

Minutes of Zone 2 meeting

Date and time: Thursday, May 15th, 16:00-18:00 GMT+9

Place: PACIFICO Yokohama North 2F, G213 and online meeting (Teams)

Participants: See appendix

Agenda

1. Opening (Chair of Zone 2 Societies) 16:00-16:05
2. Introduction of members present 16:05-16:25
3. Minutes of last Zone 2 Meeting (2024, October) 16:25-16:35
4. Progress update (ASCS 2025 (Philippines)) 16:35-17:25
Philippine society updated and remained as follows
 - ASCS will be held from June 4 to 6.
 - June 4th: Registration/ Plenary Sessions/ Poster Display
 - June 5th: Break Out Session/ Plenary Session/ ASCS2025 Closing and 2027 Turnover Ceremony/Poster Display/ Gala Night
 - June6: Delegation Tour
 - Zone2 Meeting will be held **at 7PM June 4th @Admiral Hotel**
 - 27 podium presentations are accepted as of May 15th.
(Japan-8, Phillipines-5, China-4, Indonesia-3, India-2, Malasia-2, Singapore-2, Australia-1)
 - 50posters are accepted as of May 15th
(Indonesia-12, Japan-11, China-9, Malaysia-7, Korea-4, Philippines-4, Australia-1. India-1, Singapore-1)
 - International Delegate Registers are from
Japan-44, Malaysia-16, China-11, Indonesia-13, Korea-7, India-5, Middle Kingdom-4, Singapore-4, Australia-2
5. Progress update (IFSCC 2026 (Australia)) Next Zone2 meeting
Since Australian Society is absent, it will be updated on next Zone2 meeting.
6. Discussions about IFSCC 2032 and ASCS 2029 Host Society 17:25-18:00
IFSCC 2032
The Chair, Shunsuke Matsumoto, stated that the host for IFSCC 2032 will be selected

by a vote at the Zone 2 meeting in September. Korea and China have expressed their intention to be candidates. Any other society may also submit their candidacy before the Zone 2 meeting in September, which will be held in Cannes. All candidates are required to give a presentation.

ASCS2029

The Chair, Shunsuke Matsumoto, stated that the host for ASCS 2029 will be selected by a vote at the Zone 2 meeting in September. Thailand has expressed its intention to be a candidate. Any other society may also submit their candidacy before the Zone 2 meeting in September, which will be held in Cannes. All candidates are required to give a presentation.

7. Any other business 18:00-

Ms. Tomoko Sekine reported the updates from IFSCC Spring meeting as follows:

IFSCC2025

- 1167 abstracts were submitted, 16 were immediately rejected due to obvious rule violations or off-topic.
- 168 (14.5%) were rejected after blind evaluation of scientific committee of the host society; the percentage is much higher than usual.
- 68 podiums were selected . From Zone2, China has 14, South Korea has 11, Japan has 3, Singapore has 1.
- 19 booths are remaining or currently being sold.

Others

Considering the contribution to IFSCC, it seems unfair that the hosting ratio of Zone 2 is low. In order to raise the IFSCC rankings of Zone 2 societies and increase presence of us within the IFSCC, it is important to increase the number of presentations at IFSCC events and to pay membership fees by the deadline.

8. Closing

Appendix: list of Attendees

| Country | Attendee | Zone2MTG |
|-----------------|--|-----------|
| India | Mr. Rashmi Mohile | in person |
| Thailand | Theeraya Krisdaphong | in person |
| Hong Kong | Albert LEUNG | in person |
| | David, Chow Hon-Cheung | in person |
| Indonesia | Prof Dr apt Rer Nat Anis Yohana Chaerunisa MSi | in person |
| Philippines | Precious Joy B. Abdeleda | in person |
| Singapore | Tan Ming Jie | in person |
| | Nobuaki Matsuoka | in person |
| The Middle East | Mohammad Baghaei | in person |
| Taiwan | Samuel Lin | in person |
| Korea | Sungho Lee | in person |
| Japan | Katsunori Yoshida | in person |
| | Shunsuke Matsumoto | in person |
| | Shigetoyo Sawaki | in person |
| | Tomoko Sekine | in person |
| | Iddamalgoda Arunasiri | in person |
| | shinsuke okuda | in person |
| | Ryo Sekine | in person |
| | Kosuke Nagai | in person |
| | Yuki Yamamoto | in person |
| | Akihiro Ishino | in person |
| Taiwan | Ying-Sheng Lin | web |
| Malaysia | Toh MongSah | web |
| New Zealand | Sylvester Kuo | web |
| China | Fan Yang | web |
| | Lisa Yuan | web |
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| Australia | Helen Pearce | absence |

Toh MongSah from Malaysia was absent.