the YSF scheme (in lieu of offering our own travel fellowships for this meeting). Executive members agreed with Phillip's request to make themselves available to participate in the selection process. Phillip's offer to organize a breakfast meeting between FAOBMB-region YSF winners and Council members was received enthusiastically by the Executive. Honorary members will also be invited. He also invited an Executive Committee member to attend the YSF program.

10. Treasurer's Report

Professor Oh reported that he was about to implement the new fee structure approved at the Shanghai Council Meeting (see Meeting Minutes).

11. Consideration of an FAOBMB sponsored Journal

The Executive discussed further the possibility of the FAOBMB sponsoring a new journal to be published by one of the major publishing houses for scientific journals, Springer. This matter had been discussed at the Shanghai Council meeting which had been attended by Peter Butler of Springer. It was agreed that FAOBMB would only want to be associated with a high quality journal and that it was very doubtful whether we had the resources and available time and expertise to meet the major challenge of launching and building a high quality journal, even with the support of Springer. Therefore it was decided not to pursue this matter further at this time. The possibility of a prestige journal originating in Asia and aspiring to be of the level of Science and Nature was briefly discussed. It was suggested that such a journal might be possible if the scientific academies of major FAOBMB countries agreed to sponsor it.

12. FAOBMB-sponsored Awards.

The possibility of FAOBMB-sponsored medals and awards canvassed at the Shanghai Council meeting was supported. The President Elect indicated that he was prepared to seek sponsorship for the awards proposed.

13. Future Meetings

After OzBio2010, the next FAOBMB-sponsored meeting will be a Symposium/Conference in Singapore in October 2011 and a Congress in Bangkok in 2012. Planning for the Singapore meeting is set out in the Minutes of the Shanghai Council Meeting. It was noted that an IUBMB-sponsored conference will be held in Mexico from October 22-27, but this is unlikely to be a concern. Because of the centrality of Singapore, great efforts should be made to gain a full attendance of Council members.

A proposal from the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Section of the Science Society of Thailand to host the 13th FAOBMB Congress in Bangkok over four days in November 2012 was received and discussed. The proposed title is “Discoveries of Life Processes: From Biomolecules to Systems Biology”. Executive members were enthusiastic about the plans to date. It was noted that a November date will not clash with the 2012 IUBMB Congress to be held in Seville from September 4-9. In addition to the FAOBMB named lectureships, it is likely that a GN Ramachandran Lectureship sponsored by the Indian Society of Biological Chemists will be available. The status of FEBS lectureships and ASBMB-FAOBMB lectureships should also be investigated.

Minutes prepared by John de Jersey, Secretary-General, September 2010.

5. President's Report - Professor Masamitsu Futai

- i. The 12th FAOBMB Congress/21st IUBMB Congress in Shanghai was very successful. We were especially impressed by the enthusiastic young scientists from Shanghai and other part of China. We had EC and Council Meetings on August 1 and 2, respectively, and discussed emerging issues of FAOBMB. We helped Professor Myo Win to buy equipment and a book from the Exhibitors, as a part of FAOBMB support to Myanmar. Dr. Oh (treasurer) has been working hard to provide him with the other part of the support (US\$15000 in all)..
- ii. We presented certificates of Honorary Membership to the following past Presidents and Executives:
 - Dr. Osamu Hayaishi; Dr. A.W. Linnane;
 - Dr. W.H. Sawyer; Dr. Yasuhiro Anraku

 - Dr. Kazutomo Imahori; Dr. N. V. Bhagavan
 - Dr. Dr. Qi-shui Lin

I have received appreciation from all of them.

Dr. Jisnuson Svasti had earlier been made an Honorary member.

- iii. Election of the President-Elect for 2010. Professor Andrew H.-J. Wang (Vice President, Academia Sinica, Taipei) has been elected. He will be President of FAOBMB starting from January 1, 2011.
- iv. An FAOBMB EC Meeting and Symposium (May 8, 2010) at Seoul National University were sponsored by Dr. Oh and Seoul National University. We appreciated this financial support. Issues discussed in EC Meeting were summarized below.
- v. We discussed future FAOBMB Symposia/Conferences/Congresses.
 - a) 2010, OzBio 2010 (IUBMB, 21st FAOBMB Conference): Dr. Philip Nagley reported the progress of preparations for the Congress.
 - b) October, 2011, Singapore: "Research Creativity and Innovation in Life Science Enterprise and Education"; Koh Siok Im is chair of the Organizing Committee; estimated attendance; 400.
 - c) FAOBMB Congress: November, 2012, Bangkok, Thailand; sponsored by the Science Society of Thailand, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Section; expected attendance, 600 [200+400 (local)]; Theme: "Discoveries of Life Processes, from Biomolecules to Systems Biology"
- vi. We discussed possible approaches to biochemists in the Asian/Oceanian region to join FAOBMB.
- vii. Report on IUBMB EC Meeting in Marrakech: FAOBMB would benefit from closer interactions with IUBMB on such matters as finance, jointly sponsored workshops and Conferences.
- viii. Secretary-General and Treasurer reported on the current situation of FAOBMB.
- ix. The President is invited to attend the IUBMB EC Meeting on October 1 in Melbourne.

