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About the AKABFE

Association of Korean Agricultural, Biological, and Food Engineers (AKABFE) was established on July 30, 2012 in Dallas, Texas, USA. Currently, the AKABFE has 53 members including full members and student members.

The AKABFE's Mission

The AKABFE was established to (1) promote information exchange and networking among agricultural, biological, and food engineers who are interested in the development of agricultural and biological science and technology in Korea; (2) foster educational exchange programs between Korean universities and organizations and institutions in the United States of America; (3) facilitate the transfer of technology to and from Korea; and (4) encourage professional development among members within the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE).

Be connected with AKABFE!

AKABFE website

<http://www.akabfe.org/>

AKABFE LinkedIn

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=6521941&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

Solicitation for slogan and logo concept

We are seeking for members' suggestions for an AKABFE logo and slogan. If you have any good ideas please send them to Daeun Choi (ekdms663@ufl.edu).

Contribute donations

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Second annual meeting successful

The Association of Korean Agricultural, Biological and Food Engineers (AKABFE) held the 2nd annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, during the 2013 ASABE Annual International Meeting. A business meeting was held on Monday, July 22, 2013, and an association dinner party was followed at a Korean restaurant. A total of 36 members participated in the meeting and all agreed on each member's role in assuring the AKABFE's long term prosperity through advertising and building a network database among Korean agricultural, biological, and food engineers in various countries.



Bylaws established and approved

Bylaws were formalized in October, 2013 by the executive board members (Drs. Bosoon Park, Chris Choi, Won Suk Lee, Hak-Jin Kim, and Kyo Suh) and officially approved as of November 14, 2013 (38 members voted for approval of the Bylaws). The executive board members have contacted ASABE Headquarters and started a process to become an official ASABE community.

AKABFE Website and LinkedIn Group

Wanted: Volunteer Webmaster for AKABFE website and LinkedIn

We have now formally established the Association of Korean Agricultural, Biological, and Food Engineers (AKABFE) and launched a new website: <http://www.akabfe.org/>. While members on both sides of the Pacific will continue to meet each year at the ASABE Annual International Meeting, during the rest of the year, the new website will serve as a convenient information dissemination vehicle and also as an interactive communication system. We welcome your suggestions for how to make the website an effective way to promote the activities of the AKABFE members.

Also, we have created a LinkedIn group site for networking among members: [AKABFE-LinkedIn](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=6521941&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr). It should help AKABFE's current and future professionals make contacts, post and view positions, and establish themselves as specific industry experts in the agricultural, biological and food engineering fields.

Because these sites will play an important role in our efforts to accomplish AKABFE's missions, we hope to recruit an AKABFE Webmaster to maintain both sites. If you are interested in volunteering for this vital position, contact Professor Choi at cchoi22@wisc.edu.

AKABFE member's news

1. Dr. Jeong-Yeol Yoon, a member of the department of agricultural and biosystems engineering in University of Arizona was elected president of the Institute of Biological Engineering (IBE, www.ibe.org) for three years. Also, Dr. Yoon will serve as the Editor-in-Chief in Journal of Biological Engineering (www.jbioleng.org) which is the official journal of IBE.

2. Dr. Jong Hoon Chung and PhD candidate Jangho Kim working in the department of biosystems and biomaterials science and engineering at Seoul National University have developed biomimetic nanoengineering systems for promoting the function of animal or plant stem cells. The results of their research were published in Scientific Reports (one of the primary journals by the Nature Publishing Group) and also reported in major Korean media, Dong-A Ilbo and in YTN science.

3. Dr. Syewoon Hwang who is currently a postdoctoral researcher in the department of agricultural and biological engineering in University of Florida will begin his new position as an assistant professor in the department of agricultural engineering at Gyeongsang National University on March 1st, 2014.

4. A journal of Engineering in Agriculture, Environment and Food (EAEF) distributed by Asian Agricultural and Biological Engineering Association (AABEA) changed its publisher to Elsevier Ltd. on Jan 1st, 2014. The EAEF is an electronic English journal (Editor-in-Chief: Dr. Jong Hoon Chung, website: www.sciencedirect.com/eaef) and published every four months (in January, April, July and October). All of the AKABFE members are encouraged to submit their papers to the EAEF.