

AEARU
Association of East Asian Research Universities
Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting
held on October 29, 1998 at
Fudan University, Shanghai

PRESENT

Prof. Sung-Kee CHUNG (Chairperson)	President, Pohang University of Science and Technology, POSTECH
Prof. YANG Fujia	President, Fudan University
Prof. ChiaWei WOO	President, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, HKUST
Prof. Duk In CHOI	President, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, KAIST
Prof. Makoto NAGAO	President, Kyoto University
Prof. Chen JUN	Vice President of Foreign Affairs, Nanjing University
Prof. Masaaki HOMMA	Vice President, Osaka University
Prof. HAP Ping	Director, Foreign Affairs, Peking University
Prof. Wei-Jao CHEN	President, Taiwan University
Prof. Takeyuki DAMIMOTO	Dean of Faculty Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology
Prof. C. L. LIU	President, Tsing Hua-Hsinchu
Prof. WANG Dazhong	President, Tsinghua-Beijing
Prof. Jin DASHENG	Vice President, University of Science and Technology of China
Prof. IWASAKI Yoichi	Vice President of Research and Development, University of Tsukuba
Prof. Shigehiko HASUMI (Vice Chairperson)	President, University of Tokyo

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I.	<u>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON</u>	
	Former Chairperson CHANG introduced the new President of POSTECH and thus AEARU's new Chairperson, President Sung-Kee CHUNG who then officially opened the Fourth Annual General Meeting of AEARU at 14:00.	
2.	Prof. CHANG informed Chairperson CHUNG that President Chia-Wei WOO had been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at the earlier, informal discussion meeting.	
3.	Chairperson CHUNG introduced himself, apologizing for arriving late, due to commitments as President of POSTECH. He thanked Prof. CHANG for chairing the morning's informal discussions. (Notes attached at the end of these Minutes.)	
4.	Chairperson CHUNG presented a Certificate of Appreciate to Prof. Sooyoung CHANG for his contribution as AEARU's second chairperson.	
II.	<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u>	
5.	Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting held at POSTECH October 4, 1997 were accepted as written.	
6.	Minutes of the Third Board of Directors Meeting held at HKUST May 22, 1998 were accepted as written.	
III.	<u>REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSON CHUNG</u>	
7.	Chairperson CHUNG reviewed changes of Member University Presidents:	
a.	President IMURA, Kyoto University stepped down on Dec. 15, 1997. The new president is Prof. Makoto NAGAO.	
b.	President Chun Shan SHEN of Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu stepped down on Feb. 4, 1998. The new president is Prof. C. L. LIU.	
c.	President Leo ESAKI of the University of Tsukuba stepped down on April 1, 1998. The new president is Dr. Yasuo KITAHARA.	

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	student or colleague be interested in that research.	
11.	Discussion concerning the costs for the brochure concluded that POSTECH, as host university, would cover the initial cost and a limited number distributed to each Member university. Should a Member wish for more copies, costs will be discussed between POSTECH and the university. Exact costs will be presented at the next Board of Directors' meeting.	BOD
V.	<u>1998-1999 WORKSHOP REPORTS AND UPDATES</u>	
12.	The First Computer Science Workshop was mentioned. President WOO said HKUST will host the next Computer Science workshop, at a future date to be decided.	HKUST
13.	President LIU of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu commented on their Summer Camp and its success.	
14.	Ms. Cai CUI-HONG of Fudan University reported on the "GO" contest, mentioning that the students communicated with each other a great deal, even socializing in the evenings when on their own.	
15.	HKUST distributed a copy of their Summer Camp Report to each AEARU representative.	
16.	The Joint HKUST and KAIST Business Management Workshop was not cancelled, but postponed for April or May of 1999, or possibly during the next AGM. Permission to open it to non-members was asked because an insufficient number of AEARU Members have business schools. Permission was granted.	HKUST
17.	November 13-14, the 2 nd Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Workshop in Taipei was confirmed.	
18.	November 24-25, Kyoto University confirmed The First Web Technology Workshop.	
19.	SNU will host a Microelectronics Workshop in 1999.	SNU
20.	President WOO of HKUST proposed to co-host the First Environmental Workshop, and invited a co-host to work with them. WOO said he would check with his colleagues at HKUST to see if HKUST can fit this workshop into their busy schedule.	HKUST