6. Secretary-General's Report – Professor John de Jersey

This Council Meeting has many agenda items that require action by Council members, notably members of the Executive and Committee Chairs. Some of these items have been on the agenda for several meetings and will be considered further at this Council Meeting. FAOBMB as an organization is time and money poor. It depends almost entirely on voluntary contributions of time from members who generally have heavy commitments covering a range of activities. It operates on a very small budget made up of capitation fees, allocations from IUBMB and occasional conference profits. It has endowments which cover Young Scientist Awards and four named lectures at the triennial congresses.

The observation that we have a number of carry forward items is linked to both time and money. FAOBMB is functioning successfully but at a modest level to achieve its goal of supporting education and research in biochemistry and molecular biology in the region. To advance further, we need to address these twin deficits of time and money. One promising approach is to develop closer ties to our constituent societies and to undertake joint projects with them. It also makes sense to work with IUBMB and other constituent societies such as FEBS. The YSF program at OzBio2010 is an excellent example of what can be achieved by such cooperation. Although these are difficult financial times in many countries, we also need to look for additional sources of funding, e.g. sponsorship to fund awards and fellowships. Progress will also depend on close and timely interactions among Council members, especially the Executive and Committee Chairs.

At the request of the editors, I wrote an article on ASBMB (the Australian version) and FAOBMB for the edition of IUBMB Life produced for OzBio2010. I hope some of the comments and suggestions made in that article will be adopted by FAOBMB as it continues to address future challenges.

As part of my report, I would also like to thank Professor Oh for arranging for the Executive Meeting which was held in Seoul in May. Such mid-year Executive meetings are very helpful in moving forward the activities of the FAOBMB. It would be a good idea if we funding can also be found to allow attendance by our two Committee Chairs, because it is through these committees that many of the activities of FAOBMB are achieved.

7. Treasurer's Report – Professor Uhtaek Oh

Finance Report 2010

Items	Sub-total	Amount	Dates	Comments
Total Income	11,602.09			
Subscriptions	1,517.40			Member Associations
Australia				
Bengladesh				
Cambodia				
China				
Hawaii				
India				
Indonesia				
Iran				
Japan				
Korea				
Laos				
Malaysia				
Myanmar				
Nepal				
New Zealand				
Pakistan				
Philippines				
Singapore				
Taiwan		1,517.40	24-Jun	
Thailand				
Vietnam				
Contribution from IUBMB	9,995.00		14-Jun	OzBio contribution
Interests	1.50		15-Jun	
Cash	88.19		28-May	

Total Expenditure	44,181.79			
Meeting Expenses	5,868.84			
Exec Committee I		3,000.00		<i>Advanced to MMBS</i>
		680.00	24-Jun	
Exec Committee II		2,188.84	08-Sep	Air fare to Melbourne (Oh U)
Council Meeting				
Contribution to 2010 OzBio	20,000.00			
Transfer from IUBMB		10,000.00	28-May	
Registration fees of Council members		5,000.00	28-May	Will be reimbursed if surplus
Travel Fellowship		5,000.00	28-May	
Myanmar Aid	13,000.00			will be paid to TMW
Asian Women University Aid	5,020.00		05-Jul	
Stationary	139.00			Stationary cost in 2009 Shanghai congress
Bank Charge	153.95			
		141.15	28-May	
		12.80	05-Jul	
Balance of FY	- 32,579.70			

Transfer	105,291.62	
Shinhan Bank	105,291.62	02-Feb-10
Nat'l Australia Bank		
Accumulated Balance	72,711.92	
Shinhan Bank	105,291.62	02-Feb-10
Nat'l Australia Bank	13,799.79	

8. Report of Fellowship Committee Chair – Professor Piamsook Pongsawasdi

Ten fellows from FAOBMB Region are awarded the fellowships to join the YSF Program (23-26 September) at OzBIO 2010. These fellows are among the total of 33 in the International list of YSF participants. In addition, nine Australians are selected to join the program as the National participants.

