

Reports of Working Group on Asia-Pacific Activities

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II. The major Mission of Committee is to decide the site and the related affairs of the Asia-Pacific region conference, which is held every three years. The second mission is to discuss and improve the international collaboration and cooperation among the Asian Pacific area.

III. The last meeting was held at 2:00 to 4:30 pm on 6th Dec. 2002, during the 5th Asia Pacific Conference on Medical and Biological Engineering in Singapore. In the meeting we invited Dr. Dov Jaron (President, IFMBE), Dr. Robert Nerem (Former President, IFMBE) and Dr. Fumihiko Kajiyama (Former President, IFMBE) as the guests and to have welcome remarks.

IV. Important Decisions:

1. Propose to Establish an IFMBE Working Group in Oriental Medical Engineering Research and Development.
2. There will be a session on Bioengineering and Physics in Oriental Medicine at WC 2003 in Sydney.
3. Cooperating among members in Planning of BME conferences and symposium in the region.
4. Hong Kong will host the world congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics from 1st to 6th April, 2004
5. Thailand formed the Biomedical Engineering Society in 2001 and currently it has 50 members. Prof. Jaron urged them to join the IFMBE.
6. Proposed for the 6th Asia-Pacific Conference 2005 site.

Two probable proposals:

A. Combined with IEEE/EMBS meeting in Shanghai, October, 2005

B. Combined with Japanese Society's Spring Meeting

The Chinese BME Society and the Japanese Society of BME are to submit their proposals to the Working Group by end of January 2003.