

## Report

# The Preparation and Activities of ASV'98 in Bedugul-Bali, Indonesia

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**Abstract:** The preparation and activities of the Asian Symposium for Visualization '98 that was held from March 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 1999 in Bedugul-Bali, Indonesia will be presented in this article. In this article some story of the postponed ASV'98 in Serpong, and the process of moving the symposium to the new site in Bali, are also included.

## 1. Introduction

After being postponed almost one year, finally the ASV'98 was successfully held in Bedugul-Bali Indonesia from March 8<sup>th</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1999. Originally ASV'98 was set up to be held at Puspiptek Serpong, Indonesia on May 18-21, 1998. All preparation had been done perfectly for this symposium. The hotel for the participants had been booked at the five star "Syahid Hotel" located in the hearth of Jakarta City. The International Conference Room at Puspiptek Serpong, which was equipped with all international facilities for international conferences, and was the best conference room in Indonesia had also been prepared very well.

However, just a few days before the symposium date, the political situation became confused in Indonesia that was forcing the Indonesian President, Mr. Suharto to step down. The situation was not stable due to the riots among the students, the Indonesian people and the arm forces. Due to this condition, almost all countries had recommended their citizen not to enter Indonesia, especially Jakarta. Because of this situation, the organising committee had no other choice except postponing the ASV'98 until March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

The news about the postponing of ASV'98 was distributed quickly to all our participants using FAX, telephone and e-mail facilities. However, this news was too late for Prof. Kozlove from Russia, since he had to come two days earlier to Jakarta due to his flight schedule. So in the middle of riots in Jakarta, using his special knowledge Prof. Kozlov was able to come to Puspiptek Guest House by himself and arrived safely. We were all amazed by the arrival of Prof. Kozlov; the only one participant attended the postponed ASV'98 in May 1998.

## 2. ASV'98 at Bedugul-Bali, Indonesia

Although the ASV'98 had been prepared very well for March 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at Puspiptek-Serpong Indonesia, suddenly Prof. Yasuki Nakayama, the Head of Japanese Regional Committee, gave us a call. He told us that the Japanese Government did not allow the Japanese participants to enter any other places in Indonesia, except Bali Island. He also mentioned that not only Japanese participants, but also participants from other countries would be treated in the same way by their governments. Prof. Yasuki Nakayama proposed to change the ASV'98 site from Puspiptek-Serpong to Bali Island, and he gave us no other alternative. So again, we were so depressed in solving this problem. The time left for the preparation of the ASV'98 in Bali Island was only two months. It was a very difficult challenge for us, but we had to do it, since it was impossible to postpone the ASV'98 for the second time.

In order to move the symposium site from Puspiptek -Serpong to Bali Island, many new problems had to be solved. Namely, the budget would increase, since Bali was the tourist island, where everything was very expensive such as food, hotels, symposium equipment, etc. One major problem was how to encourage the Indonesian participants to attend the ASV'98 in Bedugul-Bali. Since the Indonesian economy was in serious recession, it was almost impossible for the Indonesian participants to join the ASV'98 in Bedugul without any subsidy. Without Indonesian participants, the symposium's rooms would be empty for the whole session, and there would be only the foreign participants. So again, we decided with the available budget to support our Indonesian participants, by giving them free transportation to and from Bali and also free accommodation for some of the participants who were not able to support themselves.

We decided not to hold the symposium at Denpasar City, since it was clear enough that the available budget would not be enough to cover the ASV'98. The symposium site then was chosen at the famous National Botanical Garden in Bali which belonged to the Indonesian Institute of Sciences and was located at the mountain region. With the permission of the head of National Botanical Garden, we were allowed to renovate the office building quickly to be used as the symposium site. Luckily, we were still able to hold three parallel sessions during our symposium in Bedugul-Bali. We realized that the symposium rooms were not as good as the symposium rooms available in other hotels in Bali. However that was the best we could do with the limited budget available for the ASV'98.

Even though the budget was very limited, we kept our promise to all of the ASV'98 participants. The registration fee of 600 US dollars covered the accommodation, hotels, breakfast, lunch and dinner during the symposium. We believe that the ASV'98 held in the famous Island, Bali, did demand the participants least expense.

### 3. The Participants of ASV'98

The number of the participants who were attending the ASV'98 in Bedugul is given in Table 1. Beside participants listed in Table 1, there were also some special guests as given in Table 2.

Table 1. Number of participants presented papers.

No	Country	Number	
		Presenter	Accompanying person
1.	China	-	-
2.	India	1	-
3.	Indonesia	49	2
4.	Japan	39	2
5.	Korea	2	2
6.	Russia	-	-
7.	Singapore	1	-
8.	Slovenia	2	1
9.	Thailand	1	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>102</b>	

Table 2. Special guest attending the symposium.

No	Participants	Number
1.	Indonesian Institute of Science (special guest)	3
2.	Local Government	5
3.	TVRI Crew	4
4.	News Paper Reporter	2
5.	Botanical Garden	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>

## 4. Activities of the ASV'98 in Bedugul-Bali

### 4.1 Pick-up program on March 7, 1999

On March 7, 1999, from 10:00 till 23:00, the organising committee was so busy in picking up our participants from the Ngurah Rai International Airport. From Ngurah Rai Airport we took them by shuttle-bus to their hotels near the symposium site at Bedugul, which was about one and half hours' drive.

At the airport, there was some misunderstanding between our staff and the travel agency, when the group of participants from Tokyo and Osaka arrived. We already arranged two shuttle buses, one for each group, but when our staff were busy in leading the groups to the buses, the travel agency was also leading the same groups to his shuttle bus. However the dispute was quickly solved, by letting our participants go to the symposium site using the shuttle bus provided by the travel agency, as we discovered that the travel agency from Japan had already arranged the pick up bus for the groups of participants from Osaka and Tokyo. Nevertheless, payment was made for the buses we arranged without being used.

