



# THE ASEAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

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Annual Report: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008

This annual report covers the numerous activities of the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association for the period from 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June 2008 under the control of the 27<sup>th</sup> AOA Council.

### **A) The 27<sup>th</sup> AOA Annual Council Meeting- Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.**

The 27<sup>th</sup> AOA Annual Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 at the Majestic Hotel, in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. The meeting started at 8.30 am and was chaired by outgoing President Dr. Bambang Tiksnadi and co-chaired by Dr. Vo Van Thanh, incoming AOA President.

The report for this Council Meeting will be given by Dr. Ellewellyn G. Pasion, the incoming AOA Secretary General for 2008.

Dr. Vo Van Thanh was elected as President of the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association, and Dr. Ellewellyn G. Pasion was elected as Secretary General succeeding Dr. Ong Leong Boon. The rest of the Office Bearers for 2008 will appear in the report of the minutes of the meeting.

### **B) The 27<sup>th</sup> AOA Annual Meeting- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

The 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting / 6<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Orthopaedic Association/ 12<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Spine Society of HCM City, was very successfully held on the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at the Majestic Hotel, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. The theme was Education, Training and Development. The Organizing Committee was chaired by Dr. Vo Van Thanh. The Vice Chairmen were Drs. Nguen Tien Binh, Ngo Van Toan, Pham Dang Nhat, Nguyen Van Quang ; the Secretary General was Vo Van Chau; the Deputy Sec-general was Dr. Nguyen Dac Nghia. The Congress Treasurer was Dr. Nguyen Trong Anh. The Scientific Program was chaired by various eminent Vietnamese Orthopedic surgeons in the different subspecialties of Orthopaedics namely; Shoulder and Knee Arthroscopy, Hip and Knee Arthroplasty, Shoulder Arthroplasty, Hand and Microsurgery, Spine and Pediatric Orthopaedics. Special guest included Prof. John CY Leong, SICOT President, Prof. Po Quang Chen, APOA President; Prof. Shoichi Kokubun, President, APOA Spine Section. Invited speakers were from the USA, France, Australia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan,

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and the 6 ASEAN countries, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Congress was very well attended by the ASEAN orthopaedic community and was very successful in all aspects, scientific, social, and cultural. It definitely boosted the development of orthopaedics in the ASEAN region.

### **C) Zimmer 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-American Orthopaedic Association Traveling Fellowship**

This year, the AOA-AOA Traveling Fellowship was again sponsored by Zimmer. This year, Ms. Lisa O'Brien of the AOA Staff was the person responsible for all the arrangements in the US side. The AOA Travel agent, Tomi Gaudio booked the flights of all the Traveling Fellows from country of origin to US, and all internal flights and travel, using the credit cards submitted by all the Traveling Fellows. Unfortunately some of the Fellows' concern was the late remittance of Zimmer of the \$5000 financial support supposed to be given to the different National Associations. They were reassured however that their National Associations will transfer the amount of \$5000 to their bank accounts once it is remitted by Zimmer. Ms O'Brien arranged for the hotel accommodations in the different places to be visited in the USA also using the credit cards of the Traveling Fellows. We will know from the Fellow's report whether the \$5000 financial assistance was enough. This year's Traveling Fellows are the following:

**Indonesia:** Dr. Dwikora Novembri Utomo  
**Malaysia:** Prof. Sharaf Ibrahim  
**Philippines:** Dr. Emiliano Tablante  
**Singapore:** Dr. Ramesh Subramaniam

**Thailand:** Dr. Sevidol Wongsak

**Vietnam:** Dr. Pham Dang Nhat

The Traveling Fellowship started on May 15, 2008 and ended in Quebec City, Canada on June 7 during the Combined Meeting of the American Orthopaedic Association (AOA) and the Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA), June 4-7, 2008.

I have appointed Dr. Emiliano Tablante (Philippines) to be the point person of this 2008 group. He is expected to submit a summary report of the AOA-AOA Traveling Fellowship. (Hopefully to be presented during this AOA Council Meeting). The Complete itinerary of the ASEAN-American Traveling Fellowship 2008:

Boston	May 15 (Thurs.)- May 19 (Mon.)
New Haven	May 19 (Mon) - May 22 (Thurs.)
Syracuse	May 22 (Thurs) - May 24 (Sat)
New York City	Free Weekend (May 24 (Sat) -May 28 (Wed)
Newark	May 28 (Wed) -May 30 (Fri)
New York City	May 30 (Fri)- June 3 (Tues)
Quebec City	AOA-COA Combined Annual Meeting June 3 (Tues) -June 7 (Sat)

### **D) 26<sup>th</sup> AOA Junior Traveling Fellowship- 2008**

This year the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual ASEAN Junior Traveling Fellowship was scheduled with the following itinerary.