Name	Institution	Country	Gender	Status
Barzegar Abolfazl	University of Tabriz	Iran	M	PDoc
Chen Jin	Okazaki Inst for Integrative Bioscience, Okazaki	Japan	M	PDoc
Chen Chien-Tsun	National Yang Ming University, Taipei	Taiwan	M	PDoc
Khan Muhammad Imran	University of the Punjab, Lahore	Pakistan	M	Stud
Li Zhoufang, Iris	City University of Hong Kong	China	F	PDoc
Pornthanakasem Wichai	National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC), Pathumthani	Thailand	M	PDoc
Sharma Manu	Jaypee University of Information Technology, Wagnaghat	India	M	PDoc
Sopitthummakhun Kittipat	Mahidol University, Bangkok	Thailand	M	Stud
Yap Lee Fah	Sime Darby Medical Centre, Subang Jaya	Malaysia	F	PDoc
Zhou Lihan	National University of Singapore	Singapore	M	Stud

FAOBMB and IUBMB representatives together with the host committees (Phillip Nagley as Convenor) are working on the International Judging Panel. They are comprised of

1. Stathis Gonos (Greece)
2. Mike Walsh (Canada)
3. Joan Guinovart (Spain)
4. Irene Diaz Moreno (Spain)
5. Ian Dransfield (UK)
6. Denis Crane (Australia)
7. Mike Ryan (Australia)
8. Andrew Wang (Taiwan)*
9. John de Jersey (Australia)*
10. Piamsook Pongsawasdi (Thailand)*

*FAOBMB Representatives

National Judging Panel : 1. Ian Dawes 2. Edna Hardeman

9. **Report of Education Chair – Professor Hoon Eng Khoo**

FAOBMB and IUBMB sponsored three education symposia at the 21st IUBMB-12th FAOBMB Congress – “Biomolecules for Quality of Life” in Shanghai, China. August 2-7, 2009. One was a workshop on Assessment of Student Learning in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. This session was led by Professor Trevor Anderson with contributions from Drs Manuel Costa (Portugal) Duane Sears (USA), Susan Hamilton (Australia), Judith Voet (USA) and Donald Voet (USA). The session was a highly active one as all the participants had to work in groups to critique several models of assessment questions in biochemistry and molecular biology. Thus both the presenters’ and participants’ knowledge were enhanced in this two-way conversations of what would be high quality, effective assessment methods.

In the second symposium, the History of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology was presented by Drs John Lagnado (UK), the organizer, Bruno Strasser (USA), Hans-Joerg Rheinberger (Germany) and Michel Morange (France). As they are all distinguished scholars in the history and philosophy of science, it was a session of great value for the Congress as part of the education program at scientific meetings.

In another well-attended third symposium, the theme was “Teaching Biochemistry in Undergraduate Education”. The speakers were Drs Donald Voet (USA), and Judith Voet (USA), who organized the symposium, and Thomas Baldwin (USA), Eduardo Galambeck (Brazil), and Hoon Eng Khoo (Bangladesh). Around 100 attendees were present which enabled an interesting question and discussion session.

A proposal is being submitted for a workshop in biochemistry education to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in December 2010.

10. **Elections.**

Professor Oh’s first three year term as Treasurer comes to an end on December 31, 2010. An election will be conducted by the Secretary-General. Professor Oh is eligible to stand for a second three year term.

The Executive Committee recommends that Professor Hahm be offered Honorary Membership of FAOBMB. Kyung-soo Hahm served as President-Elect in 2004, President in 2005-2007 and Past-President in 2008-2009.

11. FAOBMB Meetings

Shanghai Congress, August, 2009.

Professor Jiarui Wu will present a final report.

OzBio 2010, Melbourne

A report on OzBio2010 will be tabled at the meeting together with a report on the Young Scientist Fellowship Scheme.

22nd FAOBMB Symposium, Singapore, 2011



22nd FAOBMB Singapore Symposium 5 to 7 October 2011

Matrix Building, The Biopolis Singapore

*Theme: Creativity and Innovation in Life Science
Research, Enterprise and Education*

Jointly organised by



Singapore Society for
Biochemistry and Molecular
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Biomedical Research
Experimental Therapeutic
Society of Singapore (BRETSS)



Department of Biochemistry,
National University of Singapore



The Singapore
Institute of Biology
(SI Biol)



Singapore Society for
Microbiology and
Biotechnology (SSMB)

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Association for Medical and Bioinformatics Singapore (AMBIS)

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See you in Singapore!

First Announcement

On behalf of the Federation of Asian and Oceanian Biochemists and Molecular Biologists (FAOBMB), we have great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 22nd FAOBMB Conference to be held from **5 to 7 Oct 2011** at the Matrix Building @ Biopolis, Singapore. This event is an international meeting organized by four scientific societies of Singapore: Singapore Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SSBMB), Singapore Society for Microbiology and Biotechnology (SSMB), Singapore Institute of Biology (SIBIO), and Biomedical Research & Experimental Therapeutics Society of Singapore (BRETSS) and Science Centre of Singapore.

