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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2011

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

The meeting started at 10:35am EST.

1. Approval of minutes of November 23, 2011 Executive Committee meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Letter to the president of TPS

It was decided that D. Noble would write a diplomatic letter to Mike Spyer, president, and Jonathon Ashmore, incoming president of The Physiological Society in response to the TPS discussion paper of October 2011 about governance of the IUPS. The letter should include the following:

- Thank them for the concern and interest The Physiological Society has in IUPS.
- Inform them that the amendment has passed by a significant number of votes.
- Advise that any adhering body may give suggestions and they are welcomed. The General Assembly is an opportunity for delegates to submit ideas.
- Point out that the question of the balance of diversity on the Council did not seem to be addressed in the TPS proposal.

Action: D. Noble will write letter to M. Spyer and J. Ashmore in response to the TPS discussion paper of October 2011.

3. Website proposal selection

The Executive committee expressed its wish to select Dale Huffman for the redesign of the IUPS website. This would be subject to answers about certain aspects of the redesign. The website would be similar to the one for the Physiology Dept. at Case Western Reserve University. Dale is currently developing that site to be compatible with major browsers. The Case search engine will be used so there will be no cost. M. Gordon, D. Noble and X. Wang will talk with D. Huffman on a conference call at a time convenient for all.

Action: L. Price will send the web address for the Physiology Dept. site to all members of the ExCo. She will also arrange a date and time for the telephone meeting with D. Huffman.

4. GA board selection by Council

Council and the ExCo will make the selection of members for the first GA Board ensuring representation of regions of the world. The representatives from 15 countries who were nominated are to start the list of names. P. Hunter will be working with the selected members to help them organize the Board.

First the board must elect a chair and create procedures and bylaws. Then they need to help select people for the IUPS Nominating Committee. The next task is to work on a dues structure which can be adopted at the 2013 Congress in Birmingham, UK. Finally, a discussion with P. Hunter and T. Wang should be held about the financial relationship with APS concerning the journal *Physiology* and a proposal prepared. The first meeting of the Board of the GA will be at the Experimental Biology meeting in 2012 at San Diego, California.

Action: L. Price will send Council and ExCo the list of nominated representatives for the Board of the General Assembly. The Council will also be asked for additional names to be considered.

5. African invitation emails (APS, TPS SDP) – from Council 2011 minutes

"It was thought best to ask for collaboration between IUPS and societies which have members in Africa (TPS, APS, SDP [France]). It was proposed that IUPS ask those societies to encourage Africans to come to the 2013 Congress and then have a meeting with all African physiologists on how IUPS should relate to Africa in the future."

It was pointed out that Experimental Biology would also have African members.

D. Noble will write to Prem Gathiram of AAPS informing him that the society needs to show IUPS that it represents all the societies in Africa. Until that happens, IUPS executives will not be attending AAPS meetings. In addition P.

Gathiram will be told that the IUPS president and secretary general will be independently contacting African scientists urging them to attend the 2013 Congress. At the Congress, a meeting of physiologists from Africa will be held. IUPS will not be involved in persuading societies to join AAPS. Emails to P. Gathiram need to be from the IUPS office, not answered by an individual of the ExCo.

Action: D. Noble will email P. Gathiram about African societies.

6. Nominations to replace Daniel Ricquier

Action: L. Price will email Council requesting nominations for replacing former member D. Ricquier.

7. Possible switch from Merrill Lynch to UBS

Chad Cohen, formerly the investor for IUPS at Merrill Lynch, would like IUPS to move its account to UBS (Union Bank of Switzerland) where he will be working. Treasurer M. Gordon was given authorization to investigate further.

Action: L. Price will set up meeting time for M. Gordon and C. Cohen.

8. Upgrade status of CAPS

X. Wang reported that CAPS (Chinese Association for Physiological Sciences) would like to have more of a role in IUPS. The association is talking about making a bid to host the IUPS 2021 Congress. Because CAPS has increased its membership and the Chinese economy has improved, it would like to pay higher dues and have an additional delegate to the Congress. It would also like to have a member on the Board of the GA.

It was agreed that CAPS may have another delegate if the higher dues amount is paid.

9. Presence of IUPS at the 16th IUFOST World Congress next year in Iguaco, Brazil (August 5-9, 2012)

The ExCo agreed in principle to cooperate with IUFOST (International Union of Food Science and Technology). The cost of participating needs to be known. W. Boron pointed out that IUPS will be asked to be involved in interunion symposia more often. He suggested pooling the money allotted to commissions to pay the expenses to participate in the IUFOST Congress.

10. Sponsorship

P. Hunter will talk to VPH about being a sponsor for the 2013 Congress

Barbara Henderson, Sponsorship Network, would like to spend five minutes at an ExCo meeting explaining about having sponsors throughout the year to raise money for IUPS. It was decided to have her attend the February meeting.

Action: P. Hunter will talk to VPH about being a sponsor. L. Price will tell B. Henderson the date of the February meeting.

11. Action items from Council 2011 – next meeting's agenda

- a. Council members will think about ways IUPS can advertise. A slogan under the logo needs to be written. The Executive Committee will write a short, clear mission statement and send it to Council for comments and approval.
- b. A fund raising committee should be activated under M. Gordon's supervision. IUPS needs a committee of three people to continuously work on raising money. Council members were asked to consider being on the committee.

Item 11 will be on next month's agenda.

12. Other business

W. Boron will ask David Eisner if The Physiological Society and the Society of Experimental Biology have been working together. The SEB is having a meeting in 2012 that perhaps could occur in Birmingham on the same dates as the IUPS Congress.

The meeting ended at 11:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Price