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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Prof. Yasushi NAGASAWA, Dr. Eng. Dip.HFP, JIA, HEAJ Chairman of the IFHE 21st Congress 2010, and IFHE President, presented a report in May 2011. An edited version follows:

It is my great honour to submit a report on the 21st Congress of the International Federation of Hospital Engineering. Thanks to the kind participation from the member nations of the IFHE, the congress turned out to be a great success.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all those who supported and contributed to the Congress.

The Healthcare Engineering Association of Japan (HEAJ) was selected in 2006 to organise the 21st Congress, which was held from Wednesday 17 November to Friday 19 November 2011, at the Tokyo International Exhibition Centre (Tokyo Big Sight). The central theme was: "Healthcare Engineering against Cultural Background."

Simultaneous programs were:

The 39th Annual Conference of the Healthcare Engineering Association of Japan (HEAJ): and HOSPEX Japan, held in conjunction with the HEAJ Annual Conferences, is a comprehensive healthcare engineering exhibition (391 cubicles) including hospital-based facilities, equipment and engineering resources, etc. The total number of persons viewing the exhibits was approximately 34,500 over three days.

Registrants from 32 countries participated in the congress, comprising:

IFHE Honorary and Executive Committee members - 6; Council representatives - 39; IFHE members - 37;

Non IFHE members - 18; Speakers - 21; Accompanying persons - 58; Japanese members - 306.

Prior to the congress on Monday 15 November 2010, the IFHE Executive Committee Meeting no 35 was held at Tokyo Bay Court Club Hotel; and at the same hotel on Tuesday 16 November 2010, the Council meeting, when the presidency was transferred from Francisco Castella to Yasushi Nagasawa. It was reported that preparations for the 22nd Congress 2012 in Norway are on track; and AADIAH Argentina was selected to host the 23rd Congress 2014 in Buenos Aires.

The IFHE General Assembly: was held during the course of the congress on the morning of Thursday, 18 November. The 21st Congress Opening Ceremony took place on the morning of Wednesday 17 November. After the Opening Ceremony, the Keynote address was made by the invited speaker Dr. Young Soo Shin, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific on the main theme of 'Healthcare Engineering for People: Meeting Safety Standards'.

The Scientific program comprised ten sessions with four to six lectures in each. Presentations in the main hall made in English were translated simultaneously into Japanese.

The sub themes were: Cultural Background-1; Cultural Background-2; Energy Saving; Advanced Technology; Infection Control; Risk Management; Codes and Standards; Healthcare Architecture/Engineering-1; Healthcare Architecture/Engineering-2; Healthcare Logistics.

A Luncheon Seminar was held on Wednesday 17 November. The theme was *Challenges and efforts towards electrified Hospitals and "Steam Cell" (low cost steam generator using heat storage system)* presented by Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)

The Closing Ceremony was held after all sessions were completed in the afternoon of Thursday 18 November. It was announced that two speakers were selected for the awards for best papers presented at the 21st Congress.

Technical Visits were arranged for Friday 19 November. Approximately 100 persons in all took part in the six programs.

- a) Tokyo Gas Course at Makuhari Cooling and Heating Centre, Tokyo Gas Environmental Energy Centre.
- b) Kajima Corporation & Tokyo Metropolitan Tama Medical Centre Course, at Kajima Corporation Technical Research Institute, Tokyo and Metropolitan Tama Medical Centre.
- c) Shimizu Corporation & The Cancer Institute Hospital of JFCR Course, at Shimizu Corporation Institute of Technology and The Cancer Institute Hospital of JFCR.
- d) TOTO Technical Centre & Taisei Technology Centre Course at TOTO Technical Centre and Taisei Technology Centre.
- e) TEPCO Course at TEPCO R&D Centre and TEPCO Yokohama Thermal Power Plant
- f) Obayashi Group Course at Tokyo Sky Tree Site; Obayashi Corporation Technical Research Institute "Technostation."

Social events included:

Tokyo One Day Tour - two double-decker buses were chartered for sightseeing in Tokyo after the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday 17 November for about 80 accompanying persons.

Welcome Buffet - on the evening of 17 November, HEAJ members and HOSPEX Japan 2010 exhibitors welcomed

Congress participants and their accompanying persons. The total number of participants was about 300.

Dinner at Oedo Hot Spring Park - on the evening of Thursday 18 November, a farewell dinner party was held at the Hot Spring Park near the congress venue, Tokyo Big Sight.. The 180 participants enjoyed their experiences of Japanese culture, trying a selection of Japanese cuisine, dressing in Yukatas (light kimonos), and watching traditional performances such as Japanese dance and drumming.

