



**MINUTES OF THE FIODS ASIAN CONTINENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION, BENGAL, JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL, INDIA HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2010 AT 14.00 HOURS.**

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**COUNTRIES PRESENT:**

**A) FIODS MEMBERS:**

1. Mr. Niels Mikkelsen, President, FIODS
2. Mr. Ramakrishnan Rajkumar, India, Asian Delegate, FIODS.
3. Dr. Nguyen Chi Tuyen, Vietnam, Member, FIODS
4. Mr. Mahendra Bilas Joshi, Nepal Member, FIODS
5. Mr. Arunabha Chattopadhyay, India, Member, FIODS

**B) OBSERVERS:**

1. Mr. Hemant Kumar Jugurnath, Mauritius.
2. Mr. Okereke Benson Chimezie, Nigeria.
3. Dr. Rana Alabdulrazzak, Kuwait
4. Mr. Dipak Raj Adhikari, Nepal
5. Mr. Balanda Bhandari, Nepal
6. Dr. Mahrukh Getshen, Bhutan
7. Mr. Dhurba Dass Bhochohibhoya, Nepal,
8. Mr. Ramesh Dhoj Basnet, Nepal
9. Prof. Manasendu Banerjee, India

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Mr. Ramakrishnan Rajkumar, Asian Delegate, welcomed the participants and felicitated the FIODS President and conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Continental Committee Meeting.

Mr. Niels Mikkelsen, President FIODS addressed the participants on the recent developments of voluntary blood programme ongoing in many parts of the world and insisted that Asian countries should take more active part in promoting voluntary blood programme. He also put forward his overview on the following agenda under discussion and accordingly resolutions were adopted.

**AGENDA-1:** - *Future cooperation within Asia – with a focus on regional and sub-regional cooperation.*

Resolved that Asia being a vast continent, it should be divided into different regions like South, South-East, Middle-East and Northern, which will be coordinated by India for facilitating better cooperation.

Further resolved that more donor organisations be approached to become members of the FIODS.

**AGENDA-2:** - *Projects to be supported by the FIODS Solidarity Foundation.*

FIODS President informed the Members that modest and practicable project(s) may be submitted for co-financing by the members and donor organisations for promoting, motivating, training and improving voluntary blood donation in their respective countries or for the underdeveloped countries. FIODS may extend financial support for implementation of the project(s). The project proposals should reach the FIODS Foundation office before end of March 2010.

**AGENDA-3:** - *Future FIODS initiatives in Asia (and in the Pacific region)*

Resolved to implement school education programme with a view to recruiting Donors of Tomorrow in all Asian countries as prevailing in India and, if felt necessary, with the assistance of the experienced organisations. It was suggested to exchange the ideas and concepts of school programmes with other continents, especially Italy.

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Resolved further that areas of activities of FIODS be in cooperation with patients' organisations like Thalassaemic International Federation, International Hemophilia Society, International Institutions for cancer, leukemia or others.

**AGENDA-4:** - *Cooperation with partners, such as the Red Cross, the Red Crescent, the ISBT, the WHO etc.*

Resolved that whenever any international organisation undertakes own programme in any part of the world, FIODS may join with its international events along with the above international organisations.

Resolved further that during Vietnam's International Workshop along with International Red Cross Federation during November 2010 at Hanoi, FIODS will organise its next i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Meet. Dr. Nguyen Chi Tuyen, Vietnam, Member, FIODS will contact IFRC for initiation of cooperation with FIODS.

Asian Member country Nepal has expressed their desire to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Meet in 2011.

Further resolved that FIODS will jointly work with the above organisations and with other national organisations to share experiences and expertise.

**AGENDA-5:** - *The International Youth Committee – and work with young volunteers in Asia, including cooperation with CLUB 25s.*

Resolved that more young people from all countries be inducted to join the International Youth Committee of FIODS.

Further resolved that all Asian countries shall identify one youth co-ordinator to liaise between FIODS Youth Committee and his/her organisation, which will be co-ordinated by Vietnam.

For the sustainable voluntary blood programme, it was suggested to follow and implement CLUB 25s concept in all the Asian countries, wherever it is applicable.

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As the outcome of the workshop of the International Youth Forum in 2009, the Executive Council decided to open a 'FIODS NETWORK' for individuals of all ages of all countries, who want to participate in the activities of the FIODS.

**AGENDA-6:** - *Specific challenges for FIODS in Asia.*

Resolved that efforts should be initiated so that more and more countries, over and above the seven present member countries join under the umbrella of the FIODS and strengthen uniformity of the blood programme.

Further resolved that regional meetings or conferences in the member countries be organised by inviting neighbouring/non-member countries to participate, which will facilitate improvement of the host countries.

**AGENDA-7:** - *Election of FIODS Regional Delegate, and perhaps a Vice-Delegate and a Secretary of the Asian Continental Committee.*

Resolved that Mr. Ramakrishnan Rajkumar will continue as the Asian Delegate till 2011 and Mr. Dhurba Dass Bhochhibhoya, Nepal, Member, FIODS has been nominated as the Vice-Delegate till 2011. A separate Secretary is not necessary, but the functions of the Secretary will be carried out by the Asian Delegate and the Vice-Delegate in a coordinated way.

**AGENDA-8:** - *Any other business.*

For gathering information about the forthcoming programmes in 2010 like General Assembly Meeting in San Marino during 16-18 April, ISBT Meeting in Berlin at the end of June, International Youth Forum Meet at Malta during August, Executive Council during 8-9 October at Paris, FIODS webpage may be viewed.

Procedure regarding adoption of membership of FIODS by any organisation/country was explained by the President, who will be happy to provide the necessary application forms.

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A Questionnaire, regarding compilation of information about the scenario of blood programme of all the countries, was circulated by the President, requesting the participating countries to send back the filled in Questionnaire to his office by March 2010. Questionnaire can also be found at the FIODS Web page.

The President emphasized the necessity of member countries to update their addresses, email etc. to the Secretariat or the President of FIODS for posting on the website.

Member countries should ensure payment of annual subscription in time with clear identification of their countries with complete details. The President, FIODS will contact the Treasurer General to make sure that all payments are acknowledged with proper receipts.

World Blood Donor Day 2010 shall be focused on Youth cooperation and worldwide.

Bids for hosting the World Event on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day 2011 to be presented to the FIODS Secretariat before February 28, 2010.

(Niels Mikkelsen)  
FIODS, President

February 16, 2010

(Ramakrishnan Rajkumar)  
Asian Delegate, FIODS