



APEC News

Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC) is an international (regional) association of endodontists from countries in the Asian Pacific region. According to the confederation, APEC tries to develop and maintain high standards of endodontic research/teaching and practice and build closer professional relationships of endodontists within the target region.

Foundation of APEC backs to the 30 years ago, when the first meeting was held in December 1985 in Bangkok, Thailand. Actually, the idea of organizing an endodontic group in the Asian Pacific region had its beginnings through the efforts of several dedicated individuals and determined spirit of international cooperation and sharing.

In April 1985, during the Annual Convention of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) held in San Diego, California, Dr. Miyahara and Dr. Vizcarra met to conceive the idea of forming a group of endodontists in Asia. They drafted the initial Constitution and by-laws of an organization of endodontists in Asia as a division of the International Federation of Endodontic Associations (IFEA). The drafted by-laws were patterned after IFEA; even they initially named it as Asian Federation of Endodontic Associations (AFEA).

The first organizational meeting was held on December 1985, in Bangkok, Thailand, where, in an informal election, Dr. Ernesto R. Vizcarra of the Philippines was elected as President. Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Bangladesh and India were the participating countries. Australia and New Zealand later joined the APEC.

One year later, on November 12, 1986, during the 74th FDI World Dental Congress held in Manila, the second organizational meeting was held at the Mindoro Room, Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines. The name of the organization adopted at that meeting was the Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC). The approved constitution and by-laws was ratified and adopted in 1988 during the first biennial Meeting held in New Delhi, India, in 1998-99.

During the incumbency of Dr. Paul V. Abbott as the APEC president, the constitution was revised to reflect changes in the methods of operations of the confederation and the increasing number of Endodontic society/association Members (national

endodontic societies/associations from within the Asian Pacific region). It was presented and adopted at the biennial meeting held in April 1999 in Singapore.

In the 1993 Newsletter, the President of APEC, Dr. John Booth of Australia, added the following reasons why endodontists and the national endodontic societies should join APEC and continue to support its activities: to keep their country involved in regional endodontics, to promote their country in the newsletter by way of articles on Endodontics, to work towards achieving high quality endodontics by means of advancing education through attending the meetings, to set up a sight for board-registered members of endodontists in their country-which could be of value if they have patients traveling in the Asian Pacific region, to receive the newsletter and keep in touch.

As a non-profit organization and to formalize its legal existence, APEC was registered in November 1989, with the "Registry of Societies" in Hong Kong.

In summary, the past events of APEC are as follow:

- 1985, Bangkok, Thailand
- 1986, Manila, Philippines
- 1988, New Delhi, India
- 1989, Seoul, South Korea
- 1992, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1993, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1994, Manila, Philippines
- 1995, Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- 1997, Seoul, South Korea
- 1999, Singapore, Singapore
- 2000, Osaka, Japan
- 2001, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2002, Seoul, South Korea
- 2003, Manila, Philippines
- 2004, Brisbane, Australia
- 2005, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2006, Honolulu, USA
- 2007, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2009, Tokyo, Japan
- 2011, Shiraz, Iran
- 2013, Seoul, South Korea
- 2015, Amman, Jordan



Prof. Akbar Khayat, the Iranian President of APEC. He was also the president of 16th meeting of APEC held in Shiraz, Iran.

It is an honor to write a brief report of the 18th APEC meeting, which was held in Amman, Jordan in April 8-11, 2015; The scientific and social events were fruitful and attractive. Jordan Minister of Health spoke as delegate of the Jordan government at the opening ceremony. During the meeting, Professor Mahmoud Torabinejad, our respected Iranian fellow had some lectures, like his inspiring memorial lecture entitled “The Future of Endodontics”. He actually had increased the whole aspects of the meeting. It is crystal clear now that any endodontist in the world stands up for his respect. Other key note speakers were Prof. Martin Trope, and Prof. Samuel O Dorn from the USA, Dr. William Saunders from the UK, Dr. Gianluca Gambarini, and Dr. Nicola Grande from Italy, Dr. Stephane Simon, and Dr. Imad About from France, Dr. Nobuyuki Kawashima from Japan, Prof. Luke Sung Kyo Kim from Korea, Prof. Abbasali Khademi from Iran, Dr. Vladimir Ivanovic from Serbia, Dr. Sanjay Miglani from India, Dr. Rashid EL Abed from UAE, Dr. Ehab Heikal from Egypt, and Dr. Ahmad Madarati from UK. Country representative speakers were as follow; Dr. V Gopikrishna from India, Dr. Mohsen Ramazani from Iran, Dr. Hyeon-Cheol Kim from South Korea, Dr. Kurien Mamooti from Australia, Dr. Dephne Leong from Singapore, Dr. Moeen Al-Weshah from Jordan, and Dr. Chih-Chia Huan from Taiwan.

High quality scientific lectures and workshops were really attractive. Gala dinner at the Dead Sea beach rendered the night unforgettable. Many participants from 30 countries specially Arab, gathered at Royal Hotel in Amman and made other turning point of the meeting.



Iranian Speakers at APEC 18th. Left; Dr. Mohsen Ramazani and right Professor Abbasali Khademi

During the official APEC meeting, the election had the following results:

President: Dr. Gin Chen Taiwan

President-Elect: Dr. Sanjay Miglani, India

Secretary: Dr. Muna Al-Ali, Australia

Treasurer: Dr. Sasluck Pakdeethai, Australia

Immediate past President: Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun, Jordan

Councilors: Dr. Hyeon-Cheol Kim from Korea, Dr. Jjiang-Huei Jeng from Taiwan, Dr. Marcus Yan from Australia, Dr. Anil Kohli from India, Dr. Mohsen Ramazani from Iran, Dr. Sasluck Kobayashi from Japan, Dr. Samuel Dorn from the USA, Dr. Daphne Leong from Singapore.

Jordan is a rich-enough site for tourism. Religious and historical attractions are absorbing tourists from different parts of the world. Seven Sleeper Cave, places related to some prophets such as Shoaib, Muses, Haroun, Nooh, Hood, Loot and Rose city of Petra, Dead Sea, Wadi Rum, and Amman city with its numerous historical Greco-Roman sites are suggested for visiting.

Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun, as the conference president did his best so that all guests had a pleasure time in Jordan. I thank him deeply and wish him and his family a prosperous life.

India welcomes the next APEC meeting, which is to be held in New Delhi in 2017. Iranian Association of Endodontists (IAE) as a member of APEC, is looking forward to visiting as many as Iranian endodontists in India.

This is my honor to dedicate the sincerest regards to dear Prof. Masoud Parirokh who previously possessed the position of international representative in IAE, for his comprehensive supports.

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