### 4.2 Hotels for ASV's Participants

There were six hotels/cottages used by our participants. All Japanese participants stayed at the same Bedugul hotel/cottage. The participants from Slovenia, India and some of Indonesian participants stayed at Bukit Permai Hotel. The International Steering Committee members stayed at Enjung Biji Cottage, which was the best cottage in Bedugul, while all local organising committee members stayed at Ashram Cottage.

### 4.3 Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony of ASV'98 was held at the beautiful conference room of Bukit Permai Hotel. The opening speeches were given consecutively by Dr. Anung Kusnowo as the Chairman of ASV'98, Prof. Toshio Kobayashi as the Vice President of Japanese Visualization Society, and then by Dr. Sofjan Tsauri, APU, as the president of Indonesian Institute of Sciences to declare the official opening of ASV'98.

After the opening ceremony, all participants were transported to the National Botanical Garden to have the participants memorial photograph taken and to join the symposium. The Indonesian News, ANTARA and other newspapers as well as the Indonesian official television broadcasting (TVRI) reported the opening ceremony.

### 4.4 Banquet

On the night of March 8, after the last session, all participants were transported back to Bukit Permai Hotel for the banquet. If the sky had been clear, all participants would have been able to see how beautiful Denpasar at night was, just like the famous song " Denpasar Moon." Before the banquet started, again there were some informal speeches by Dr. Anung Kusnowo, Prof. Yasuki Nakayama (Japan), Prof. Stane Bercic (Slovenia), Mr. C. Badarinath (India), Prof. Yong Tian Chew (Singapore), Prof. Banterng Suwantragul (Thailand) and Prof. Tae Hyun Chang (Korea). Then Dr. Anung Kusnowo and Prof. Yasuki Nakayama led a toast.

While the participants were enjoying their meals, there were Balinese dancers on the stage to entertain the participants. Also after the meal, there was a special Balinese dance that was called "Panyembrane Dance," where the participants were invited one by one to the stage by the beautiful dancer to dance with her. It was a very enjoyable moment for all the participants, including Prof. Toshio Kobayashi, Prof. Yasuki Nakayama, and Prof. Katsumi Aoki and almost all of the participants got the chance to dance with the beautiful Balinese dancers.

### 4.5 Symposium's Session

There were three parallel sessions during the symposium. All the Key Note Lectures and Special Lectures were held in the Main Hall, which were attended by all of participants. After the Key Note Lectures and Special Lectures, participants were free to choose a session they would like to attend. During the symposium at Botanical Garden, breakfast, lunch and dinner were served at the symposium site. Figure 1 shows one of the special lectures by Dr. Anung Kusnowo. Prof. Toshio Kobayashi chaired the lecture, while Dr. M. Sulyanti acted as the secretary.

During the paper presentations either in Key Note Lectures, Special Lectures or in regular papers, so many participants raised their hands whenever they were given the chance for asking questions or giving suggestions and arguments to the speakers. Especially during the presentation by Prof. Naoki Suzuki with paper title "Visualization of Virtualized Human Bodies and their Storage," the time for questions and suggestions seemed to be too short for this interesting paper. Explanations given by Prof. Naoki Suzuki answered all the questions. Although there were



Fig. 1. Picture of special lecture by Dr. Anung Kusnowo at the main hall.

still some participants who wanted to ask more questions, the chairman had to stop the discussion, since Prof. Naoki Suzuki had to leave for Denpasar for other business right after his session.

#### 4.6 International Steering Committee meeting

On the night of March 9, 1999, the International Committee meeting was held at the conference room of Enjung Biji Hotel/Cottage. The meeting started at 19:30 and finished at about 21:00.

After a long discussion, the country where ASV meeting would take place after Singapore was decided. It will be at Masan, Korea, May 28-31, 2001 and will be chaired by Prof. Tae Hyun Chang.

#### 4.7 One Day Orientation in Bali

One-day orientation was one of the most exiting programs for the participants. Participants were able to see directly how the Balinese artists made the woodcarving and wood sculpture. The participants were also able to visit the Indonesian First President Soekarno's Palace at Tampak Siring Bali. The tour ended at the most famous temple in Bali at Tanah Lot, but we all missed the sunset at that special temple, since the sky was covered with the clouds. Hopefully one day, some of the participants will have another chance to enjoy the best sunset in Bali.

## 5. Conclusions

The closing ceremony was held at the Bedugul Hotel/Cottage restaurant which was located by the beautiful Baratan Lake in Bedugul. The closing ceremony started at 12:00 and finished at 15:00. Again the speeches were given by Dr. Anung Kusnowo who also explained the results of the questionnaires that the organiser had distributed to the participants in order to obtain personal comments from them about the organiser's hospitality, hotel condition, food and others during the symposium at Bedugul.

The results of the questionnaires were not so bad but not so good either. The organiser only received the B'Score (73.4 points). We did our best to make our participants' accommodation, hotels, etc., as enjoyable as possible. However we are so sorry if we could not satisfy them all. We hope that during the 6<sup>th</sup> ASV' 2001, in Masan Korea, Prof. Tae Hyun Chang and his members will be able to serve us in much better way than what we managed to offer in Bedugul-Bali, Indonesia.

Also due to the tight flight schedule, some of the participants had to leave early in order to catch their flights at Ngurah-Rai airport, and were not able to attend the whole of the closing ceremony program.

Sayonara... to all of you, our best friends.... May God almighty permit us all to meet again in the future.

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