The 22nd FAOBMB Singapore Conference is an important regional meeting as it represents the interests of FAOBMB's 20 constituent members from countries around the Asian and Oceanic region including SSBMB and several other bioscience related associations in Singapore and the neighboring regions.

The main objectives of the meeting are to provide a platform and many opportunities for:

- Scientists and post-graduate students to present recent exciting findings in their fields and to network and exchange ideas with field experts
- Entrepreneurs and companies to showcase their latest technological advances and to give insight into the translation of basic research to applicable science
- Educationists to discuss various pedagogies to better equip the promising scientists of tomorrow.

The Conference will showcase cutting-edge advances in all major disciplines of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology: in the theme of "Creativity and Innovation in Research, Education and Enterprise". The scientific sessions will include lectures by invited speakers, as well as oral and poster presentations selected from submitted abstracts. Please do not miss out this incredible opportunity to showcase your basic research or clinical findings in many topics covering Biochemistry and Molecular biology with applications in Medicine and Biotechnology. The Conference would offer the following sessions:

Ageing and Neurobiology
Biochemical and Environmental Toxicology
Bioinformatics & Computational Biology and Drug discovery & Therapeutics
Biotechnology, Microbiology and Biomedical Engineering: Innovative Technology
Education in Biology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Molecular Basis of Health and Genetic Diseases
Omics: Genomics, Epigenomics, Transcriptomics, Proteomics, and Metabolomics
Protein Structure and Function
Molecular Basis of Health and Genetic Diseases
Translational medicine
Bioinformatics Workshop
Biochemical Technique workshop
Education Workshop

A workshop on "Bioinformatics and Computational Molecular Biology on the Grid" will be co-organised by the Asia Pacific Bioinformatics Network (APBioNet) and the Association for Medical and Bioinformatics Singapore (AMBIS) as a satellite activity of the Conference.

Several distinguished scientists have indicated keen interest in attending the Conference and plan to deliver keynote lectures including members of the FAOBMB Executive *Additional speakers will be selected from the pre-registered list and the submitted abstracts.* **The deadline for submission of abstracts and proceeding is by 30 May 2011 and early-bird registration is by 30 June, 2011.**

All abstracts received will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and selected for presentation based on their scientific merit, novelty and practical application. Due to the limited slots available and the tight programme planning schedule, priority will be given to relevant abstracts that have been submitted early. Oral and poster papers selected for the Conference will be published in the Proceedings. We appreciate that all interested participants be registered by **30 May, 2011**. Participants are responsible for booking their hotels in Singapore as early as possible.

We look forward to welcoming you to the dynamic city of Singapore and to this scientifically stimulating and socially enjoyable meeting.

Important Dates

Call for submission of abstracts: 1 Feb 2011

Deadline for abstract submission: 30 May 2011

Early bird registration: 30 June 2011

Deadline for registration: 5 Oct 2011

International Advisory Committee

Andrew H.-J. Wang, Institute of Biological Chemistry, Taipei, TAIWAN

Masamitsu FUTAI, Iwate Medical University, JAPAN

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Jeak Ling DING, National University of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Yours sincerely,

Chairperson

On behalf of the **22nd FAOBMB Organizing Committee**

Singapore Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SSBMB)

Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine

National University of Singapore

SINGAPORE

Annex

Draft budget (based on 400 pax)

PCO - \$70/pax x 400	\$ 28,000	
Food - \$35/d x 3 days x 400	\$ 42,000	
Welcome reception/dinner - \$50/pax x 400		\$ 20,000
Speakers - \$5,000/speaker x 6 ¹	\$ 30,000	
Poster boards, sponsor booths	\$ 10,000	
Printing – abstract books, etc	\$ 20,000	
Conference bags, lanyards etc - \$25/pax		\$ 10,000
Prizes (poster, oral)	\$ 5,000	
<u>Miscellaneous (contingency)</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	
Total	\$185,000	

¹Speakers – inclusive of airfare, accommodation, transport and token.

Income

Sponsorship ²	\$ 50,000
Speakers ³	\$ 15,000
Delegates' fees – estimated \$300/pax ⁴	\$120,000
Total	\$185,000

²There will be 2 classes of sponsorship:

Silver - \$5,000 – include conference bag inserts, advertisements in abstract book/CD, website hyperlink and booth

Gold - \$10,000 – in addition to the above, the gold sponsor can organise a lunch product talk or users' workshop.

