

MIKI MINAMINO SHARES HER LOVE OF IFSCC EDUCATION AFTER RETIRING AS CHAIR

Greetings, I'm Miki Minamino, the former Chair of the Education Committee of the IFSCC Praesidium, having retired from the IFSCC Praesidium at the Zurich Conference 2015 last year. In February in New York I completed the handover of educational issues to Dr Tony O'Lenick, the current Chair of the Education Committee, and Mary Lynn Halland, the IFSCC's new Secretary General of. From the autumn of 2012, I had the great honour of serving 3 years as Chair of the Education Committee and involving myself in various IFSCC activities as a Praesidium member.



Miki Minamino, IFSCC Education Chair 2012-2015

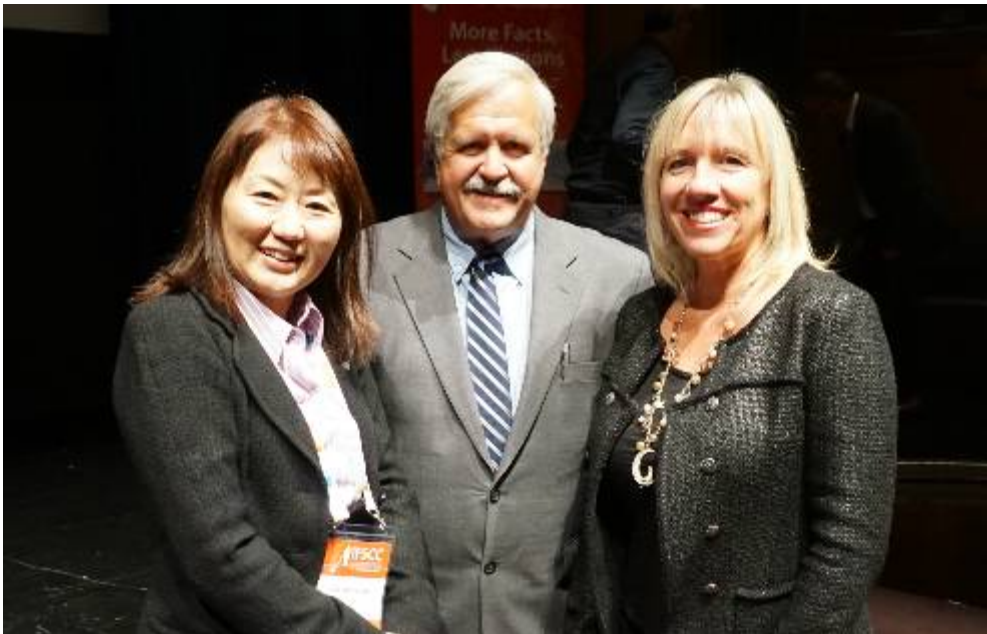
When the Science & Education Committee was split into 2 to create individual committees (ie Science and Education) back in 2009, Amy Wyatt, our current Vice President, became the first Chair of Education Committee. I succeeded her in this role, becoming the second Chair of this Committee, and I strived to streamline the operation and budget management of various educational programmes while attempting to introduce new schemes to provide more opportunities for more member Societies to receive the benefits of our educational programmes. I believe that we have been able to maximise offer our educational services even during a period when the IFSCC finances were not particularly healthy.

Another event during my term that stands out in my memory is the 'Happy Hour Meeting' we held just after the Council Meeting during the Paris Congress in 2014. An opportunity was created to listen directly to the voices of Society members about what they think about the Federation. I planned the event with Andrea (Chair of Publication), Fuji (Chair of Science) and Amy (Committee 3), and all Praesidium members enjoyed the valuable

opportunity of exchanging thoughts about the future of IFSCC with its Society members – a wonderful moment indeed.

Coming back to education, I wanted to establish new educational programmes such as e-learning, but 3 years was sadly too short; it's a shame I was unable to develop this. However, my successor Tony is even more enthusiastic about education than I am, and I have absolutely no doubt that he will create new educational programmes that will prove useful and helpful to Cosmetic Scientists worldwide.

I have retired from my role as an IFSCC Praesidium member, but I do wish to continue working together with cosmetic scientists worldwide, hopefully to contribute to the advancement of the global cosmetic industry.



Education Chairs left to right: Miki (immediate past Chair), Tony O'Lenick (current Chair), Amy Wyatt (the first Chair)

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