



**International Federation of Endodontic  
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*IFEA 12<sup>th</sup> Endodontic World Congress, 2020 and 2021, Chennai, India*  
*IFEA 13<sup>th</sup> Endodontic World Congress 2022, Buenos Aires, Argentina*  
*IFEA 14<sup>th</sup> Endodontic World Congress 2024, Glasgow, Scotland*

## **2020 BOD meeting**

**06 September 2020 12 Midday GMT**

### **Zoom**

#### **1. Call to order :**

Dr Luke Sung Kyo Kim – President IFEA.

#### **2. Attendees/Roll call:**

Dr Luke Sung Kyo Kim (LK)  
Dr Cathering Ricci (CR)  
Dr Alan Nerwich (AN)  
Dr Mark Wotzke (MW)  
Dr Liliana Artaza (and twins) (LA)  
Dr Elisabetta Cotti (EC)  
Dr Patrick Taylor (PT)  
Dr Anil Kohli (AK)  
Dr Ahmed Hashem (AH)  
Dr Ennio Rebellato (ER)  
Dr Roeland De Moor (RDM)  
Dr Gopi Krishna (GK)  
Dr David Jaramillo (DJ)  
Dr Sam Dorn (SD)  
Dr William Maclean (WM)  
Dr Bill Kahler (BK)

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Dr Oliver Pope (OP)  
Ms Adrienne Jansen (AJ)

### **3. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of BOD meeting 2019 (Vienna) approved unanimously.

### **4. WEC 2026 Congress bid:**

Australia (Australian Society of Endodontology) was the only bid received from the Oceania region for the WEC 2026.

The Bid was presented by Dr Bill Kahler (Organizing Committee), Dr Oliver Pope (ASE President) and Ms Adrienne Jansen (Business Events Sydney).

#### ***Questions from the BOD:***

EC – Will there be low-cost housing/accommodation for students and young doctors.

*Reply* – BK, AJ – there will be plenty of budget accommodation available from \$20.00 upwards.

AN – What are the numbers of attendees expected to attend.

*Reply* – BK, AJ – expecting 800 -1200 attendees and at that number, there should be a profit. They are confident of those numbers. The ICC is a superior venue and a large facility, however, flexible. There is an option for a hybrid situation in the unlikely event that COVID-19 is still a problem, thus allowing an online/onsite congress.

CR – What are the potential dates for the WEC.

*Reply* – AJ – They are holding two possible dates, 19-22 March 2026 and 08-11 October 2026. These dates have taken into account public holidays, academic calendars, and other conferences. AJ asked if everyone has seen the bid offer submitted to AN on 30/04/2020

AN – The bid offer was sent to the BOD in early May. MW advised that he did not receive the email and that a decision should not be made in front of the applicants and until the bid offer has been read in more detail. Some other members of the Board also were unable to find the email and/or open the link. AN located the email he sent on 05/05/2020 at 11.56pm EST, where he forwarded the email containing the link to the BOD for their perusal. MW, LK and AH could then see the email that was sent. In any case BK will resend it and AN will forward the email with the link again.

MW – requested a rough guide of the registration fees.

*Reply* - OP – The figures are in the information previously provided to IFEA in the bid document. They will be about US\$480 - 560 for students (early bird and normal registration respectively), \$800-880 for members, and \$960-1050 for non-members.

MW – Will the WEC be a joint Australian and New Zealand meeting as well (TTEC) ? and confirming that there will be no conflict with other conferences/international meetings.

*Reply* - OP, BK – TTEC will be cancelled for 2026 and the WEC will be hosted by the ASE (Australia) only and there should be no conflicts with other meetings at this early stage.

AN – Concerned about these dates and the Europeans. The European members will just be starting back at work after the summer break. CR, EC and RDM all agreed that the October dates will be a real problem for the Europeans. All the academics and practitioners will just be returning to work and most will probably not be in a position to travel to Australia for a WEC. International attendees would mostly want to include a holiday/vacation in Australia either before or after the WEC, therefore early September would be much more preferable. SD and PT felt that September would be preferable to the North Americans as the March dates are close to the AAE meeting usually held in April. However, either these dates would be acceptable to the North Americans.

