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## IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting

*March 18, 2010*

Present: D. Noble, W. Boron, M. Gordon, L. Price.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:50 a.m. EDT.

### **1. IUPS outreach strategy Stage 1, Draft 3**

Everyone concurred that the Stage 1 draft is ready to send to Council members for their feedback. L. Price will email it to members and ask for a reply by Friday, April 2 indicating consent with or without comments. She will report the feedback to D. Noble, W. Boron and M. Gordon for discussion at the next Partial Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, April 13.

### **2. IUPS outreach strategy Stage 2**

D. Noble will edit the document to delete the reference to Penny Hansen as a former Council member. X. Wang will be asked to confirm her role in the Membership Committee before the Stage 2 draft is sent to Council members for feedback. Council approval of the committee members will be needed before informing S. Orsoni.

### **3. Discussion of UCU boycott of Israeli scientists**

M. Gordon asked for clarification of possible effects of a boycott. D. Noble indicated that it could indirectly affect financing by interfering with sponsorships. It would not affect attendance. It was decided to discuss this further with the Local Planning Committee at the May meeting.

### **4. Countries in arrears on dues**

L. Price reported that 40 member countries are in arrears with their dues for a total of \$163,630. M. Gordon and L. Price have been working on a nonconfrontational email to send to these members in order to help them get caught up. L. Price has gone

through all the contact emails of the member organizations to update them. D. Gordon pointed out that this overlaps with the Stage 2 outreach document and the need for IUPS to communicate better with members and offer something substantial for their membership. Invoices for 2010 dues will be sent, but L. Price and M. Gordon will work together to decide which ones will include the overdue funds in the total.

#### **5. Commission chairs and selecting members**

Commission chairs need to start finding members for their commissions. R. Bindels and Y. Chun have been approved by council to fill the vacant commission chairs. L. Price will wait until S. Orsoni returns from vacation to send them information about their responsibilities as chairs.

W. Boron reported on his conversation with D. Eisner, chair of the Local Planning Committee in Birmingham, England on March 5. They agreed that the ISPC will have two votes per person and that the total number of the LPC will be 13 plus 3 ex officio. W. Boron brought up the issue of finding a replacement for Peter Hunter as committee chair, but using him as an ISPC member along with M. Gordon to bring the total members to 12. W. Boron will discuss this with P. Hunter as well as asking if Andrew McCullough might be a good replacement. Walter will also ask him to suggest other physiologists and Council will also be polled for suggestions.

D. Noble will check the Physiology Society website for the dates of the 2011 meeting in England so the next Council meeting can be planned for the same dates in Oxford.

#### **6. Gift for Sue**

It has been decided to give S. Orsoni a sterling silver engraved plate as a gift for her time as executive secretary of IUPS at the dinner in her honor at the May meeting.