

**Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Editorial Board Meeting**  
**Asian-Australasian Journal of Animal Sciences (AJAS)**  
**August 22, 2016 Hotel Nikko, Fukuoka, Japan**



**Date:** August 22, 2016

**Venue:** Rose Room, Hotel Nikko, Fukuoka, Japan

**Attendance:** 20 members

Ann, Hye J. (Korea)	Baik, Myunggi (Korea)
Chen, Ming-Ju (Taiwan)	Ha, Jong K. (Korea)
Han, In Kyu (Korea)	Jalaludin, Syed (Malaysia)
Jo, Cheorun (Korea)	Kang, Hyeok Joong (Korea)
Kil, Dong Yong (Korea)	Kim, Sung Woo (USA)
Kim, Yoo Yong (Korea)	Li, Junyou (Japan)
Ohh, Sang Jip (Korea)	Park, Seung Ju (Korea)
Piao, Xiangshu (China)	Roh, Sang Gun (Japan)
Takahashi, Junichi (Japan)	Wanapat, Metha (Thailand)
Yano, Hideo (Japan)	Yun, Cheol-Heui (Korea)

**Meeting called to order at 11:00 pm by meeting chair, Professor Jong K. Ha**

### **1. Opening Remarks and Introduction of Participants**

Professor Jong Kyu Ha, Editor-in-Chief of AJAS, welcomed participants and thanked them for their attendance at 13th Editorial Board Meeting, which was held during the 17th AAAP Animal Science Congress at Hotel Nikko, Fukuoka, Japan.

Professor Ha indicated how pleased he was to see everyone here in Fukuoka, and requested Prof. Sang Jip Ohh to record minutes of present meeting with full agreement of all delegates.

Each and every delegates to the meeting then introduced themselves.

### **2. Appreciation to Prof. In K Han, the 1<sup>st</sup> Editor-in-Chief of AJAS**

Prof. Ha introduced Prof. In K Han's great contribution to the development of AJAS and noted that Prof. Han initiated the publication of AJAS in 1988 and nourished to the important international journal. Then Prof. Ha presented appreciation plaque to Prof. Han on behalf of all editorial members of AJAS.

### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda proposed by Professor Ha was adopted unanimously without alteration.

Then, the minutes of the previous meeting (12<sup>th</sup> Editorial Board Meeting) were briefly introduced by Professor Ha. There were no corrections or amendments, and all attendants accepted the minutes of the previous meeting.

### **4. Progress Report of the AJAS**

Professor Ha explained the relevant editorial matters in terms of manuscript submitted, reviewed and published. He also tabled the following:

- 1) Submission status of manuscripts by AAAP countries.
- 2) Average time spent from submission to printing (2007-2015).
- 3) Manuscripts published by AAAP member countries (1988-2015).
- 4) Publication status of AAAP member countries by major area (1988-2015).

Professor Ha also detailed the current editorial board by country as of 2015 (106 from 21 countries), and provided a list of the current editorial board and staff.

Professor Ha, Editor-in-Chief, summarized the business matters including, AJAS Statement of Account, Advertisement Revenues, Subscription Statistics, and Current Subscription Fee, Page and Reprint Charge Policy effective from July 1, 2014.

- Specific comments were made on total income and total expenditure. In principle, there is no numerically phenomenal changes in income and expenditure during the last 5 years although expenditure in 2014 was higher than that in other years, which is mainly

due to increased budget for XML documentation of previous articles published in 2012 and 2013.

## **5. Journal Management and Others**

Professor Ha explained the major activities of AJAS in 2014-2015.

