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Inception of founding the Federation of Asian Polymer Societies (FAPS) goes back to the Summer of 2006 when the Asian Polymer Symposium (APOSYM) was held in Seoul.

Cognizant of the fact that in Asian countries many small conferences had been held in polymer science and engineering, it was proposed during the Seoul APOSYM reception that FAPS should be established in order to offer a broader forum for Asian polymer scientists. This suggestion was enthusiastically accepted by all the participants.

The representatives from China (Fosong Wang; Beijing), Japan (Hiroyuki Nishide; Tokyo), and Korea (Jung-Il Jin; Seoul) got together in Oct. 2007, at Jeju, Korea and agreed to initiate the foundation of FAPS. At the request by Japan, it was also agreed that India (Ashok Misra; Bombay) would be invited to join the group of founding members.

After numerous discussions the Constitution of FAPS was finalized in December 2007 and FAPS came into being on Jan 1, 2008. Being the proposer, I was elected to be the founding President (2008-2009), Prof. Hiroyuki Nishide Vice-President and President- Elect (2010-2011), Prof. Jungahn Kim (Kyung Hee University, Seoul, Korea) Secretary -General, and Hiroyuki Ohno (Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan) Treasurer. Prof. Dong-Hoon Choi (Korea University, Seoul, Korea) and Dr. Takashi Mihara (The Society of Polymer Science, Japan) were appointed as Secretaries.

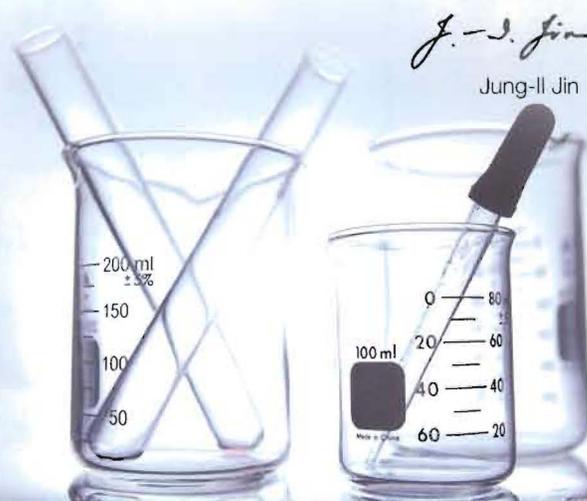
Toll now fourteen countries have joined FAPS and they are Bangladesh, China/Beijing, China/Taipei, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. There are still many Asian countries we

## Welcoming Remarks

are trying to induce them to join FAPS. We are very much excited by the enthusiasm being received from the Asian polymer community. Another exciting news is that the 1st FAPS Polymer Congress will be held at the Nagoya Congress Center, Nagoya, Japan, on 20-23 Oct. 2009 ([http://www.spsj.or.jp/FAPS\\_HP/faps\\_menu.html](http://www.spsj.or.jp/FAPS_HP/faps_menu.html)). I am very thankful to Prof. H. Nishide and all the other members of the Japanese organizing committee for their hard work in the preparation of the Congress. The second FAPS Congress is scheduled in 2011, Beijing, China. FAPS plans to cooperate with other regional Polymer Federations in the world and also to join the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) as an Associate Organization. This will accelerate the international recognition of FAPS.

I am very happy to greet you with this the very first issue of the Federation newsletter and would like to thank Prof. Jungahn Kim and Dong Hoon Choi for their preparation of this news letter.

I wish all the best to the FAPS members and member societies.



*J.-I. Jin*  
Jung-Il Jin



Hiroyuki Nishide  
President-Elect  
Waseda University

## Remembrance on Founding Federation of Asian Polymer Societies

The Society of Polymer Science, Japan (SPSJ) was founded in 1951, and is now the world largest academic organization devoted to polymer science, with a membership of around 12,000. During my term of presidency at SPSJ from May 2006 to May 2008, one of the emphases was placed on international exchanges especially to develop close coordination with the Asian polymer communities. For example, SPSJ started to invite 10 scientists to the annual spring meeting for Asian Excellence Awards to stimulate the young generation from Asian countries, which is the largest academic congregation in the field of polymer science with 4,000 participants. SPSJ also contributed to the Polymer Society of Korea (PSK) by giving consenting to the 30th anniversary of PSK in Busan.

