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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting

April 15, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:30 a.m. EDT.

1. IUPS outreach strategy Stage 1 – Outreach to member societies

The few comments received from member societies about the draft document have been positive. D. Noble is concerned that using 4 or more units as a cutoff for countries having representation on an advisory committee would leave out India, which only has 3 units. However, it may also prompt India to increase their units to 4 in order to be represented. Further discussion will take place at the May meeting.

2. IUPS outreach strategy Stage 2 – Outreach to new and lapsed members

D. Noble met with S. Orsoni while in Paris. She is happy to help with the membership project which will be discussed on May 28.

3. Saeed Semnanian – teleconference or travel to May meeting

It was decided that a one to two hour discussion on the Stage 2 outreach among the Executive Committee members, S. Orsoni and S. Semnanian would be beneficial. L. Price is to email S. Semnanian to invite him for a 4 p.m. meeting on Friday, May 28. She will ask him to email instructions to D. Noble about the exact wording of a letter from him for the British Embassy visa. She will also ask him about how many nights lodging he will need for the trip. The email will include a request to search for the lowest cost airfare possible.

4. Council meeting for 2011 – Oxford, England

The Physiological Society meeting will be July 12-14, 2011 in Oxford, England allowing the possibility of holding the IUPS Council meeting either before or after the event. L. Price asked for clarification of the length of the Council meeting and D. Noble indicated it would be six days total: two days for the Executive Committee, two days for the Council and two days for the Local Planning Committee (LPC). The exact dates will be determined at the May 2010 meeting.

Discussion continued about the Local Planning Committee. W. Boron will be having a teleconference call with D. Eisner tomorrow. David has indicated that he would

like a full day meeting for the LPC on May 28. W. Boron will ask him if a meeting from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. including lunch would be adequate. There was also discussion about the timing of the ISPC meetings. The consensus was that it should meet the first time in Oxford in July 2011 and then the next meeting would be in 2012.

5. Commission chairs and selecting members

L. Price will make a list of commission and committee chairs with emails and the subareas under each commission. She will also try to ascertain if there are any commission chairs who have come to the end of their term limits of two four-year terms. She will also look through previous documents to find former commission members who might be interested in being on a commission. The commissions will be divided equally among the President, Secretary-General and Treasurer (three each) in order to encourage and facilitate the addition of five members per commission. L. Price will also email the chairs indicating which Executive Committee member is assigned to them and the need to fill their committees quickly so that they will be able to make specific suggestions for the Congress program in a timely manner. M. Gordon chose to be assigned to the Comparative, Genomics & Biodiversity and Locomotion Commissions. D. Noble chose the Physiome & Bioengineering Committee. W. Boron chose the Secretion & Absorption Commission.

6. Revised 2010 travel guidelines

The revised guidelines were approved and L. Price will send them M. Rupnik to update the website.

7. Balkan country memberships

M. Rupnik had this to say about the topic: “I suggest that we ask them to organize a meeting/workshop in Croatia under the auspices of IUPS related to the policy and outreach of IUPS, where they can invite speakers and pay them travel and local costs. I am pretty sure they can always raise money to invite distinguished speakers. Alternatively they can oblige themselves to make their annual society meeting in Birmingham in 2013. Given the cheap airline connections from several Croatian cities to London, they can bring many scientists for 6000 euro to Birmingham. The same policy we can use for other Balkan countries. Anyway, I hope in the future we can manage to merge our petit societies into something bigger, with more function and influence in the region.” Further discussion of this topic will be done at the May 2010 meeting.

8. List of possible May meeting agenda items

L. Price submitted a tentative list of agenda items for the May meeting. She will add other items and submit the list to each of the Executive Committee members for further additions.

The gift for S. Orsoni has been purchased and will be ready for the dinner in her honor.

It was decided that the next teleconference call should be Thursday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. EDT. [D. Noble subsequently informed L. Price that he could participate on that date and time.]