

MINUTES OF THE IFSCC ZONE 2 & ASCS MEETINGS

Date	29 September 2026	Format	Hybrid meeting
Time	12:00–13:20	Participants	Representatives of IFSCC Zone 2 societies and ASCS

1. IFSCC Zone 2 Meeting

- Opening and previous minutes: Members were welcomed, and the minutes of the previous Zone 2 meeting were approved without amendment.
- ASCS 2027 progress update:
 - The congress will be held in Guangzhou, China, at the Dong Fang Hotel. The main congress is scheduled for 3–4 June 2027, with the opening ceremony on 2 June. The theme is “Beauty Science Has No Boundaries.”
 - Programme and participation: The organisers plan two main lecture theatres and a poster area, with over 50 podium presentations, at least 150 posters and approximately 800 participants. Scientific topics will cover ingredients, formulation science, measurement methods, skin biology and related fields.
 - Call for papers and promotion: The paper submission deadline is 15 January 2027. Zone 2 societies were asked to encourage paper submissions and attendance, particularly from outside China, to strengthen the congress’s international character.
 - Events, awards and sponsorship: A social night cruise, gala dinner, research and poster awards, young scientist awards, exhibition booths and several sponsorship packages are planned. Sponsorship preparations are progressing, while additional international sponsors remain welcome.

2. ASCS Meeting

- Historical background: The establishment and development of ASCS were reviewed in the context of the growth of cosmetic science and the cosmetics industry across Asia.
- Relationship with IFSCC: Participants broadly supported maintaining close alignment with IFSCC while preserving ASCS’s regional identity and its ability to respond to Asia-Pacific specific needs. ASCS should complement, rather than duplicate, IFSCC activities.
- Governance and operations: Members discussed the need for a clearer operating framework, including defined purpose and roles, decision-making processes, succession arrangements, and an organising function that does not depend solely on personal relationships.
- Future activities and visibility: Suggestions included more joint regional events, stronger communication among member societies, better use of available IFSCC support, and a shared platform or website to publicise events and explain ASCS’s purpose and activities.
- Next step: Develop the ASCS Operational Manual. SCCJ will prepare a draft of the Operational Manual and present it at the next meeting.



Appendix: list of Attendees

Japan	Katsunori Yoshida Shunsuke Matsumoto Yosuke Tojo Iddamalgoda Arunasiri Tomoko Sekine Ryo Sekine	in person
China	Lisa Yuan Cecily Wang Emma Huang Jinhui Zuo Fan Yang	in person
Malaysia	Toh Mong Sah	in person
Singapore	Tan Ming Jie	in person
Korea	Jae Sung Hwang	in person
Thailand	Theeraya Krisdaphong	in person
Hong Kong	Albert Leung	in person
Indonesia	Mediana Hadiwidjaja	in person
Australia	Amaryllis Aganahi Robert McPherson	in person
New Zealand	Merve Samur	in person
Secretariat	Len Ito Akihiro Ishino Akemi Mori	in person
IFSCC	SilviaH.Pérez Damonte	in person
India	Monisha Mullick	web
Taiwan	Samuel Lin	web
Japan	Shigetoyo Sawaki	web
Philippines	Pearl Valenton	absent
The Middle East	Mohammad Baghaei	absent