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## IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Agenda

*September 16, 2010*

Present: Denis Noble, Malcolm Gordon, Walter Boron, Leslie Price

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:35 a.m. EDT.

### **1. Approval of minutes of August 12, 2010 Executive Committee meeting**

The minutes were approved.

### **2. Draft response to Phys Soc contract**

The response to the Phys Soc contract drafted by M. Gordon was approved by D. Noble and W. Boron. D. Noble will re-read the suggestions in the response for diplomacy of language. M. Gordon will then revise the contract incorporating the suggestions and it will be sent to L. Price to email to the ExCo members for input. After receiving approval by the ExCo members, M. Gordon and D. Noble will send a signed letter along with the revised contract to Phys Soc for their response. They will suggest that signing of the contract be completed by the end of September 2010.

Action: D. Noble will re-read draft response to check for diplomatic language. M. Gordon will revise contract using D. Noble's changes (if any) and send it to L. Price. L. Price will distribute to ExCo members for input and send to M. Gordon by 9/23/2010.

### **3. Bio-unions symposium speaker for IUPS (Sept. 22-23, 2011, Rome)**

The ExCo members agreed that IUPS should participate in the symposium in order to get the message across that ICSU needs to pay more attention to bio-unions in the future and fund proposals that have to do with science universality. The ExCo members will generate a list of potential speakers and select several to contact. W. Boron will be the lead for generating the list.

Action: ExCo members will make a list of speakers and email to W. Boron by 2 p.m., Monday, September 20.

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#### **4. Report on representatives to outreach advisory group**

L. Price reported that Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany and Korea have designated representatives which would indicate their approval of the Outreach to Member Societies document. **China also approves and has selected a representative (Prof. Xiaomin Wang, President of CAP after Oct 20, 2010).** Iran has read the document and submitted comments and questions. The Physiological Society and the American Physiological Society have suggested alternatives to the ideas in the document. D. Noble recommended that members with two or more delegates be allowed voting representatives. Smaller organizations would be represented by a regional representative. L. Price will send out a reminder on Friday, September 24 to IUPS members who have not designated an advisory group representative. She will also generate a list of countries with two or more representatives to Congress and their phone numbers so ExCo members can contact them by phone to encourage their representation.

Action: L. Price will send out an email reminder on Friday, September 24 to IUPS members who have not designated an advisory group representative. She will also generate a list of countries with two or more representatives to Congress and their phone numbers for ExCo to call. The phone calls will need to be made before Oct. 1, 2010.

#### **5. Appoint Ryuji Inoue to be acting Chair of the Circulation/Respiration Commission to temporarily replace Yoshi Kurachi**

It was decided that Y. Kurachi should appoint a member of the Circulation/Respiration Commission to serve as interim chair until he is able to take over his position. D. Noble will email him about his choice from the list of commission members.

Action: D. Noble will send email to Y. Kurachi asking for appointment of interim chair of Circulation/Respiration Commission.

#### **Additional items:**

M. Gordon reported on the status of the proposal to NSF by NAS. K. Mathae is submitting a request only for payment of dues for 2009, 2010 and 2011 with a commitment to find alternative funding for a portion of the dues starting in 2012.

The ICSU grant to be submitted by the bio-unions needs written by someone with experience in the area of systems biology. D. Noble said he spoke to Andrew McCulloch about doing the writing. W. Boron will call him to confirm.

Action: W. Boron will call Andrew McCulloch to ask about writing ICSU grant proposal.

**Date of next meeting: November 11, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. ET**