Companies can also pay \$1,000 - \$2,000 to advertise in the abstract book

³Speakers – BMRC will be approached for possible sponsorship of 3 foreign speakers, including airfare and accommodation.

⁴To cover the costs, delegate fees were average at \$300, without taking into account student rates, early bird, etc and the administrative fees for payments.

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Registration Fee

Early bird registration Before 30 June 2011

Academic registration	400 USD (\$\$600)
Post-doctoral fellows	400 USD (\$\$500)
Postgraduate students	200 USD (\$\$300)

Registration Fees From 1 July 2011

Academic registration	500 USD (\$\$750)
Post-doctoral fellows	500 USD (\$\$750)
Postgraduate students	300 USD (\$\$450)

Conference Awards / FAOBMB Fellowships

FAOBMB Fellowships will be awarded to successful applicants of early career biochemists and molecular biologists from the FAOBMB region to either attend and present a research paper or poster at an FAOBMB sponsored function (Congress, Conference, Symposium or Workshop); or spend a period of time in a host laboratory within the FAOBMB region, learning a particular technology, skill or technique of significance and relevance to the needs of the home country/institution. The Fellowships contribute towards their travel and accommodation expenses.

In this Scheme, a person is eligible to be considered for a Fellowship if the duly completed application form reaches the Chair of the Fellowship Committee before their 41st birthday.

Constituent Members of FAOBMB (as at May 2008) are from the societies and groups of biochemists and molecular biologists of the following countries or regions in the Asia and Oceania region: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Taiwan, Hawaii, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Details of the fellowship application can be found at
<http://www.asbmb.org.au/faobmb/fellowships.html>

13th FAOBMB Congress, Bangkok, 2012.

1. Host Organization The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Section of the Science Society of Thailand (BMB) in collaboration with the Protein Society of Thailand, and the Departments of Biochemistry of the Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University, and Mahidol University.
2. Theme “Discoveries of Life Processes: From Biomolecules to Systems Biology”
3. Location To be held in a convenient Hotel in Bangkok. Being the capital city of Thailand, Bangkok is one of the world’s most exciting and exotic cities, a dramatic contrast between ancient traditions and modern city life. Bangkok’s superb hotels, shopping, dining and night-life are unrivaled. The expressways, sky trains and underground railway, as well as buses and taxis, greatly facilitate travel in and around the city, as well as to the provinces.
4. Time and Duration The proposed time is November, 2012. The schedule is planned for 4 days plus one evening session, with a half-day scheduled for an excursion, for example to the Grand Palace and Temple of the Emerald Buddha.
5. Attendance. We project that there would be about 600 participants, made up of 200 from overseas and 400 local participants including graduate students.
6. Invited Speakers. We plan to have about 5 plenary speakers, 40 invited speakers, 25 from overseas and 15 locally.
7. Scientific Program There will be sessions on interesting topics such as :

Gene regulation and signal transduction	Protein structure and function
Molecular biology of disease	Cell and developmental biology
Biochemical toxicology	Systems and synthetic biology

Stem Cell research and therapy
Nanotechnology

Biotechnology (Plant Biochemistry,
Bioenergy)
Biochemical Education

8. Social/cultural Program. A free welcome reception, a farewell dinner and a half-day excursion will be provided.

9. Budget The main income is from Registration fee, FAOBMB Support, the supports from

Thai Government, BMB Thailand, Protein Society of Thailand, Chulalongkorn

University, Mahidol University, and private agencies. The Scientific Exhibition will also be an important income source.

Estimated registration fee : Academics	US\$ 350
Students	US\$ 150

10. Other Information. BMB has jointly hosted three major international meetings (of between 300-600 participants) in Bangkok, together with the two universities, namely the 3rd FAOB Congress in 1983, the 11th FAOBMB Symposium in 1994, and the 2nd IUBMB Special Meeting/17th FAOBMB Conference/ 7th A-IMBN Conference in 2004. We have the necessary infrastructure and experience for organizing international meetings.

In 2010, Bangkok is awarded the best city for tourists and Chiangmai gets the second place.

12. Matters from the Executive for Consideration

- Proposal to introduce an FAOBMB Medal and an FAOBMB Education Award.
- Proposal for Exchange Fellowships to assist young scientists from the region to develop their expertise in research or education, to be jointly offered by FAOBMB and a member society.

Proposal to introduce an FAOBMB Medal and an FAOBMB Education Award

Annual Awards

(The FAOBMB reserves the right not to make an Award if a suitable candidate is found in any one year.)