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May 25-30 (Sunday-Friday) Bangkok, Thailand  
May 31-June 5 (Sat-Thurs) Vietnam  
June 6-11 (Friday-Wed) Manila, Philippines  
June 12-17 (Thurs-Tues) Singapore  
June 18-23 (Wed-Monday) Indonesia  
June 24-28 (Tues-Saturday) KL, Malaysia

Traveling Fellows

**Indonesia:** Dr. Gusti Ngurah Wien Aryana  
**Malaysia:** Dr. Shahrulazua Bin Ahmad  
**Philippines:** Dr. Michael Marfori  
**Singapore:** Dr. Ganesan Naidu  
**Thailand:** Dr. Pollawat Witoonkolchit  
**Vietnam:** Dr. Huynh Nhi Manh

**E) 22<sup>nd</sup> AOA Senior Traveling Fellowship 2008**

This year's AOA Senior Traveling Fellowship will start on July 19-2008 up to August 3, 2008. This is the schedule:

July 19-21 (Sat-Monday) Bangkok, Thailand  
July 22- 23 (Tues-Wed) Vietnam  
July 24-26 (Thurs-Sat.) Manila, Philippines  
July 27-29 (Sun-Tues) Singapore  
July 30-31 (Wed-Thurs) Indonesia  
Aug 1-3 (Fri-Sunday) Malaysia

Traveling Fellows

**Indonesia:** Dr. Ifran Saleh  
**Malaysia:** Dr. Robert Penafort  
& Dato Dr. Zulkarnian Ismail  
**Philippines:** Dr. Adrian Quidlat  
**Singapore:** Dr. Howe Tet Sen  
& Dr. Lee Yew Chung Peter  
**Thailand:** Dr. Chanyut Suphachatwong

**Vietnam:** Dr. Nguyen Ngoc My

**F) ASEAN-British Orthopaedic Association Traveling Fellowship 2008**

Mr. Stephen Ooi of Zimmer Asia Pacific informed me early this year that they can no longer sponsor the ASEAN-BOA Traveling Fellowship starting this year. I have emailed all National Presidents of the ASEAN O.A. to help in getting another sponsor, but it seems that there was no positive response.

**G) Creation of AOA website**

I took the task of having the AOA website designed. I have requested all the National Secretariat to review it and give their comments, recommendation and approval. Once all National Associations agree with the design, it will be presented to the AOA Council during the Annual meeting in Kuala Lumpur for final approval. We will also have the domain name, <http://aoa.com> registered. Enclosed in this report is the proposal of the web designer.

**CONCLUSION**

This are all the activities that has transpired from period of December 2007 to June 26, 2008 in the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association, under the presidency of Dr. Vo Van Thanh. Although this has been so far the shortest stint of an AOA President, the AOA Council would like to thank President Vo Van Thanh for leading the AOA to another successful half year during his term. The 17<sup>th</sup>



ASEAN-American Traveling Fellowship and the 26<sup>th</sup> AOA Junior Traveling Fellowship were well organized and very successful. I would like to thank all the National Presidents and National Secretariat for the success of the Traveling Fellowship. I am sure the forthcoming 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Senior Traveling Fellowship from July 15-August 3, 2008 will also be a successful event.

Once our AOA website is finalized, we can coordinate all our activities throughout the whole year. I will encourage all National Secretariat to submit all their planned activities for the year for better collaboration among member nations.

The forthcoming 28<sup>th</sup> AOA Annual Congress in Kuala Lumpur on June 26-29 will most likely be another successful meeting that will again promote the wonderful growth, the close camaraderie, regional solidarity and everlasting friendship among the ASEAN member nations. Let us all continue working together in harmony and Great Spirit on the 29<sup>th</sup> year of the AOA.

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*One of the views inside the PHILIPPINE ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION Secretariat Office where the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association is housed.*



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