### **Major Activities in 2014~2015**

- New homepage (June 2014)
- Establish the new editorial system (January 2015)
- New manuscript submission and handling system (October, 2014)
- Open access journal (January 2014)
- Change of journal abbreviation (May 2013)
- Additional database indexing (PubMed Central, EBSCO, ScienceCentral, KCI)
- XML documentation (All articles from 2012)
- DOI registration of back issues (completed in 2015)
- Adoption of new publication technology: CrossRef, CrossCheck, ORCID (2014)
- Promotion activity (AAP in 2014, Indonesia)
  
- Registration of AJAS as a company to deal with profit sector: advertisement (September 2015)
- Contract with accounting company (Samjeong) to deal with auditing & taxation (September 2015)
- Training & Education
  - Editor-in-Chief: KCSE, CASE
  - Editors: KCSE, CASE & in-house seminars
  - Staff: KCSE, CASE & in-house seminars

### **Major activities in 2016~2017**

Professor Ha also explained major activities in the coming years which included:

- Adoption of new journal cover page
- Adoption of new style & format
- Continue XML documentation
- Upgrade new manuscript submission and handling system
- Upgrade review system and improve review efficiency and quality
- Application to Medline coverage
- Improve author satisfaction (submission and decision)
- Improve citation frequency
  1. Invited review
  2. Special issue on strategic areas (genome, stem cell)
  3. In-depth analysis of citing individual, institutes, country, major area, journals.
  4. In-depth analysis of potential impact of AJAS
  5. In-depth analysis of ways to improve journal exposure

## **6. Citation report**

Professor Ha summarized issues to do with “Citation” and either tabled or figured statistics of 1) Trend of Citation and Impact Factor, 2) AJAS ranking in the subject area of Agri., Dairy and Anim. Sci., 3) Countries citing AJAS, 4) Report on Journal Ranking and Citation Status, 5) Journals citing AJAS, 6) Institutes citing AJAS and 7) WoS categories citing AJAS.

- Specific point on self-citation: the impact factor of the AJAS is lower than expected. However, total citation is in a good position ranking top 25% and the journal is healthier with its lower self-citation value. With the expanded database in which AJAS is cited, it is expected that the impact factor will rise in the coming years.

## **7. Progress of AJAS 2020 Program (2014-2015)**

Professor Ha summarized the progress of the AJAS 2020 program during the last 2 years in the categories of Journal Exposure & Citation, Journal Management, Editorial Process and Budget Sustainability. Then, AJAS 2020 program was briefly summarized by Professor Ha.

## **8. Awards**

Awardees of the 13<sup>th</sup> AJAS/CAPI Outstanding Research Award, Dr. Binghai Cao (China), Dr. Cheorun Jo (Korea), Dr. Xiangshu Piao (China), and Dr. Byong Oh Kwak (Korea) were cited and AJAS best reviewers for the year 2015 were also announced by Professor Ha.

## **9. New journal cover page, style and format**

As a part of AJAS 2020 program (see page 18 “Journal management”), new cover page and new AJAS style & format is going to be adopted from January 1, 2017. Manuscripts will be edited using in-design software from 2017. Prof. Ha introduced concept of new cover page.

-Use acronym as a sales point & the logo: AJAS

-Show the region of publication: AAAP region

-Make clear on the research subject: livestock

And also he presented the concept of new article style and format.

-Copyright page: rearrange publication information for better legibility

-Abstract: unstructured to structured abstract

-Text (including referencing): APA (author name) to AMA (numbers) system

Also Prof. Ha introduced samples of 1) new cover page, 2) new copy right page and 3) first page of main article.

## **10. Further Discussion**

Discussion continued regarding Editorial matters, Business and the AJAS 2020 program. Following four issues, 1) inviting good review papers (Ming Ju Chen), 2) increased funding opportunity from local and/or international organizations (Syed Jalaludin), or through

increased article processing charge (Metha Wanapat), 3) more active contribution from Australia and New Zealand etc. were raised and discussed by the attendees.

#### **11. Date and Venue for Next Meeting**

This will be held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia during the 18<sup>th</sup> AAAP Congress (August 1-5, 2018). The date and the venue for the next meeting is yet to be fixed.

#### **12. Closing of the Meeting**

The meeting was closed at 12:00 pm. After lunch (boxed) on site a group photo was taken.

22 August 2016  
Minutes taken by Sang Jip Ohh