A number of international conferences are being held in Asian countries. SPSJ organizes International Polymer Conference (IPC) which is held biennially in Japan. At that time, a collaborative platform involving the activities of organization of international conferences was strongly expected by widely bringing over the Asian polymer societies/communities together. In one side, SPSJ is also executing the cooperation with Pacific Polymer Federation (PPF) as one of the three founding countries (i.e. US, Australia and Japan). We believed in the importance of the Asian-operated active platform from the geographic viewpoint. This was, however, not to suggest counteracting the preemptive blocking in academic communities such as

European Polymer Federation and Latin American Polymer Federation.

Asia is indeed taking an important role as world production center including those of polymer industries. The fastest recovery from the recent depression have clearly demonstrated that global dynamism is initiated from Asia. In addition to these strong points of Asia, taking a worldwide initiative especially in academia is the task expected of FAPS. The Federation of Asian Polymer Societies, as the long-awaited executive platform to develop polymer science and technology, among asian countries has a decisive role to play in the global scenario.

  
Hiroyuki Nishide



# History for the FAPS Foundation!

Professor J.-I. Jin first proposed in the Banquet place of the Asian Polymer Symposium held in Dongkuk University in June 2006 that the Federation of Asia Polymer Societies (FAPS) should be founded. Most polymer scientists participated in the Symposium agreed to his suggestion.

In July 2006, Professor Jin officially proposed to 4 countries, China, India, Japan, and Korea, for the foundation of the FAPS. The following societies agreed to join as the founding members:

- The Polymer Society of Korea
- The Polymer Division of the Chinese Chemical Society
- The Society of Polymer Science, Japan
- The Society of Polymer Science, India

## Summary of the Meeting

(Seoguipo ICC, Korea, April 12, 2007)

The Preparative Committee Meeting for the FAPS was held in Seoguipo ICC in April 2007.

- 1) Opening and greeting remarks by Prof. J.-I. Jin
- 2) Prof. Jin reviewed briefly the e-mail letters related to the foundation of the FAPS.
- 3) Discussion on the Federation Constitution; decision of changing a few items as follows; in general, countries shall be changed to societies or related organizations.
  - a) In 1.2.2, countries replaced to societies or related organizations.
  - b) 2.4 & 4; as it is.
  - c) The official starting date of the 1st President; Jan. 1, 2008
  - d) Structure and location of the Secretariat:
    - Secretary General
    - Secretary Treasurer
    - Country of the President
  - e) Some Items will be rephrased; Item 3.2 (ii), etc.
- 4) The 1st Asian Polymer Congress; in Japan, Oct. 2009 (decided, by concession of the Chinese Council Members) Automatically, the 2nd APC will be held in China in 2011.
- 5) Decision; the next meeting will be held in Seoul on Nov. 16th~17th 2007.

The travel expenses and others are to be met by member countries except for local hospitality.
- 6) The 1st President will be a Korean Scientist (Prof. J.-I. Jin).  
The Vice-President will be a Japanese Scientist (Prof. H. Nishide) automatically.
- 7) Others; subsidiary; 1,000 \$/Organization (asked)



Dec. 2, 2007, Korea University, Seoul, Korea

## Summary of the 2nd Committee Meeting

Korea University, Seoul, Korea (December 2, 2007)

The 2nd Preparative Committee Meeting was held at the Korea University in Seoul on Dec. 2, 2007.