AN – the date is very important and September or late August would be preferable to attract international attendees who will also holiday in Australia.

*Reply* – AJ will investigate whether there is a time available in September and will advise accordingly.

ER – questioned whether there will be a clash with the ESE.

*Reply* – CR, EC, RDM – the ESE is held in odd-years, however, there is an unofficial meeting in even years which is more targeted to academics and students and is usually a research meeting on a particular subject.

AN – AJ, BK and OP to advise on alternative dates, Everyone will peruse the bid via the link prior to the AGM next week.

## **5. Committee reports**

### ***WEC Chennai 2020/1***

GK – Due to COVID-19 the WEC has been split into 2 parts – 23-26 Sept 2020 online and 12-14 September 2021 onsite.

Already has 1600 registrants for the online congress, which is completely organized already and ready to go with all the speakers having been confirmed.

The organizing committee will make a decision in 4 months whether to proceed with the onsite congress in August 2021 or whether it will have to be cancelled due to COVID -19.

AN – questioned whether 4 months may be too soon to make a decision considering the unknown nature of COVID-19 and the many variables involved. GK replied that, according to the way things are moving forward in India, he feels it is highly likely that the onsite congress will proceed, even if it is mainly for local attendees.

However, it is impossible to make a call with COVID-19 concerns currently.

MW congratulated GK for his efforts, echoed by the rest of the BOD.

ER – requested confirmation that the speakers have agreed to attend in 2021.

GK – all, but 3 speakers have confirmed for 2021 and 20 out of 21 sponsors have confirmed their support for 2021. He is confident that there will not be a loss. The health minister of India has organized to record a message of support to the WEC.

### ***WEC Glasgow 2024***

WM – the report has been sent to the Secretary. The date of the WEC will be 11-14 September 2024. There is flexibility in the arrangements with the venue and accommodations. There is an option of an online/onsite option depending on the situation with COVID-19 at that stage.

### ***WEC Argentina 2022***

LA – Well into the planning stage. Anticipate 2000 attendees. Site and website have

been organized. Speakers have been organized and awaiting approval. Assistance requested from the BOD related to timing for promotion of the Congress now that the Chennai WEC has been postponed to August 2021. Also timing for acceptance of registrations and sponsorships.

Much discussion ensued with all members of the BOD. The final decision was that from now, the WEC in Argentina can be promoted in the South American region only and the website can be enabled in Spanish and Portuguese only with registrations open for that region. After the AAE in Atlanta in 2021 (if it proceeds), the website may be enabled in English and the WEC may be promoted internationally, however, a direct approach to IFEA member societies would need to wait until after the WEC in Chennai in 2021.

The industry/sponsors should be approached for sponsorship as soon as possible.

At the next AAE meeting, IFEA will promote both WEC congresses with the emphasis being on the WEC in Chennai. It would be a good idea for a BOD member to be present at the booth to promote all upcoming WEC's.

In any case, the timing and decisions may change in consultation with the BOD, depending on the progression of COVID-19 etc.

#### **Education Committee Report.**

GK – No applications for funding received this year.

The Committee, however, was responsible for the COVID-19 position statement that was distributed, thanks to the hard work of the IES and BES and both were congratulated.

#### **Research Committee Report**

DJ – Supplied a report after assessing 6 applications received and recommended awards for 3 applicants.

AN – Thanked DJ for stepping into the role and expediting the assessment of the applications prior to the meeting.

The first award was actually for the 2018 applicant :

Dr. Ozge Erdogan. "Efficacy Of Bupivacaine On The Oral Health-Related Quality Of Life After Endodontic Treatment In Symptomatic Mandibular Molars: A Double Blind Randomized Controlled"

The other 2 awards were for 2019 applicants :

Dr. Muna Marashdeh.

"Antimicrobial efficacy and physical properties of root canal sealers loaded with drug-silica Co-assembled particles"

Dr. Gillian Landzberg

"A novel Antibacterial repair (SMART) Varnish to condition root-end dentin in endodontic microsurgery"

The Executive committee's recommendation is to award Dr Ergogan US\$4000.00 and Drs Marashdeh and Landzberg US\$3000.00 each.

