

ASIAN BIRD FAIR (ABF) – Introduction & Structure

The Asian Bird Fair (ABF) is an annual event created to highlight the different bird fairs in Asia, to promote the protection of birds and their habitats, encourage birdwatching and other ecotourism activities

The 6 founding organizations formed the ABF via Memorandum of Understanding in 2009 and agreed to take turns in hosting the ABF starting with the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines (Davao, 2010), Chinese Wild Bird Federation (Tainan, 2011), Wild Bird Society of Thailand (Bangpoo, 2012), The Wild Bird Society of Taipei (Taipei, 2013), Malaysian Nature Society (Langkawi, 2014) and Nature Society, Singapore, 2015.

The host of ABF 2016 will be the new member of the original founding organizations i.e. Cuncaoxin Rural Environmental Protection Promotion Association of Hubei Province, China.

As a growing network, with widening interest and a need to streamline and manage the ABF, a decision was made at the ABF Network Meeting on 27th October 2013 (during the 4th ABF in Taipei) to form a more lucid organizational structure and management.

The network members discussed and agreed to the setting up of an ABF Executive Committee (ExeComm) to manage all aspects of the ABF.

The ABF ExeComm members shall comprise of Victor Yu, Michael Lu and Andrew Sebastian. This will be a personal-capacity appointment and not institutional. The ExeComm is entrusted to manage, coordinate and develop the ABF Network and will act independently to promote and further the objectives of the ABF Network including representing the network at events and preparing ABF hosting matters and details.

The ABF Network will comprise of two (2) representatives each from ;

1. Wild Bird Club of the Philippines (WBCP)
2. Chinese Wild Bird Federation (CWBF)
3. Bird Conservation Society of Thailand (BCST)
4. Wild Bird Society of Taipei (WBST)
5. Malaysian Nature Society (MNS)
6. Nature Society, Singapore (NSS)
7. Michael Lu
8. Victor Yu
9. Andrew Sebastian
10. Name/s of succeeding host organisations (2016 onwards)

Each organization shall nominate, confirm and maintain the names of their representatives periodically.

ABF Network meetings will be done via annual online meeting or physical meetings preferably at the annual ABF event. The ABF Network meeting will discuss the improving of the ABF Network, receive updates from the ExeComm and discuss the hosting awards.

In instances where an issue is raised and a decision is needed, this will be by way of a vote. In this instance, each organization and the 3 ExeComm members shall each have 1 vote. A simple majority will be taken as a decision.

All communications on ABF matters will be via the google group (asianbirdfair@googlegroups.com) and all correspondences to the ExeComm can be made and received through abirdfair@gmail.com

Reference:

- 1. ABF MoU dated 14 March 2010*
- 2. ABF Network Meeting, Taipei 27th October 2013*
- 3. ABF Network Meeting, Langkawi, 30th November 2014*