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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2011

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

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

1. Approval of minutes of December 16, 2010 Executive Committee meeting, especially item 2, powers invested in the GA Board

The minutes were approved. Powers invested in the GA Board would include the right to appoint 6 members of the Nominating Committee. Countries with sufficient weight would have the right to automatically be on the board and to have voting rights. The GA board would elect its officers.

2. ICSU Statute 5: the Principle of Universality

IUPS supports this statute.

3. Swedish Physiology Education letter

They are requesting a letter in support of who should teach physiology in their country. IUPS needs to draft a letter of support. We agree that physiology should be taught by physiologists, not radiologists.

Action: Denis Noble (?) will draft a letter of support to the Swedish Society of Clinical Physiology.

4. African Association of Physiological Sciences (AAPS)

Action: Denis Noble will draft a letter saying that IUPS is willing to mediate between AAPS and NRF (PSSA). The letter should be signed by Denis and Walter. Leslie will work with Denis to fine tune the letter and send it to the respective organizations. **This has been completed.**

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5. NSF funding

NAS has not heard anything from NSF.

6. "Requirements for Admission to IUPS" document

The document needs some cleaning up. It should be sent out to Council for revisions.

Action: Denis Noble will clean up the document. Leslie Price will send it to Council for revisions.

7. Ombudsman for issues of concern to member societies or V.P. as official liaison to Board of GA

Having a Vice President be the ombudsman would institutionalize the relationship between the Executive Committee and the Board of the General Assembly.

8. Priority of Long Range Plan summary of recommendations

Fundraising is not a priority right now. The website is of primary concern. It was suggested by Walter Boron that the IUPS website could piggy-back on to the Department of Physiology server. The ExCo wants to get a bid for constructing the website from Nick Boross-Toby as well as two other website designers. Each company should be asked to provide a one-page summary of their concepts.

Action: Leslie Price will get three bids from website designers, one of which will be Nick Boross-Toby from The Physiological Society. Each company will be asked to supply a one-page summary of their concepts for the website
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9. Time table for Long Range Plan

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AuMT3d9HozWkdFJLVUNGTFpoUDRQWm45NWpDanZuRHc&hl=en&authkey=CJPmy4UC>

This item was not addressed.

10. New website – This was addressed in item 8.

11. Physiome Project

Leslie Price has collected information on this and is liaising with Andrew McCulloch and Peter Hunter. Not much has been done to capitalize on the Physiome Project even though it was started by IUPS. There should be a page about the project added to the IUPS website with a link to the Physiome Project website run by Peter Hunter.

12. Yoshihisa Kurachi

There has been no word from Yoshi. Denis Noble suggested that he stays the Vice President, but that ExCo look within the council to be acting Vice President. It should not be a new person, but someone with experience such as Peter Hunter, Caroline Mcmillan, Penny Moody-Corbett or Quentin Pittman.

Action: Denis Noble will draft a carefully worded email to Yoshi explaining what the Executive Committee intends to do about his position as VP.
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13. Mission statement

We will be waiting for feedback from Peter Wagner. The email to him from Walter Boron should include that IUPS has decided to form a Board of the General Assembly which will include the largest societies. The powers for this group should be enumerated. He should be told that IUPS is looking carefully at the dues structure. **[Is this right?]**

Action: Walter Boron will send an email to Peter Wagner.
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14. Fundraising letter from Mike Spyer (TPS)

This letter has already been sent out to the IUPS members of the ISPC.