Attendee: Prof. Jung-II Jin (Republic of Korea), Prof. Jungahn Kim (Republic of Korea), Prof. Zi-chen Li (China), Prof. Hiroyuki Nishide (Japan), Prof. Hiroyuki Ohno (Japan), Prof. Xianhong Wang (on behalf of Prof. Fosong Wang, China). Observer: Prof. Donghoon Choi (Republic of Korea)

- 1) Opening and Greetings:

Prof. Jin welcomed everyone to Korea University for the 2nd FAPS Preparative Committee Meeting. He expressed his thanks to Prof. Choi for the arrangement and preparation of the meeting.
- 2) Apology for Absence:

Prof. Jin reported that he received an e-mail from Prof. Ashok Misra (India) saying that he wouldn't be able to attend this meeting due to his busy schedule. But, he promises that he will try to attend the future meetings. Prof. Jin mentioned that Prof. S. Radhakrishnan (India) did not respond to the invitation to this Preparative Committee meeting. Prof. Fosong Wang (China) sent a letter to Prof. Jin describing his apologies for his inability to participate in this meeting. Instead, Prof. Xianhong Wang (Changchun Institute of Applied Chemistry, China) came to this meeting on behalf of Prof. Wang. Prof. Jin welcomed Prof. Wang and introduced him to all the other members attending.
- 3) Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

The last meeting minutes was approved unanimously.
- 4) Approval of Agenda (Attachment 1)

The Agenda proposed by Prof. Jin was slightly modified and the modified agenda was accepted unanimously.
- 5) Finalization of the FAPS Constitution

## Finalization of the FAPS Constitution

• Following lengthy discussion among the attending Preparative Committee members following amendments were adopted:

(1) There will be appointed two Secretaries (one each to be serving President and President-Elect (Vice President))

(2) This requires changes in the following part of the original constitution agreed upon in the last meeting:

- 3.2 (ii) with the exception of Secretary → with the exception of Secretaries

- 3.4 the Secretary General, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Past President. → The Secretary General, the Secretary-Treasurer, two Secretaries, and the Past President.

- 3.6 Secretary-General and Secretary-Treasurer → Secretary-General, Secretary-Treasurer and Secretaries

- 5.1 "If the Council member(s) will not be able to attend the Council meeting" is added before the sentence of "The member organization may appoint....". This modification was proposed by Chinese members and was accepted unanimously.

• Attending members participated in the Signing Ceremony of the finalized FAPS Constitution

### ◆ The Item 9 of the Agenda was dealt with before other items.

• Election of Vice President (President - Elect)

Prof. Hiroyuki Nishide (Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan) was unanimously elected the first Vice President (President-elect) whose term begins on 1, January 2008 and ends on 3, December 2009.

• Secretaries

Prof. Donghoon Choi (Korea University, Seoul, Korea) was elected to be the Korean Secretary. The other Secretary will be recommended by Japanese Preparative Committee members.

### ◆ Invitation of Other Asian Member Countries

• It was agreed that FAPS should open its door to all the Asian Countries when they wish to join FAPS.

• As soon as the FAPS membership Application Form is prepared by Secretariat, it will be mailed either to Polymer Societies or Chemical Societies or the like of Asian Countries.

• Personal friendship is going to be made the best of in inviting possible member countries to join FAPS.

Jin : Malaysia, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Thailand, Singapore

Nishide : Philippine, Indonesia

Choi : Vietnam

### ◆ Publication of the First News Letter

• The News Letter shall be published yearly in January.

But, the first issue shall be published after initial member countries join FAPS.

• The News Letter shall be published in the form of hard copy as well as on-line.

• The first News Letter shall carry the Membership Application Form.

### ◆ Next Meeting

• Officers' Meeting shall be held yearly.

• The next Officers' Meeting will be held in Beijing, China, 31 Oct.-1. Nov. 2008. The local expense will be covered by the Chinese host.

### ◆ Other Matters Arising

• The Society of Polymer Science, Japan volunteered to pay \$2,000 for the years of 2008 - 2009. The Korean side will contribute \$1,000 for the same period as originally agreed. The Chinese delegate explained the difficulties for them to make direct payment of \$1,000 to FAPS because of the strict foreign exchange control by their government. They will try to find ways (for example, covering air fares of officers' traveling to Beijing) to make the same degree of contribution (\$1,000) to FAPS. We have not heard any opinion on this matter from the Indian members.