MW – recommended that the IFEA president write to the winners and losers regarding the above recommendations.

The awards were approved by the BOD.

## **6. Officer's Reports.**

Most of the Officer's report have been sent to the Secretary.

The main points made by all the Officers included the significant problems and stress as a result of Dr Terry Fermakis not fulfilling his duties as IFEA secretary for the last 18 months, and especially since his motor vehicle accident last year. MW and CR have been spending significant time and effort in sorting out all the problems with the treasurer position, trying to reconcile accounts and Dues paid and received since 2018. These figures should be sorted out to the best of their abilities prior to the AGM next week and the handover to the incoming Treasurer. MW reported that the account is healthy since receiving the income for our share of the profit from the WEC in Seoul, South Korea. All the members of the Executive thanked MW and CR for their efforts.

There was a long discussion regarding the difficulty in trying to contact members and maintaining current contact details of the membership.

## **7. Regents Reports**

Most of the Regents reports have been sent to the Secretary and were read and summarized.

## **8. Business**

### ***Membership.***

AN – The Netherlands has now fulfilled all requirements for membership and will become a new member if voted in at the AGM

### ***By-Laws review***

AN – most of the By-Law changes were approved at the BOD meeting in Vienna in 2019, however, due to the lack of a quorum for the AGM last year, the changes have not yet been approved. As a result of this and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, several additional By-Laws changes have been proposed to reduce the number of members required for a quorum and to reduce the percentage vote required for By-Laws changes. An additional By-Law allowing the BOD meeting and AGM to be held online has also been proposed. All changes approved by the BOD.

ER – Gramatical improvement to this new By-Law proposed and accepted by the BOD and to be rectified prior to the AGM next week.

### ***Location/Region for the 2028 WEC.***

AN – as discussed at the last BOD meetings, the next region to bid for the 2028 WEC should be North America. Approved by the BOD.

### ***New Directors and Regents 2000-2022***

Nominations for all the new positions on the Executive Committee and BOD have been distributed to the membership. There has only been one nomination for each vacant position, so there will be no need for a secret ballot. A show of hands should be sufficient at the AGM. The nominations were all approved by the BOD.

### ***Website***

MW – will spend some more time completing certain tasks on the website before handing over to someone else.

AN – GK has previously volunteered to take over this role, however, now that he has been nominated for the Secretary position, he may not be willing to accept this additional responsibility.

GK – still happy to take over the role.

### ***Geographical regions.***

This has been a discussion point for some years now

AN – There is a disproportionate amount of members in the Europe Region (18) and, less so, in the the Asia Region (10). The members of these Regions may be at a disadvantage as there is more competition to host a WEC and less opportunity to host a WEC as the opportunity rotates through the regions. The workload for the Regents of these regions is also fairly high.

MW – Reminding the BOD that this was the reason that the BOD made a decision to rotate through the regions a few years ago as the regions with the most members were having a disproportionate amount of bids for the WEC.

CR, EC discussed options of an Eastern Europe Region and a Middle East Region. AN discussed the option of a Mediterranean Region which could include Egypt and some of the Countries on the Mediterranean Sea like Israel, Lebanon and Turkey.

A decision was made for the incoming president to consider forming a Committee to look at potential new Regions and report back to the BOD.

### ***Contract, Insurances, Secretariat update.***

#### ***Contract***

AN – Contract is nearing completion. In final negotiation with a lawyer to finalize the contract. There has been some mis-communication regarding the contract, however, the Lawyer has agreed to complete the job at no additional cost.

#### ***Insurances for the directors***

AN – The insurance application requires the treasurer to complete sections of the application. The application was with TF for some time, however, was never completed. Once the new Treasurer has been voted in, we can proceed with this application.

#### ***Secretariat.***

AN – Despite approaching several possible secretariats, there has been no success as reported at the last BOD in Vienna. Now with COVID-19, there may be an opportunity to find a secretariat. AN to try again.

MW – need to make sure that IFEA can afford it.

## **9. Next Meeting**

August 2021 during the WEC in Chennai.

## **10. Meeting adjourned 04.30pm GMT**