- (a) *FAOBMB Medal:* The FAOBMB Medal is awarded annually to a distinguished biochemist or molecular biologist, based on work carried out predominantly within the FAOBMB region. The work should reflect excellence of scientific contributions to the field and sustained research productivity. Nominees must be members of one of the FAOBMB constituent Societies or Groups with at least 2 years of continuous membership immediately prior to the nomination. The Medallist will receive the medal and citation from the FAOBMB President and present his or her work as the FAOBMB Lecture in a plenary session at the Annual FAOBMB Meeting (Symposium, Conference or Congress). Names of previous Medallists are to be published in each Meeting Proceedings. The medallist will receive complimentary registration for the Annual FAOBMB Meeting as well as receiving a medal and an honorarium provided by FAOBMB and sponsors.
- (b) *FAOBMB Education Award:* The FAOBMB Education Award is given annually to a biochemist or molecular biologist, in recognition of outstanding contributions to education in biochemistry or molecular biology in the FAOBMB region, with a special focus on innovation and outcomes. Applicants must be members of a constituent Society or Group within FAOBMB with at least 2 years of continuous membership immediately prior to the nomination. The award provides funds to assist the recipient to participate in an international conference with a significant focus on education, or to spend a period of time at another institution for the purposes of undertaking developments in education in biochemistry and molecular biology. The recipient will (i) receive complimentary registration, and (ii) present his or her work in an Education Symposium or another suitable forum, at the Annual FAOBMB Meeting in the year of the award. The recipient shall provide the Secretary General with a report of the conference attended or the work accomplished, for publication on the web page or another suitable forum. Funds for the award will be provided by FAOBMB and sponsors.
- (i) *Nominations and Applications*
- (i) *General:* The Secretary General shall call for nominations for these awards by email to Constituent Member Societies and Groups. Nominations will be accepted by the Secretary General at any time but nominations will be considered only once per year, after the published closing date. Nominees or applicants become ineligible if they do not meet the conditions of the Award, have previously received the Award, or allow their membership to lapse. The Secretary General shall advise

each successful nominee or applicant (and their proposers or supporters) of his or her success, also notifying them of the requirements of the relevant Award. Where relevant, the Secretary General shall advise sponsors of the names of the successful candidate for their sponsored award and include with such notification a short description of the work for which the Award was given. Unless otherwise advised by the nominee, nominations will be considered in three consecutive years. Nominees (or their proposers) are encouraged to update the list of publications during each of the 2 years following their initial nomination.

(ii) *FAOBMB Medal*: Nominations, on official nomination forms available on the FAOBMB web page, must include the full name and address of the applicant, a citation of not more than 2 pages, the names and addresses of two proposers each of whom has been a member of an FAOBMB Constituent Member Society or Group for at least the previous 2 years, plus other information as set out on the form. A complete list of publications is required to be attached to the nomination form. The Medallist will be selected by the FAOBMB Medal Committee of Council which comprises the President (who will act as Chair), the Past President or President Elect, and three senior members of an FAOBMB constituent member Society or Group, nominated by the Executive and approved by Council. The non-Executive members will serve for three years in a staggered mode. New nominations will be acknowledged and the proposers advised of the Annual Conferences for which presentation of the award to the nominee will be considered.

(v) *FAOBMB Education Award*: Applications, on official application forms available on the FAOBMB web page, must include the full name and address of the applicant and the names and addresses of three supporters of the application at least two of whom has been a member of an FAOBMB Constituent Member Society or Group for at least the previous 2 years, a statement addressing designated selection criteria including a statement of purpose for which the Award is sought, plus other information as set out on the form. A complete list of publications is required to be attached to the application form. Each of the three supporters is requested on the application form to provide a confidential reference for the applicant by email directly to the Secretary General. The awardee shall be determined by an Education Award Committee of Council which shall consist of the President (who will act as Chair), the Chair of the Education Committee and two other members of FAOBMB, nominated by the Executive and approved by Council, who will normally be senior members of an FAOBMB constituent member Society or Group with current or recent involvement in education in biochemistry and molecular biology. These non-Council members will serve for three years.

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE FAOBMB AWARDS COMMITTEE

**NOMINATION FORM FOR
THE (Sponsor's name) FAOBMB MEDAL 2010**

Nominee's details.

[Nominee must have been a member of an FAOBMB constituent society or group for at least the previous 2 years]

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone: ()

Email:.....

Proposers' details.

Both proposers must advise the FAOBMB Secretary General by email of their support for this nomination by the deadline of.....

[Proposers must have been members of an FAOBMB constituent society for at least the previous 2 years]

Proposer 1 Name:.....

Address:.....

Email:.....

Proposer 2 Name:.....

Address:.....

Email:.....