• The emblem of APF will be designed by the Korean Secretariat.

• It was agreed that the host member society holding the Asian Polymer Congress shall try to cover the local expense of, at least, one each delegate (representative) of member societies attending.

This minutes was prepared by Jungahn Kim, Donghoon Choi and Jung-Il Jin, 24 Dec. 2007.

# The 1<sup>st</sup> FAPS Council Member Meeting

Peking University, Beijing, China

November 22, 2008 (09:00 - 12:00 AM)

The 1<sup>st</sup> FAPS Officers' & Council Members met on 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2008.

Those attended: Prof. Jung-Il Jin (Republic of Korea), Prof. Jungahn Kim (Republic of Korea), Prof. Zi-chen Li (China), Prof. Hiroyuki Nishide (Japan), Prof. Xianhong Wang (on behalf of Prof. Fosong Wang, China).

## Opening and Greetings

Prof. Jin, the President of FAPS, welcomed everyone to Peking University for the 1<sup>st</sup> FAPS Officers' & Council Meeting. He appreciated Prof. Zi-Chen Li for his effort for the arrangement and preparation of the council meeting.



Nov. 22, 2008, Peking University, Beijing, China

## Apology for Absence

Prof. Jin reported that he received an e-mail from Prof. Ashok Misra, who became the chairman, Intellectual Ventures, Bangalore, India, saying that he wouldn't be able to attend this meeting due to his busy schedule and Prof. Ohno (Japan) couldn't attend this meeting. Prof. Misra informed that he would come to Korea in December 2008 and he would discuss any problem of the FAPS with Prof. Jin. Prof. Fosong Wang (China) went to HK for his business. Instead, Prof. Xianhong Wang (Changchun Institute of Applied Chemistry, China) came to this meeting on behalf of Prof. Wang.

## Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

The last meeting minutes was approved unanimously.

## Approval of Agenda (attachment 1)

The Agenda proposed by Prof. Jin (Attachment 1) was accepted unanimously.

## Finalization of Actions taken since the last meeting 2 Dec. 2007

1. Prof. Jin explained what's happened in the change of the name of Federation using the e-mails he has received in more detail. At first, Asian Polymer Association (APA) was considered. However, unanimously, all members agreed to Prof. Jin's opinion; the name of the Federation officially becomes the FAPS; APF to FAPS
2. Finalization of the FAPS Constitution.  
Prof. Nishide urgently pointed out the item 5.2... Asian Polymer Congress was wrong. He suggested that the APC should be changed to... FAPS Polymer Congress. Except for this sentence, all the items suggested from the 2<sup>nd</sup> FAPS Meeting following were unanimously agreed to changing and finalized as a confirmed Constitution;
  - (1) There will be appointed two Secretaries (one each to be serving President and President-Elect (Vice President))
  - (2) This requires changes in the following part of the original constitution agreed upon in the last meeting:
    - 3.2 (ii) with the exception of Secretary → with the exception of Secretaries
    - 3.4 the Secretary General, the Secretary - Treasurer and the Past President. → The Secretary General, the Secretary - Treasurer, two Secretaries, and the Past President.
    - 3.6 Secretary - General and Secretary - Treasurer → Secretary - General, Secretary-Treasurer and Secretaries
    - 5.1 「If the Council member(s) will not be able to attend the Council meeting」 is added before the sentence of 「The member organization may appoint...」. This modification was proposed by Chinese members and was accepted unanimously.
3. Nomination of Secretary by VP; Prof. Nishide appointed Dr. Takashi Mihara as Secretary in Japan
4. Introduction of Members; Prof. Zi-Chen Li, Chinese Council Member, argues that "Taiwan" should be changed to "China/Taipei" which is officially used in the IUPAC. This suggestion was unanimously accepted.
  - All countries submitting the Application Forms were permitted unanimously as the FAPS members.
5. The 1<sup>st</sup> FAPS Polymer Congress, to be held in Nagoya, Japan, Oct. 23 - 25, 2009 was approved by Prof. Nishide. The temporary 1<sup>st</sup> circular was presented by Prof. Nishide. Furthermore, he mentioned that the Committee has decided complete local expenses for all the Council Members. He asked Prof. Jin for introduction of the Korean plenary lecturer.
6. Design of FAPS Emblem and Logo; the temporary official paper sheet including the Emblem and Logo was presented by Prof. Jin. The paper sheet will be modified and used as a cover letter sheet in the future.

