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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2010

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

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

1. Approval of minutes of September 16, 2010 Executive Committee meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Contract with UK Physiological Society

The contract was reviewed and the following changes were decided:

#4 - instead of “its logo,” the wording should be changed to “the IUPS logo.”

#8 - ExCo’s interpretation of this item does not exclude IUPS from raising money for congresses, but would ensure cooperation with TPS not to approach the same donors.

#15 – IUPS encourages TPS to negotiate for as many complimentary hotel rooms as possible for IUPS ExCo and Council. This would allow the IUPS funds to be used for benefit of the physiological community in the form of travel grants.

Action: Malcolm will draft a response to the proposed contract mentioning the three items listed above. The letter will be emailed to the new TPS president, Jonathan Ashmore (j.ashmore@ucl.ac.uk) with copies to David Eisner, Bridget Lumb and Nick Boross-Toby.

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3. ISPC trip to Birmingham Conference Center on morning of Monday, July 11, 2011

It was agreed by all members that the trip is a good idea. L. Price will inform Nick Boross-Toby. W. Boron suggested incorporating open time into the July agenda to begin outreach with APS and TPS. M. Gordon will draft an email to Council letting them know that IUPS has agreed to a contract and that ExCo is happy with the arrangements. If any member of council wants to see a copy, L. Price will supply it. M. Gordon will email A. Campos de Carvalho about IUPS funds available to him for the July 2011 meeting.

Action: L. Price will email N. Boross-Toby to plan the ISPC trip to the Birmingham Conference Center. M. Gordon will draft an email to Council about the contract and will consult with A. Campos de Carvalho about travel funds.

4. Saeed Semnanian as IUPS representative to Pan-Arab Physiological Conference in Bahrain (March 5-6, 2011)

D. Noble thinks S. Semnanian would be a good representative and would be able to discuss some of the delicate issues diplomatically. D. Noble and M. Gordon will phone Saeed soon to ask him if he wants to be a representative to the conference.

5. Inform Council of enlarging membership definition of “territory” in Constitution to mean “outside national borders” to allow certain groupings to occur if we did not have that definition.

L. Price will draft an email to Council explaining ExCo’s interpretation of the term “territory.” She will send the draft email to ExCo members for their approval before sending the message to Council.

Action: L. Price will draft email concerning definition of “territory” to Council and send to ExCo for approval.

6. Limit representatives between congresses to countries with two or more delegates or include all member countries

It was decided that a more detailed outreach proposal be drafted and sent to the member societies for their input. This more evolved draft would address the subjects of allowing all countries to have a representative, keeping the voting representatives to a limited number (15), and explaining exactly what role each kind of representative (voting and non-voting) would have. These might include being part of the Nominating Committee, raising issues for ExCo to address and taking part in an ExCo meeting.

Action: D. Noble will draft a revised outreach document about the exact roles for different societies’ representatives.

7. Swedish request for endorsement of physiology education by IUPS

L. Price will send out Swedish letter and APS letter to ExCo members to study, with an answer to be determined during the December 16, 2010 meeting.

Action: L. Price will email the letters to ExCo for study.

8. Appoint new archivist

W. Boron will contact Paul DeWeer about his suggestion for a replacement.

Action: W. Boron will email Paul DeWeer for name of possible new archivist.

9. Status of discussion with respect to US dues

M. Gordon and W. Boron collaborated on a letter sent to NSF encouraging them continue paying US dues to IUPS and other international unions. Marty Frank of the American Physiological Society also sent a letter supporting NSF funding.

Additional Items:

There is some concern that ExCo has not heard from Y. Kurachi about his health status and when he will be able to resume his role as IUPS Vice President. D. Noble will email Yoshi about this.

Action: D. Noble will email Y. Kurachi about when he will be able to take on his job as Vice President of IUPS with cc to his secretary, Rika Kitai (kitai@pharma2.med.osaka-u.ac.jp) and his colleague, Dr. Mikoshiba (mikosiba@brain.riken.jp).

10. Date of next meeting – December 16 (Discussion about APS)