The completed Nomination Form and Nomination Proposal should be saved as a single pdf file (file name: 2010_FAOBMB MEDAL_APPLICANT SURNAME.pdf) and emailed to the FAOBMB Secretary (j.dejersey@uq.edu.au) by..... Unless otherwise advised, a valid nomination will be considered for the next three years and nominees will be given the opportunity to provide an update each year.

NOMINATION PROPOSAL

Formatting: A4 paper setting, double-spacing and 12 point Times Roman font.

Any nomination failing to comply with formatting requirements and maximum specified space limits (see below) will be removed from further consideration.

1. Nomination Form.

Attach the form on the previous page as the front page of the nomination, with all sections completed.

2. Nominee's educational qualifications.

3. Nominee's current and previous appointments and positions.

4. Nominee's previous honours and awards.

5. Citation. [2 pages]

This should be a description of the nominee's major scientific contributions in relation to the objectives of the award of the medal, the significance of these contributions, an explanation as to why the nominee is especially qualified to receive the medal, and a description of the nominee's contribution where the nominee has been part of a research team or teams.

6. Complete list of the nominee's peer reviewed publications (single spaced).

This list should not include abstracts, and should be in two parts.

(i) The five best publications from the preceding five years, plus up to five papers from the preceding period, with a brief annotation for each paper (no more than 4 lines) describing its significance. Numbers of citations, the impact factor of the journal, and the ranking of that journal within its field based on impact factor (specify field if not Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), must be given for these 10 publications.

(ii) A full list of publications with numbers of citations and impact factors.

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE FAOBMB EDUCATION AWARD COMMITTEE

**APPLICATION FORM FOR
THE FAOBMB EDUCATION AWARD 2010**

Applicant's details.

[Applicant must have been a member of an FAOBMB constituent member society or group for at least the previous 2 years]

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone: ()

Email:.....

Supporters' details.

All three supporters must advise the FAOBMB Secretary General by email of their support for this application **AND forward a confidential reference** by the deadline of.....

At least two of the supporters must have been members of an FAOBMB constituent member society or group for the past two years.

Supporter 1

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Email:.....

Supporter 2

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Email:.....

Supporter 3

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Email:.....

The completed Application Form and Application Proposal should be saved as a single pdf file (file name: 2010_FAOBMBEDU_APPLICANT SURNAME.pdf) and emailed to the FAOBMB Secretary (j.dejersey@uq.edu.au) by.....

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

The FAOBMB Education Award rewards outstanding achievement in education in biochemistry or molecular biology, especially innovation and creativity in education, with a view to fostering leadership in this important area of the FAOBMB activities. The Award will enable the recipient to participate in an international conference with a significant focus on education, or to spend a period of time at another institution (in Australia or overseas) for the purposes of undertaking developments in education in biochemistry and molecular biology. The recipient will receive complimentary registration to the FAOBMB annual scientific conference and will present a lecture, probably within the Education Symposium at this meeting.

APPLICATION

A. Formatting: A4 paper setting, double-spacing and 12 point Times Roman font.

Any application failing to comply with formatting requirements and maximum specified space limits (see below) will be removed from further consideration.

B. Supporters: Each applicant must ask three supporters to each provide confidential reports by email directly to the Secretary General (j.dejersey@uq.edu.au).

The report by each Supporter is to contain an evaluation of:

- i. the Applicant's educational achievements in terms of the selection criteria for the Award
- ii. the quality of the proposed activity for which the Award is sought.

C. Application Details: Applicants should submit their Application containing their details, numbered in the following order, and **not exceeding the maximum specified space limits**.

1. Application Form. *Attach the form on the previous page as the front page of the application, with all sections completed.*
2. Applicant's educational qualifications.
3. Applicant's previous appointments and positions.
4. Applicant's previous achievements, honours and awards.
5. Statement. **[maximum 4 pages]**

In this Statement, you should set out your achievements, as well as providing details of the purpose for which the Award is sought. In each case, address the selection criteria listed on the following page.

6. Complete list of the applicant's publications (can be single spaced).

List published research papers, reviews, books, book chapters and conference papers. List separately those publications which are of special significance for education. (These lists should not include abstracts unless they are of special significance for education).

7. Any other evidence that you feel will enhance your case **[maximum 1 page]** .

Selection Criteria

Candidates for the Invitrogen Education Award will be assessed on the basis of evidence that supports their claims against five broad criteria:

1. Teaching philosophy and methods.
2. Personal teaching performance, quality and outcomes.
3. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology research and teaching: evidence of involvement in research (education, scientific or both).
4. External role, peer review and influence beyond host department/institution.
5. Purpose of Award: Quality of proposed activity for which the Award is sought.