## Evaluation of Membership Applications.

- Further application forms from the others should be required; Prof. Jin is responsible for communication with Arab Countries such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Jordan, etc. Prof. Nishide will keep a track of the Philippine's participation.



April 12, 2007, Seoguipo ICC, Korea



Nov. 22, 2008, Peking University, Beijing, China



Wenjin Hotel, Nov. 22, 2008



## Council Members



Jung-Il Jin  
(Korea)



Jungahn Kim  
(Korea)



Zi-Chen Li  
(China)



Ashok Misra  
(India)



Hiroyuki Nishide  
(Japan)



Hiroyuki Ohno  
(Japan)



S. Radhakrishnan  
(India)



Fosong Wang  
(China)

## Formation of the Council.

At present, 8 members as original Council members will be maintained until next year Council Meeting (Nagoya) without further additional members. Introduction of additional members will be decided in the following Council Meetings, if necessary.

## Next Meetings.

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Officers' and Council Meeting; Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> before Mixed Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> FAPS Polymer Congress. FAPS Dinner; Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 2009. In the Council Meeting, 3 Chinese Polymer Scientists should be appointed as VP, Secretary Treasurer, and Secretary.

## Other Matter Arising.

1. News Letter;  
It should be published by the end of Jan. 2009; including the presidential message, the FAPS Constitution, the information for the 1<sup>st</sup> FAPS Polymer Congress, and others.  
Prof. Nishide mentioned to make the website; In Korea, the present Officers will take care of establishing the FAPS website.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> FAPS Polymer Congress-2011, Beijing: PPC Meeting Nov. 2011, Other International Meetings, Oct. etc. (ACS the end of Aug., etc.)  
The best date will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May  
The Chinese delegates should prepare the ppt file in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congress Meeting including the information on venue, etc.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress in 2013: Korea or India or Other Country will be determined later after communication with each local Society (Korea).
4. IUPAC Affiliation:  
Prof. Nishide will prepare it to discuss during the Congress.

## Others

The other matters will be decided in the Nagoya Meeting.

## Closing

Finally, Prof. Jin made the final remarks; say, good-bye! And see you at Nagoya!

This minutes was prepared by Jungahn Kim, Dong-Hoon Choi, and Jung-Il Jin, 27 Nov. 2008.