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	Chairperson HASUMI, President LIU and President WOO said that no one "perfect" association exists, with all top-notch members. It was commented that every association can be dismissed if every AEARU Member insists that every member in the proposed linking association be "the best".	
29.	Other groups AEARU could link with were mentioned: CEASAR, the RUSSEL GROUP of 20 members, Canada's G-10. It was noted that AEARU is still young and should seek linkage with associations that will enhance AEARU activities.	
30.	A consensus was reached that AEARU is not yet ready to form such a linkage, and will postpone this another year.	BOD AGM
31.	Bioscientist Directory Update, Prof. LIM, Taiwan University reported this was continuing and no action need be taken now.	LIM TAIWAN U.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Member Universities

32. Vice Chairperson President HASUMI introduced the necessity for discussing policy for admitting new members before discussing his nomination of Tohoku University in Sendai as a new AEARU member.

33. President HASUMI noted that it would be best to decide an AEARU expansion policy then to discuss admitting Tohoku University and K-JIST. Prof. CHANG said AEARU started with nine members, and all other members have been invited, so no standards have been set for new members. It was noted the desire was to keep AEARU small so Members may communicate and know each other before admitting new members. President WOO on the other hand, warned against becoming solely a private social group.

34. Debate arose concerning last year's discussion about inviting Kim Il Sung University of North Korea. Chairperson CHUNG directed Members' attention to the Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting, paragraphs 66 and 67, in which the original motion was withdrawn to invite this university "...since Members only had scanty information on Kim Il Sung University, and no real contacts to speak of".

35. President WOO outlined AEARU's history, stating that the original guidelines started with science and technology. Then the word "research" was added, which increased the scope of universities to include Taiwan University and Peking University, which were

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d.	AEARU wishes to remain small but had overlooked Tohoku University while being formed, and thus wishes to correct that oversight and invite Tohoku University to join AEARU as its 17 th Member.	HASUMI U TOKYO
e.	Agreed the Kwangju Institute of Science and Technology, K-JIST, would not be invited to join AEARU at this time.	POSTECH
<u>B. Establishing AEARU Policies</u>		
41.	Concerning the Annual General Meetings, AGMs, Members agreed to:	
a.	allow observers to attend AGMs by invitation only.	
b.	hold parallel workshops during AGMs.	BOD
c.	invite spouses of those attending AEARU-sponsored events	
d.	encourage social gatherings to accompany AEARU events.	
e.	try to be present at Member universities' anniversaries.	POSTECH
f.	issue press releases and send them to the AEARU secretary, included on or linked to the AEARU website in the local language and AEARU's working language, English.	ALL MEMBERS
42.	Members did not agree to:	
a.	invite former university presidents to AGMs.	
b.	collect fees to finance AEARU activities, but rather to keep things as they are now for this "first cycle of AGM reciprocity" and consider changes in the future.	BOD
43.	It was noted that every AEARU Member institution is encouraged to fully participate at every AEARU-sponsored event, if relevant.	ALL MEMBERS

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

44. No other business was brought to the floor.

AEARU's Fourth Annual General Meeting

Pre Meeting, Morning Session with Guests from the French Ministry of National Education, Research and Technology (MENRT)

1. Opening Remarks

- A. Former Chairperson CHANG called the informal pre-meeting to order at 9:00 and explained that the new President of POSTECH and thus AEARU's new Chairperson, President Sung-Kee CHUNG, was delayed and would chair the afternoon meeting.
- B. President YANG of Fudan University welcomed AEARU member university presidents, vice presidents and other representatives to the Fourth Annual General Meeting.
- C. Former Chairperson CHANG presented a Certificate of Appreciate to President Chia-Wei WOO for his contribution as an AEARU founder and as AEARU's first Chairperson.
- D. Former Chairperson CHANG reminded those present that:
 - (1) The official working language of AEARU was English.
 - (2) It is preferred that universities be represented by their Presidents.

2. Pre Meeting Guest Presentation

- A. Prof. Vincent COURTILLOT, Special Advisor to the Ministry of National Education, Research and Technology (MENRT) made a presentation on reforms occurring in the French educational system. The delegation included: Prof. Jean-Pierre FINANCE, Chairperson, Research Commission, University Presidents Union and President of the University of Nancy I; Prof. Daniel NAHON, Director of Research, MENRT; Ms. Mathilde MALLET, Assistant to Advisor for International Relations in Minister's Cabinet; and Ms. Francoise RABAIN, in charge of International Relations, Direction of Research, MENRT.
- B. Prof. COURTILLOT explained that the French Educational system was undergoing major changes on a national level. The last time this was done was more than 40 years ago. For AEARU, this means the French government is making more contacts