IFHE 24TH CONGRESS 2016

IFHE 'A' National members are reminded of IFHE letter dated 13 April 2011 inviting applications to organise the 24th Congress in 2016. Submissions are to be made in the period 12 October to 12 December 2011. Valid submissions will be considered by the IFHE Council at its meeting on 13 April 2012, when a decision will be made.

IFHE 22nd CONGRESS 2012 NORWAY and IFHE COUNCILMEETING 45

National member organizations have been sent an Advance notice that Council meeting no.45 will be held on Friday 13 April 2012 on board the coastal steamer 'Midnatsol', which departs from Kirkenes, Norway at 12:45 on Thursday 12 April. Information about registration, on-board accommodation reservations, technical and social programmes, may be found by referral to the IFHE website www.ifhe.info and the KONGRESS AND KULTUR website www.kongress.no.

Council representatives are advised to arrive at Kirkenes in time to board the Midnatsol before its departure on 12 April, enjoy a relaxing afternoon and evening of westward sea travel, prior to participating in the Council meeting all day on 13 April. Persons who are not Council representatives and are delegates to the congress only may board the coastal steamer at Tromsø, where the Midnatsol will arrive at 23:45 on the evening of 13 April.

Persons, who submitted abstracts of papers, have been informed by FSTL about inclusion in the technical programme.

IFHE COUNCIL MEETING No. 44, 03 JUNE 2011; PARIS, FRANCE MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS RECORDED

An IFHE letter in this regard was sent to Council members on 03 October 2011. An abbreviated version follows:

Council Meeting No 44 was held on Friday 03 June 2011. Twenty two persons were present, representing thirteen National member organizations.

Minutes of meeting no. 43 held in Tokyo, Japan, 16 November 2010 were approved.

Membership suspension and termination: Council agreed to proposals for the waiving of specified arrears, and for recalculation of fees on reduced membership numbers in the case of two 'A' members. In the case of a third member Council recommended suspension, if arrears had not been paid by the time of the next meeting in April 2012.

Membership promotion:

Latin America Progress was reported in promotion of the consolidation of a Latin American Group, and in encouraging the formation of national healthcare architecture and engineering associations. It is anticipated that an application for IFHE membership will be submitted by the Chilean association for consideration by Council in Norway April 2012.

East Africa After receiving a report on the April 2011 training course for selected delegates from Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya, and their attendance at the SAFHE Biennial conference in Johannesburg, Council ratified the payment by IFHE for a two thirds share of the costs. It also agreed that consideration of a similar initiative in 2013 should be on the agenda of CM45 in 2012.

Application for 'A' National membership – formal ratification: HASRB China had complied with the requirements stated in the CM43 resolution accepting its application. Council formally ratified admission of HASRB as IFHE National member no. A045.

Administrative support service provider: Council agreed that: a. IFHE inform IHEEM that it would appreciate the current agreement being extended for at least a six month period beyond 31 December 2011; and b. The General Secretary in conjunction with the Treasurer - and coopted Executive Committee member(s) – be authorized to review the Support Services Provider terms of agreement.

Website: The contribution by FSTL Norway toward the maintenance of the website was acknowledged with thanks. The offer of advisory assistance by Darryl Pitcher of IHE Australia in generating an income stream from the website was welcomed. An appeal for articles for publication was repeated. Castella was encouraged to continue with his work in creating the website library of articles.

IFHE Booklet: A date for issue of a revised version may have to be postponed indefinitely. Efforts are being made to find and appoint a person who has the time and resources to take responsibility for establishing clear guidelines for objectives, index, required content, etc., and coordinating the process of rewrite, format and production.

Fees and subscriptions: A revised fee calculation table reflecting CM 43 decision to apply a 10% increase for year 2011 had been prepared and was approved by Council. Council agreed that the "A" NATIONAL MEMBERS ANNUAL FEE CALCULATION TABLE attached to IFHE letter dated February 2011 titled IFHE ANNUAL FEES YEAR 2011 be accepted and adopted as the basis for calculation of 'A' National member annual fees for 2012. Council accepted the Executive Committee recommendation that no increment be applied to the fees to be invoiced in 2012.

Asset usage: Donation - Council ratified the decision by Executive Committee that a token amount of GBP 1 500 be donated to a fund involved with restitution of healthcare facilities in the regions of Japan affected by the recent disasters.

World Health Organisation (WHO) liaison: In view of the completion of Dr Roger Schmitt's contract with WHO, IFHE is to enquire whether WHO intends designating another Technical Officer to continue liaison with the federation.

Joint publication – IFHE Digest: STEP Communications has been informed that, subject to certain agreed changes, production of the 2012 Digest may continue in terms of the present framework; and that a new agreement will be presented in due course to formalise an arrangement for future editions. (See separate article on A Wavell's report to Council).

International Congresses:

Reports were presented on the 21st congress 2010 in Tokyo; the 22nd congress 2012 Norway; and 23rd congress 2014 Buenos Aires.

