



DRAFT Minutes

Virtual Pearl Commission Pre Congress Steering Committee Meetings

Tuesday October 19th and Thursday October 21st.

Time – See table for local times.

Time allotment – 90 minutes each session

Location – Virtual Zoom Meetings –

President: Mr. Kenneth Scarratt

Vice-President: Mr. Shigeru Akamatsu

Vice-President: Mr. Jacques Branellec

Vice-President: Mr. Peter Bracher

Vice-President: Mr. Olivier Segura

1. Welcome, roll call and Apologies.

The meetings of both October 19th and 21st were conducted with the same agenda, the dates and timings of the two meeting were organized to maximise global participation.

For the meetings the following members of the PCSC were recorded as present;

Abeer AlAlawi, Cedril Lo, Chunhui Zhou, Clarisse D'Hervily, Douglas Mc Laurin-Moreno, Elfriede Schwarzer, Gina Latendresse, Hiroki Goto, Jean-Pierre Chalain, Jeremy Shepherd, Karina Ratzlaff, Kenneth Scarratt, Laurent Cartier, Margherita Superchi, Noora Jamsheer, Olivier Segura, Peter Bracher, Pierre Akkelian, Pierre Fallourd, Roland Naftule, Rui Galopim de Carvlho, Ryuichiro Machizawa, Shigeru Akamatsu, and Thomas Lind,

The following apologies received. Gerard Grospiron, Incenzo Liverino, Tom Moses, Rudi Biehler

2. Review and approval of the 2019 PCSC Bahrain meeting minutes.

The PCSC reviewed the minutes of the 2019 PCSC Bahrain meeting and unanimously approved the contents as being an accurate representation of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Four items from the 2019 PCSC Bahrain meeting minutes were discussed as 'matters arising'.

- a. Keshi Terminology – the presentation at the 2019 PCSC Bahrain meeting was briefly discussed and it was confirmed by Vice President Shigeru Akamatsu that the Japanese Association had recommended that the word keshi should no longer be used in conjunction with natural pearls (its original meaning being corrupted in modern times)
 - b. Pearl Book amendments – There was no further discussion on the amendments although it was pointed out by Gina Latendresse that while *Lobatus gigas* (AKA *Strombus gigas*) was added to the book in the present edition just a two years ago, the powers that be have now renamed this species as *Aliger gigas* (AKA *Strombis gigas*). The meeting resolved to discuss this as well as other amendments in 2022.
 - c. Pearl Guide – The Pearl Guide received approval for publication following Bahrain Congress and this has now been added as a free download from the CIBJO Website. While it is generally acknowledged that the Guide has received much positive attention members asked if CIBJO had any data on the number of downloads that have taken place from the website. While this data was not available for the meeting it was suggested that CIBJO be asked for it so that the committee could have a gauge on the interest shown.
 - d. CPPA letter – Jeremy Shepherd confirmed during meeting that CPAA were dropping their request to the FTC that the word cultured be dropped from the descriptions of pearls and diamonds, therefore the discussions concerning this and the letter were now deemed to be dropped also.
4. Consideration of any Pearl Book Amendments – The meeting was informed that amendments to the Pearl Book are only considered every third year, as such no amendments would be considered at this meeting but all suggested amendments would be collated, circulated and debated in the coming New Year (2022) for agreement at the next Congress. The meeting was informed that there were moves afoot in the Coloured Stone Commission to dispense with the two tier treatment disclosure system set out in the Gemstone Book. It may be, if these discussions result in the end of the Specific and General disclosure clauses, that the PCSC may wish to debate a similar route in the Pearl Book. However, it is premature to open these discussions at present.
5. Consideration of any Pearl Guide Amendments – As for the Pearl Book there were no amendments tabled for the Pearl Guide at this meeting, however, all suggested amendments would be collated, circulated and debated in the coming New Year (2022) for agreement at the next Congress. It was noted that the Pearl Guide had now been translated into Thai and that members on the PCSC had currently offered to make translations into French (Gerard Grosperon), Italian (Margherita Superchi), Portuguese (Rui Galopim de Carvalho) and Arabic (Abeer AlAlawi).

Consideration of a proposed new work item to for an additional section in the Pearl Guide that reports upon “sustainability of natural and cultured pearls”. - This new work item was met with great enthusiasm by members of the PCSC and it was proposed that a subgroup of individuals with some expertise in pearl sustainability be formed to undertake this work. This group will begin its work immediately following the completion of the present congress. Thus far those interested in participating in this subgroup are; Clarisse D'Hervily, Kenneth Scarratt, Laurent Cartier, Reem Almeala (nominated by Noora Jamsheer), Peter Bracher, Pierre Akkelian, and Pierre Fallourd. Others may be added going forward.

6. Other business – no other business was tabled.
7. Adjournment – Each of the two meeting was adjourned after between one hour and ten minutes and one hour and 25 minutes of discussions