# Membership Countries

## Countries Joined the FAPS (15)

Date	Country	Society Name	Representative	Correspondence	Contents	Others	e-mail
	China/ Beijing	The Polymer Division of the Chinese Chemical Society	Prof. Fosong Wang	Prof. Zi-Chen Li		Founding Member	Prof. Zi-chen Li [zcli@pku.edu.cn] Prof. Fosong Wang [fswang@peoplemail.com.cn]
	India	The Society of Polymer Science, India	Dr. Ashok Misra			Founding Member	Prof. Ashok Misra [amisra@iitb.ac.in] Prof. S. Radhakrishnan [srkpune@rediffmail.com]
2008. 3. 25	Japan	Society of Polymer Science, Japan (SPSJ)	Prof. Hiroyuki Nishide	Masahiro Niwano	Membership Application for APF (FAPS)	Founding Member	Prof. Hiroyuki Nishide [nishide@waseda.jp] Prof. Hiroyuki Ohno [ohnoh@cc.tuat.ac.jp]
2008. 11. 13	Korea	Polymer Society of Korea	Prof. Jungahn Kim	Prof. Dong-Hoon Choi	Membership Application for FAPS	Founding Member	Prof. Jung-Il Jin [jjjin@korea.ac.kr] Prof. Jungahn Kim [jakim05@khu.ac.kr] Prof. Dong Hoon Choi [dhchoi8803@korea.ac.kr]
2008. 6. 1	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Chemistry Society	Prof. Md. Abul Hashem, General Secretary of BCS	Prof. Md. Abul Hashem for FAPS	Membership Application		Bangladesh Chemical Society [bchemsoc@bangla.net]
2008. 9. 26	China/ Taipei	The Polymer Society, Taipei	Dr. Jen-Lien Lin	Dr. Jen-Lien Lin	Membership Application for FAPS		Dr. Jen-Lien Lin [JLLin@itri.org.tw]
2008. 11. 10	Indonesia	Indonesian Polymer Association, Himpunan Polimer Indonesia (HPI)	Dr. Sunit Hendrana	Dr. Sunit Hendrana	Membership Application for FAPS		Dr. Sunit Hendrana [shendrana@yahoo.com]
2008. 7. 2	Malaysia	Institut Kimia Malaysia (Malaysian Institute of Chemistry)	Prof. Dr Gan Seng Neon	Datuk Dr Soon Ting-Kueh, the President of LKM	Membership Application for APF; Cover letter	by Fax	Datuk Dr Soon Ting Kueh [soontk@ikm.org.my]
2008. 7. 29	Nepal	Nepal Chemical Society	Dr. Rameshwar Adhikari	Dr. Rameshwar Adhikari	Adhikari CV; Cover letter; FAPS Membership Application form		Nepal Chemical Society [nepchemsoc@yahoo.com]
2008. 3. 15	Pakistan	Chemical Society of Pakistan		Dr. Khalid M. Khan	Membership Application form; Brief		Dr. Khalid M. Khan [khalid.khan@iccs.edu]
2008. 7. 16	Russia	Polymer Council of Russia Academy of Sciences	Prof. Yury Shchipunov	Prof. Alex Khokhlov	Membership Application for FAPS; Cover letter; Brief		Prof. Alex Khokhlov [khokhlov@poly.phys.msu.ru]
2008. 11. 12	Singapore	The Plastics and Rubber Institute of Singapore	Prof. HU Xiao (Matthew)	Prof. HU Xiao (Matthew)	Membership Application for FAPS		Prof. Hu Xiao [ASXHU@ntu.edu.sg]
2008. 5. 6	Thailand	Polymer Society of Thailand		Dr. Krisda Suchiva, the President of PST	Membership Application for APF; Cover letter	by mail	Dr. Krisda Suchiva [krisdasc@mtcc.or.th]
2009. 4. 27	*Uzbekistan	Institute of Nuclear Physics, Department of Composite Materials	Prof. Ulmas Gafurov	Prof. Ulmas Gafurov	Membership Application for FAPS		Prof. Ulmas Gafurov [ulmas3@mail.ccc.uz]
2008. 5. 9	Vietnam	Polymer Society of Vietnam	Prof. Nguyen Duc Nghia	Prof. Nguyen Duc Nghia	Membership Application for FAPS		Prof. Nguyen Duc Nghia [ducnghia264@pft.vn]

\* To be approved by the Council

# Constitution of The Federation of Asian Polymer Societies

As adopted by the Official Committee  
Beijing, China on 22 November 2008

## NAME AND OBJECTIVE

1. The name of the organization shall be the Federation of Asian Polymer Societies, hereafter be called the FAPS, or Federation.
2. The objectives of the FAPS are:
  - 1.2.1 to contribute to the advancement of polymer science and technology in all its aspects.
  - 1.2.2 to promote continuing cooperation among the polymer organizations and the polymer scientists in the member societies or related organizations.
  - 1.2.3 to cooperate with other international organizations dealing with subjects of a polymeric nature.

## MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION OF THE FAPS

1. The Founding Members of the FAPS shall be:
  - (i) The Polymer Division of the Chinese Chemical Society;
  - (ii) The Society of Polymer Science, India;
  - (iii) The Society of Polymer Science, Japan; and
  - (iv) The Polymer Society of Korea (The Republic of Korea)
2. Membership of the FAPS shall be open to any society or related organization such as association of scientists and engineers, geographically situated in the Asian Region, which has at least part of their activities devoted to polymer science and/or technology.
3. A society or related organization such as association may apply to join the FAPS by sending its application to the Council (defined by Section 3.2). The organization will be admitted by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Council. The membership will become effective on January 1 following the vote of admission.
4. There shall be no regular annual subscription required of member organizations.

5. A member organization may withdraw from the FAPS by submitting its resignation in writing to the President of the FAPS at least one year in advance.

## ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The organization of the FAPS comprises its Council, Officers, Committees, and other appropriate bodies as determined by the Council.
2. Council
  - (i) The FAPS shall be administered by a Council consisting of a maximum of fifteen members - the Council members shall serve for a two year term and they can be re-elected.
  - (ii) All the Officers with the exception of Secretaries shall automatically be on the Council. Each of the Founding organizations shall have two representatives on the Council. The President of the FAPS can nominate two representatives and the Vice-President one representative on the of the Council from the Non-founding organizations. The of the rest Council members shall be selected from the Non-founding organizations.
  - (iii) When the number of the Council members reaches fifteen, the Council will establish a rotation of the Council seats among the representatives of the Non-founding organizations; the composition of the Council shall be reconsidered after ten years.
  - (iv) The Council shall elect a President and a Vice-President for a term of two years. They shall not be reelected.
  - (v) The Council shall appoint all Committees and Committee Members to conduct such matters as may be delegated to them.
3. Duties of the Council
  - (i) Regular meetings of the Council shall take place every two years and special meetings shall be convened by the President at the request of two-thirds of the Council.
  - (ii) Decisions of the Council must be by a majority vote, with a minimum of one half of the total Council members constituting a quorum for the vote, provided at least one member of each of the Founding organizations is present; the vote can be performed by

e-mail in the case of rapid decision required as judged by the Officers.

- (iii) No Council decisions requiring a specific course of action by a participating organization shall be valid without the approval of the member(s) or proxy delegate(s) of that organization.

#### 4. Officers

The Officers of the FAPS shall be the President, the Vice-President (the President-Elect), the Secretary General, the Secretary-Treasurer, two Secretaries, and the Past President.

- (i) The President shall be elected by the FAPS Council as stated in Section 3.2. iv. The President shall be the chairman of the Council. The first President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Secretary-Treasurer, and Secretary, however, shall be elected by the eight starting members comprising the four Presidents of and the four Preparative Members nominated by the Founding Organizations.
- (ii) The President is the administrative head of the FAPS and shall preside at the meetings of the Council. The President shall represent the FAPS in the cooperation with other international organizations.
- (iii) The President shall submit to each regular meeting of the Council a report on the general state of the Federation.
- (iv) In the event of the President being unable to perform the functions of that office, the Vice-President shall assume the office of the President.
- (v) The Secretariat shall be located in the country or city of the President.

#### 5. Vice-President

- (i) The Vice-President shall be elected by the FAPS Council from its members as stated in Section 3.2. iv.
- (ii) The Vice-President shall submit to the Council biennially a critical assessment of the programs of all the Federation bodies.

#### 6. Secretary-General, Secretary-Treasurer, and Secretaries

The Secretary General, the Secretary-Treasurer, and two Secretaries shall be nominated by the President for a term of two years, which requires the ratification of the Council.

#### 7. Committees

All Committees shall be established and committee members shall be appointed by the Council.

### FINANCIAL BUSINESS

The FAPS shall cover its activities through the support by the member societies and external funds. Such funds may be used for attendance of Council members at Council meetings and sponsor the FAPS activities. The Secretary-Treasurer shall report the financial status of the FAPS at every Council meeting. The extent of the activities of the FAPS shall be determined annually by the Council.

