



**MINUTES OF THE 14TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEPHROLOGY (AFRAN)
HELD AT THE BOUMA HALL, HILTON HOTEL,
YAOUNDE, CAMEROON, ON THE 16TH OF MARCH
2017.**

1. ATTENDANCE:

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24	Prof F. Eke	Nigeria	
25	Prof Razeen davies	South Africa	
26	Prof Charles Swanepoel	South Africa	

2. Opening: The meeting commenced at 630Pm with an address by AFRAN President, Prof Charles Swanepoel.

He thereafter presented the Agenda as follows:

1. Attendance
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Presidents report
5. Secretary / Treasurer's report
6. AFRAN Hosting Schedule
7. Elections and New Appointments
8. AFRAN Membership and Dues
9. AFRAN Account
10. AFRAN Membership Directory
11. AFRAN Website
12. AFRAN Journal
13. AFRAN Fundraising
14. AFRAN – ISN Relationship
15. Renal Pathology Training
16. Constitutional Review
17. Any Other Business
18. Date and Time of Next Meeting
19. Adjournment

The agenda was unanimously adopted for discussion by the General Assembly.

1. Apologies:

- i. Prof A Akinsola
- ii. Prof S. Kadiri
- iii. Dr A Aderibigbe

2. Minutes of last meeting:

This had been circulated by e-mail. Print copies were recirculated and read and thereafter adopted.

3. Presidents report:

AFRAN President, Prof Charles Swanepoel thanked the organizing committee for the excellent congress. He enjoined all members to continue to support AFRAN. He presented a few items for consideration by the Assembly

- a. Need for constitutional review : Our constitution is old
- b. Need to adopt some honorary members
- c. Support for Dubai bid to host WCN
- d. Support for National Associations

4. Secretary / Treasurer's report:

AFRAN Secretary, Prof Mohamed Benghanem also thanked the organizing committee for the excellent congress. He informed the General Assembly that his tenure ends at the end of this congress. He also mentioned the fact that AFRAN still has no bank account. Above all he enjoined all members to continue to support AFRAN.

5. AFRAN Hosting Schedule:

It was agreed that South Africa will host AFRAN in 2015 in collaboration with ISN and SARS.

In 2017, tentatively Mali was scheduled to host but no member from Mali was available to accept the hosting right or comment.

6. Elections and New Appointments:

Dr Dwomoa Adu was announced as the Next President of AFRAN.

Prof Charles Swanepoel was announced as President Elect and Congress President for AFRAN 2015.

Dr Fatiu Arogundade was elected as Secretary / Treasurer

Prof Abdou Niang was elected as Assistant Secretary / Treasurer

Prof Allaine Assounga was re-elected as Editor, AJN.

Members were also elected into the Board of Trustees. They are

Dr. Yewondwossen Tadesse Mengistu (yewondt@yahoo.com)

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7. AFRAN Membership and Dues:

Membership dues was extensively discussed and thereafter it was agreed that the sum of \$100:00 only be charged as annual dues for AFRAN. It was also agreed that several members have not paid in many years hence it was resolved that we start on a clean slate from 2013 congress. Hence indebtedness shall be collated from this year.

8. AFRAN Account:

It was resolved that the AFRAN-NAN Joint Account created in Nigeria in 2009 be converted to AFRAN Account and subsequently all transactions should be conducted through the account.

9. AFRAN Membership Directory:

It was agreed that a membership directory be created once the validation of membership is concluded.

10. AFRAN Website:

The Congress President, informed the General Assembly that the congress website is upgraded to AFRAN website after the congress.

11. AFRAN Journal:

The Editor presented a brief report on the performance of the journal. He complained about dearth of manuscripts for publication. This was discussed and members were encouraged to submit their manuscripts to the journal. The General Assembly also felt the journal needed more visibility and that indexing AJN may give it more acceptability and visibility. Thereafter, Prof Hassan Abu Aisha and Prof Razeen davies were appointed as Associate Editors to assist the Editor to achieve all set objectives.

12. AFRAN Fundraising:

The poor financial state of AFRAN was reviewed and it was agreed that members should assist in raising fund for the Association.

13. AFRAN – ISN Relationship

The General Assembly reviewed the relationship between AFRAN and ISN and resolved to further explore ways of strengthening the relationship such that African Nephrologists could benefit more from training and research opportunities.

14. Renal Pathology Training:

The dearth of Nephrologists and facilities in Africa was reviewed and it was resolved that a committee be convened to look into it and proffer solutions. Membership of the committee include

Prof Ifeoma Ulasi Chair

Prof Abdou Niang

Dr Halle Patte

Dr Ahmed Kalebi

Dr Charlote Osafo

15. Constitutional Review:

The General Assembly felt the constitution needed to be reviewed. It was mentioned that a committee Chaired by Dr A Aderibigbe of Nigeria had earlier been set up to review the constitution. It was agreed that the committee be reminded of this task so that it can be adopted at the next general Assembly.

16. Any Other Business:

WCN 2013: Members were encouraged to attend the WCN 2013 in Hong Kong. It was also agreed that members in attendance could hold a business meeting during the congress.

Peritoneal Dialysis Initiative: Prof Naicker presented a brief report on an initiative by ISPD to develop PD in Africa and called for nomination of members from different African countries into a committee that would look at the various options available and take appropriate decisions for the continent.

World Kidney Day (WKD) 2013: National Associations were encouraged to participate actively in WKD commemoration.

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next General Assembly was scheduled to hold in South Africa during the WCN 2015 in Cape Town. The exact date and venue to be announced later.

18. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Dr FA Arogundade
Secretary / Treasurer

Dr Adu Dwomoa
President.

Decision extracts from AFRAN Business meeting held during WCN 2013 at Hong Kong Convention Centre (June 2013) and Transplant Conference at Hotel Enlangani, Durban, South Africa (1st August 2013).

The President welcomed members to the meeting and briefed members on decisions taken at the last business meeting in Hong Kong which are:

1. Registering AFRAN as a corporate organization which would be done in Ghana.
2. Opening an account for AFRAN in Nigeria.
3. Setting up a Secretariat in Nigeria.
4. Setting up committees for different nephrology projects in Africa.
5. Nominations for the PD committee were still being expected.
6. Renal Pathology committee had been inaugurated and have commenced meetings.

He thereafter stressed the need for the formation of committees to handle specific areas of need. It was decided that we nominate Chairs and Co-Chairs who would thereafter nominate additional members.

Registry committee:

Chair: Prof Razeen Davies

Co-Chair:

Transplant committee:

Chair: Dr Egun Bamgboye

Co-Chair: Dr Tayen Ben Abdallah

Training committee:

Chair: Prof Saraladevi Naicker

Co-Chair: Dr Gloria Ashuntantang

Peritoneal Dialysis committee:

Chair: Prof Hassan Abu Aisha

Co-Chair: Prof Saraladevi Naicker

Clinical Standards committee:

Chair: Dr Fatiu A Arogundade

Co-Chair: Prof Benghanem Garbi

It was agreed that the committee chairs and co chairs should determine the terms of references and communicate using e-mails.

Secretariat: The secretary was mandated to set up a discussion group for AFRAN as well as design a website.

Ways of improving visibility of AFRAN:

1. Participation in National Meetings.
2. Creation of AFRAN Awards.
3. Annual report from National Associations.
4. Business meeting during National and International meetings.

Members were informed to further ruminate over these issues before the next meeting.

Dr Dwomoa Adu
President

Dr Fatiu Arogundade
Secretary