In regard to the 24th congress in 2016, three national members represented at the Council meeting gave notice of their intention to submit applications.

Next Meetings

2012: Executive Committee meeting no 37. Thursday 12 April on board Coastal Steamer 'Midnatsol' departing from Kirkenes, Norway at 12:45; Council meeting no 45. Friday 13 April on board 'Midnatsol'.

2013: BEAM Malaysia letter proposing hosting of IFHE 2013 Council meeting in Kuala Lumpur in conjunction with "South East Asia Conference on Healthcare Engineering" June 2013, was tabled. This was discussed in favourable terms. The President has indicated that a firm decision in this regard should be left in abeyance until April 2012.

2014. Executive Committee meeting no 39 and Council meeting no 47 - Buenos Aires, Argentina on 11 and 12 October.

IFHE/ STEP JOINT PUBLICATION IFHE DIGESTS 2011 and 2012

An edited version of Andy Wavell's report to IFHE Council on 03 June 2011 follows:

IFHE Digest for 2011 was printed on time and distributed to members and/or member organisations for onward distribution. There were some problems with mail in that addresses were incorrect and some postings were lost via UPS. This particularly affected the distribution to AEIH Spain for which he apologised. The Advertising to Editorial content split was 14% to 86%. It would be preferable to see a split of 65 to 35% IFHE Digest for 2012. The Publisher did not make a profit on the 2011 edition. The loss was about £5000. However he has agreed to continue production of the 2012 edition in terms of the current contract, provided steps are taken to move to a situation where at least a break-even is achieved and hopefully thereafter make a profit - and possibly some income for IFHE.

After discussion with the General Secretary, several changes to the terms of the contract had been agreed in principle:

- a. Editorship will be done in-house by the Publisher to reduce costs by £6000.
- b. The 2012 edition will be reduced in size to about 19 articles (92 pages), with the proviso that should advertising revenue increase, an increase in articles may be permitted.
- c. The print run will be restricted to 12500 and distribution costs may be reduced by using bulk mailing to a greater extent than previously, where acceptable to member organisations.

It is anticipated that these proposed changes will be incorporated into a revised contract to be presented for application to the production of the next year's edition.

LATIN AMERICA

Liliana Font, IFHE Second Vice President tabled two reports at the IFHE meeting in Paris June 2011. These are partly quoted below in edited form: to illustrate the extent to which Past President Francisco's efforts to encourage the promotion of IFHE in Latin America have succeeded; to draw attention to the numerous well organized and publicized activities of IFHE National members AADAIH and ABDEH; and to acknowledge the role of several individuals, e.g. Paco Elzaurdia of SUAIH, in furthering the objectives of IFHE in Latin America.

AADAIH ACTIVITIES REPORT TO COUNCIL PARIS 2011

Report for period November 2010 to December 2011 prepared by AADAIH Secretary Arq. Alicia Preide.

AADAIH'S Board meetings are held every two weeks. Special attention is being paid to the gathering and classification of technical information for the Library and Web site, and its distribution among members and other related Associations. An annual training course for graduates in different disciplines is under way, in collaboration with National University of Lanús

22nd Annual Latin American Congress is being prepared to be held in Buenos Aires 06 -09 September 2011, centered on the importance of "Communications and Connectivity in Health Care"

A new release of AADAIH'S yearly Digest is being prepared and will be published in coincidence with the 22nd Congress. It will contain a special chapter dealing with the design and equipment of Imaging Areas.

Seminars were organized in different sites of the country, the two last held in Catamarca and Mendoza, in this case with the attendance of a Chilean delegation.

A seminar on "Statistics applied in planning and design of health care facilities" was organized in Buenos Aires and hosted by CTOD (Technology, Design and Construction Center).

AADAIH'S existing standards Committees on Air treatment, Medical Gases and Architectural items continued working, and other working groups were added, to deal with Surgery and Outpatient Consulting areas, Burns patients, and Fire risks in Hospitals.

AADAIH'S 25th Anniversary Celebration is to be held in National Library, Buenos Aires August 14, 2011

Participation in EXPO-MEDICAL - the country's major medical technology annual exhibition. AADAIH will be in charge of a Seminar on Clinical Labs and Hemotherapy, 20 -30 September 2011.

Participation in FEMATEC (Materials and Technology Fair) in Buenos Aires, 05 - 08 October 2011.

Collaboration programs have been renewed with ADECRA (Argentine Association of Clinics) and CONFELISA (Argentine Federation of Clinics and Sanatoriums), for the promotion of interdisciplinary contribution in the healthcare field.