### OPERATION OF THE FAPS

1. The Council of the FAPS shall be operated by regularly scheduled meetings and by correspondence. Council meetings shall be scheduled by agreement of a majority of the Council. If the Council member(s) will not be able to attend the Council meeting, the member organization may appoint properly qualified proxy delegate(s), who will have voting right(s), to attend meetings of the Council.
2. The FAPS shall organize biennially FAPS Polymer Congress (FAPS PCs) on polymer science and technology. The FAPS shall sponsor additional scientific meetings organized by the member organizations.
  - (i) The arrangements for the Congress and other meetings shall be entrusted to a committee set up by the host member organization. This committee shall cooperate with the officers of the Federation, and the appropriate Committee of the Federation.
  - (ii) To achieve the FAPS sponsorship, a plan of the meeting must be submitted to the President of the FAPS for consideration by the Council, which may suggest modifications before approval is given. The financial management of the meeting shall be the responsibility of the organizing body.

3. The policy of the FAPS toward publication of the proceedings of any of its meetings shall be determined principally by the publication policy of the organizing body. Prominent recognition of the FAPS sponsorship shall accompany all such publications.
4. The FAPS may produce a bulletin or other forms of information for distribution to members and other interested organizations.
5. The Council may plan and execute other activities of interest to the FAPS.

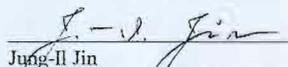
#### AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION

Any member organization of the FAPS may propose an amendment to the Constitution of the FAPS by submitting it in writing to the President of the FAPS at least ten months before the next Council meeting at which the proposal is to be considered. Adoption of an amendment to the Constitution shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council.

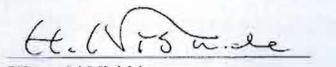
#### DISSOLUTION OF THE FAPS

The FAPS may be dissolved only by a unanimous vote of the Council of the FAPS. Prior to dissolution of the FAPS the Council shall appoint three trustees to carry out the liquidation of the assets of the Federation. The net assets shall be transferred to one or more Asian scientific organizations.

This constitution has been changed by the Founding Member Societies on 22 November 2008 at Beijing, China, based on the original drawn on 2 December, 2007, Seoul, Korea, as signed below by the Preparative Committee Members. The term of the first officers of FAPS started from 1 January 2008 and will terminate on 31 December 2009.



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The Polymer Society of Korea



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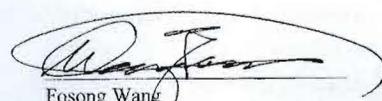
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# Application for FAPS Membership

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<i>For administrative</i>	<i>Submitted</i>
1. Organization	
2. Country / Region that the Organization Represents	
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4. Organization Representative to FAPS <i>Will be published if application is approved</i>	
5. Name of the person submitting this form <i>if not the Responsible Person</i>	
6. Approximately how many members does the organization serve?	
7. Please list any publications that the organization produces.	
8. How does the organization plan to relay the FAPS activities to its membership?	

# The 1<sup>st</sup> FAPS Polymer Congress

- When: **October 20 - 23, 2009**
- Where: **Nagoya, Japan**
- Organization: The Society of Polymer Science, Japan Supported by The Federation of Asian Polymer Societies

*Memorandum*

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> FAPS Polymer Congress

- Conference Time: **Early May of 2011**
- Conference venue: **China National Convention Center (CNCC), Beijing, China**
- CNCC is the new convention center used for the 2008 Olympic Games.
  1. Located on a landmark site adjacent to the National Stadium (Bird's Nest) and the National Aquatics Center (water cube) on the Olympic Green boulevard.
  2. An efficient transport system links the location to hotels and major tourist attractions.
  3. Over 800 hotel rooms in two 4 & 5 star hotels on-site.
  4. A range of over 30 three to five star hotels with more than 10.000 hotel rooms within 10min.
  5. Only 25 min. from the Beijing Capital International Airport (BCIA)
  6. A range of meeting rooms (50 to 500 seats) for scientific programs.

