

REPORT from ISSAAS Central Secretariat

I. ISSAAS Board of Directors Meeting (Combined with the Editorial Committee)

Date: 11 December 2007: 20:00-21:30

Venue: Meeting Room, Century Makhota Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia

Attendants:

Central Secretariat:

Dr. Mohad. Khanif Yusop, President

Dr. Akimi Fujimoto, Secretary General

Indonesia:

Dr. Supiandi Sabiham, Vice President

Dr. Tineke Mandang, Director

Dr. Dewa Ngurah Suprapta, Director

Dr. Dadang, Regional Secretary

Japan

Dr. Kanju Ohsawa, Vice President

Dr. Keiko Natsuaki, Director

Dr. Keishiro Itagaki, Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Mami Irie, Regional Secretary

Malaysia:

Dr. Ghizan Saleh, Vice President

Dr. Uma Rani Sinniah, Regional Secretary

Philippines

Dr. Roberto F. Ranola, Jr., Vice President,

Dr. Susan May F. Calumpang, Editor

Thailand

Dr. Tanu Pinyopummintr, Representative of Vice President

Dr. Sombat Chinawong, Director

Dr. Lop Phavaphutanon, Regional Secretary

Vietnam:

Dr. Vu Dinh Hoa, Representative of Vice President

AGENDA

1. Greetings from ISSAAS President

Prof. Dr. Mohd. Khanif Yusop, Universiti Putra Malaysia

2. Activities Report 2007

Presented by Secretary General and approved by the Board

(1) International Congress 2006

Dates: 9-11 December 2006

Venue: Malaysia Putra University

Program:

9 Dec. 2006: General Meeting

Symposium: Harnessing the richness of natural resources towards sustainable agriculture

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10 Dec 2006: Scientific Presentation Session
Poster Session
11 Dec. 2006: Post Congress Tour

(2) Board of Directors Meeting
Date: 8 Dec. 2006; 21:00-23:00
Venue: Meeting Room, Mines Resort Hotel

(3) Publications of Journal
Vol.12, No.2: Published in December 2006
Vol.13, No.1: Published in July 2007

(4) Others
Co-sponsored the Sixth International Students Summit, 30 November – 1 December 2006

3. Financial Report 2007
Presented by Secretary General and approved by the Board

4. Auditors' Report for 2007
Presented by Secretary General on behalf of the Auditor, and approved by the Board

5. Business Plan for 2008

Presented by Secretary General and approved by the Board

(1) International Congress 2007
Theme: Agriculture is Business
Dates: 12-14 December 2007
Venue: Ballroom, Century Makhota Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia
Four plenary papers
57 scientific papers
40 posters

(2) Board of Directors Meeting
Date: 11 Dec. 2007; 20:30-22:00
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(3) Publications of Journal
Vol.13, No.2: Published in December 2007 (In print)
Vol.13, No.3 (Supplement): To be published in April 2008
Vol.14, No.1: To be published in June 2008

The Editor-in-Chief briefed the Board on the current status of editing work. Currently, there are an adequate number of papers submitted for publication.

The Board acknowledged the work of the editorial committee, especially the contribution of the Philippine Chapter in editing and printing. It was also pointed out that the Journal of ISSAAS should be made to the scientific standard to be referred in the Science Citation.

(4) Others

Cosponsor the Seventh International Students Summit, 29-30 November 2007.

It was mentioned that the proceedings of the ISS are available in the webpage, under ISS/ISF, the entry to which is www.nodai.ac.jp.

6. Budget 2008

Presented by Secretary General and approved by the Board

7. Letter of Appreciation

Proposed by Secretary General and approved by the Board.

A letter for appreciation will be given to Prof. Dr. Mohd Nasir Shamsuddin, who served as Vice-President of Malaysia Chapter for 2006-2007 and Dr. Thongchai Mala, who served as Vice-President of Thailand Chapter for 2003-2007.

8. Recommendation for ISSAAS Award

There were candidates for the ISSAAS award. The board decided the Screening Committee should examine the recommendation for possible awarding in 2008.

9. Donations from TUA and SAEDA

Prof. Kanju Ohsawa, President, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Prof. Dr. Shun Suzuki, Director, Society for Agricultural Education-Research Development Abroad (SAEDA) expressed their intentions of donation to ISSAAS, amounting to Japanese yen 300,000 and 200,000 respectively.

10. ISSAAS Officers for 2008-2009

The following officers were confirmed for 2008-2009.

President: To be named from Thailand

Secretary General: Prof. Dr. Akimi Fujimoto, Tokyo University of Agriculture

Auditors: Prof. Dr. Kazuo Suyama; Prof. Dr. Hisamitsu Takahashi, Tokyo University of Agriculture

Vice President for Indonesia: To be named

Vice President for Japan: Prof. Dr. Kanju Ohsawa, Tokyo University of Agriculture

Vice President for Malaysia: Dr. Ghizan Saleh, Malaysia Putra University

Vice President for Philippines: Dr. Roberto F. Ranola, Jr., University of the Philippines Los Banos,

Vice President for Thailand: To be named

Vice President for Vietnam: Prof. Dr. Tran Duc Vien

11. Activities Report by Each Chapter

It was agreed to report activities of each chapter at the General Meeting on 12 December 2007.

12. Plan for ISSAAS International Congress 2008

The Board agreed to hold the ISSAAS International Congress 2008 in Thailand. The Thailand Chapter will organize the Congress and prepare the first circular by February 2008.

13. Other Matters

II. General Meeting

Date: 12 December 2007, 9:00-10:00

Venue: Ballroom, Century Makhota Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia

Attendants: 100 members

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8. Donations from TUA and SAEDA

Certificates of Donation were given to ISSAAS President by Prof. Kanju Ohsawa, President, Tokyo University of Agriculture (Japanese yen 300,000) and

Prof. Dr. Shun Suzuki, Director, Society for Agricultural Education-Research Development Abroad (SAEDA) (Japanese yen 200,000).

9. Activities Report was presented by Vice President of each Chapter

- (1) Indonesia: Dr. Supiandi Sabiham
- (2) Japan: Dr. Kanju Ohsawa
- (3) Malaysia: Dr. Ghizan Saleh
- (4) Philippines: Dr. Roberto F. Ranola Jr.
- (5) Thailand: Dr. Tanu Pinyopummintr, representing Dr. Tongchai Mala
- (6) Vietnam: Dr. Vu Dinh Hoa, representing Dr. Tran Duc Vien

10. Plan for ISSAAS International Congress 2007

It was announced that the Thailand Chapter will organize the International Congress 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand.

11. Other Matters