LATIN AMERICA REPORT IFHE TO COUNCIL PARIS 2011

Arch. Liliana Font

Cuba Paco Elzaurdia attended the conference held in Cuba, on behalf of IFHE - as previously arranged with Bernard Shapiro. L. Font sent a message to be read promoting IFHE'S aims in the region and inviting Latin American countries to submit their applications for "A" membership.

AADAIH'S president Eng. Ricardo Franceschelli together with Cuban authorities took part in the opening ceremony.

José Turniansky reported that apart from Argentina's 20 delegates, Costa Rica, Mexico, Perú, Guatemala, El Salvador and Uruguay were represented at the event.

Arch. C. Garrido, in charge of the Cuban Congress, was very satisfied with the attendance of over 160 delegates and showed interest in submitting the best papers read at their Congress for evaluation by IFHE Digest's editorial board.

A. Wavell had provided several copies of the IFHE Digest to be distributed at the event.

In a private meeting that included the President of La Habana Engineering Association, the President of the Cuban Architects Association, the Past Minister of Health of Cuba and the President of the Argentine Association, it was agreed to promote a list of events scheduled for 2011 and 2012 in order to encourage regional contacts and IFHE objectives.

Chile The contacts with Chile had begun four years ago. Since then, Chilean colleagues have been involved in the creation of their national associations. Arq. C. Menendez of Chile has indicated that their statutes are ready to be signed and that most probably their application will be ready for consideration at the next Council Meeting in Norway. Luciano Monza of AADAIH and Paco Elzaurdia of SUAIH will assist them in the final details of their submission.

Colombia AADAIH has contacted at least two different groups of colleagues that showed interest in IFHE membership. On 01 and 02 September 2011 they will have their 3rd National Congress. At least two delegates from Argentina will attend and will try to assist them in organizing one representative National Association. The present contact Arch. O. Martinez Cubillos has told L. Monza (AADAIH) that they are planning to meet in June 2011 to discuss their new Association.

Brasil On 26 May 2011, members of AADAIH's board were invited to the assumption of the new authorities of the Brazilian Association. Arch. Fabio Bitencourt has been elected as the new president up to the year 2014. L. Font is in permanent contact with him. He has offered collaboration for the organization of regional meetings and also for the 2014 IFHE International Congress to be held in Buenos Aires.

Costa Rica Their National Congress will be held on 03 - 06 August 2011. Arch. E. Contreras will be AADAIH's representative. She is in charge of organizing regional training courses on Hospital Planning, and her purpose is to encourage other countries in joining AADAIH for future seminars.

Venezuela in 2010 L. Font was invited by Arch. Sonia Bello to lecture on "Recycling Old Hospitals". On that occasion, a representative group of colleagues from several institutions held an informal meeting to establish the rules for a new national association (AVAMS). Since then this idea has been in progress.

Generally In order to organize different contacts, fix a schedule of events and exchange useful information, a Latin American Committee has been created. Representatives of the several countries are going to collaborate under the coordination of Arch. José Turniansky of AADAIH.

EVENTS CALENDAR

IFHE members are invited to submit information regarding forthcoming events for publication.

2011

- 01-02 November **IHEEM Annual conference**, Manchester Central Convention Centre, "Improving Healthcare Outcomes through Innovation: Making it happen". office@iheem.org.uk ; www.iheem.org.uk
- 08-10 November **International Hospital Federation 37th World Hospital Congress**. Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai, Arab Emirates 'Healthcare in a Changing World. Overcoming the Challenges.' www.ihfdubai.ae
- 13-16 November **Healthcare Design Conference**. Center for Health Design, American College for Healthcare Architects and AIA Academy of Architecture for Health, Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN, USA www.HCD11.com
- 16-18 November **NZIHE 66th Annual and 75th Anniversary Conference**. Intercontinental Hotel, Wellington, New Zealand. "Closing the Loop" www.nzihe.org.nz

2012

- 12 April **IFHE Executive Committee meeting 37** on board coastal steamer 'Midnatsol', Norway
- 13 April **IFHE Council meeting 45** on board coastal steamer 'Midnatsol'
- 13-17 April **IFHE 22nd Congress** organized by FSTL on board Norwegian coastal steamer "A voyage through International and Norwegian Hospitals." www.ifhe.info and www.kongress.no

2013

- IFHE Executive Committee meeting 38** to be confirmed on 13 April 2012
- IFHE Council meeting 46** to be confirmed on 13 April 2012

2014

- 03 October **IFHE Executive Committee meeting 39** Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 04 October **IFHE Council meeting 47** Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 05-09 October **IFHE 23rd Congress** organized by AADAIH at UCA University Av Alicia Moreau de Justo 1300 Buenos Aires, Argentina. "Healthcare Facilities in times of Radical Changes"

IFHE AND 'A' NATIONAL MEMBERS' WEBSITES

Members are requested to keep IFHE informed about changes in contact details and website addresses.

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