[The proposed activity must be directly relevant to new developments in education in biochemistry and molecular biology, or more generic educational developments that will be applied to biochemistry and molecular biology.]

Within these five broad criteria, candidates may like to consider some or all of the following as relevant examples of areas of achievement and engagement:

- Interest and enthusiasm for undertaking teaching and for promoting student learning.
- Ability to arouse curiosity, and to stimulate independent learning and the development of critical thought.
- Ability to organise course material and to present it cogently and imaginatively.
- Command of the subject matter, including the incorporation in teaching of recent developments in the field of study.
- Innovation in the design and delivery of content and course materials.
- Provision of appropriate assessment, including the provision of worthwhile feedback to students on their learning.
- Ability to assist students from equity groups to participate and achieve success in their courses.
- Professional and systematic approach to teaching development.
- Participation in professional activities and research related to teaching.

Proposal for Exchange Fellowships to assist young scientists from the region to develop their expertise in research or education, to be jointly offered by FAOBMB and a member society.

Revised rules for FAOBMB Fellowships were approved at the 2008 Council Meeting in Taipei and are reproduced below. It is now proposed to approach some of our constituent societies to seek joint sponsorship of exchange fellowships.

GUIDELINES FOR FAOBMB TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS and FAOBMB FELLOWSHIPS

Objectives of the FAOBMB Fellowship Scheme

FAOBMB Fellowships are awarded to contribute towards the travel and accommodation expenses of early career biochemists and molecular biologists from the FAOBMB region **to**:

- a. Attend and present a research paper or poster at an FAOBMB sponsored function (Congress, Conference, Symposium or Workshop); **or**
- b. Spend a period of time in a host laboratory within the FAOBMB region, learning a particular technology, skill or technique of significance and relevance to the needs of the home country/institution.

Objectives of the Fellowship Scheme are to:

- Improve research skills and foster the transfer of technology in order to build capacity and capability to fulfil the scientific human resource needs of FAOBMB Constituent Member countries/regions.
- Enhance cooperation and collaboration within the FAOBMB region.
- Develop research linkages between the host institution and the home institution of the Fellowship recipient.

Potential applicants for FAOBMB Travel Fellowships should also consider applying for an FAOBMB Young Scientist Award to support participation in an FAOBMB Congress.

To achieve the above objectives, FAOBMB will allocate funds for two types of Fellowship:

- (a) **FAOBMB Travel Fellowships** to enable early career scientists of not more than 40 years of age to attend FAOBMB-sponsored functions;

- (b) **FAOBMB Fellowships** to enable scientists of not more than 40 years from Constituent Member countries/regions to undertake collaborative research or learn particular skills from participating laboratories.

In this Scheme, a person is eligible to be considered for a Fellowship if their completed application reaches the Chair of the Fellowship Committee before their 41st birthday.

Constituent Members of FAOBMB (as at May 2008) are the societies and groups of biochemists and molecular biologists from the following countries or regions in the Asia and Oceania region: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Taiwan, Hawaii, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Criteria for the award of a Travel Fellowship or Fellowship:

- (i) The candidate is at an early stage of his or her career development, has a proven record of academic and intellectual achievement and shows research potential;
- (ii) The candidate has submitted an application providing all requested information and documentation by the due date (see separate Application Forms for Travel Fellowships and Fellowships).

Applicants for a Fellowship to undertake research and research-related activities in a host laboratory will need to:

- Provide evidence of acceptance of the program and partial funding of expenses by the host institution;
- Provide a letter of support from the Head of the home institution/department of the applicant, preferably indicating that some financial support will be available;
- Provide a detailed activity plan and a budget for the period of the Fellowship, including details of supervision;
- Demonstrate the relevance and necessity of the particular skill/technique to be acquired and explain how she/he will utilize the newly acquired skills in the home institution and country.

Administration of the FAOBMB Travel Fellowship and Fellowship Schemes

These awards shall be administered by the FAOBMB Fellowship Committee which shall also be responsible for the selection of the successful applicants, after a proper evaluation of the completed application forms in accordance with the criteria outlined above, for final approval by Council.

The FAOBMB Fellowship Committee shall comprise the following:

- (i) The Chair, elected by the FAOBMB Council of Delegates.
- (ii) The FAOBMB Treasurer.
- (iii) The Chair of the Education Committee of FAOBMB.
- (iv) The Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Constituent Member hosting the FAOBMB function in that year, or nominee.
- (v) A member from the FAOBMB Region co-opted by the Fellowship Committee Chair.

Further Information:

Further information on the FAOBMB Fellowship Scheme can be obtained from the Chair of the FAOBMB Fellowship Committee, Dr Piamsook Pongsawasdi, of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand (email Piamsook.P@Chula.ac.th).