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IUPS New Council Meeting Minutes

26 July 2013

7am-8:30 am

Room EX8

ICC, Birmingham, UK

Present: D. Noble, J. Chan, P. Hansen, W. Boron, M. Gordon, P. Wagner, B. Machado, C. McMillen, T. Brzozowski, K. Mikoshiba, P. Moody-Corbett, J. Rettig, S. Semnanian, T. Wang, X. Wang

1. Presentation by Gary Sieck, Editor, *Physiology*

The new editor of the journal *Physiology*, G. Sieck, which is jointly owned by IUPS and the American Physiological Society (APS), spoke to the new Council about the future of the journal. There will be targeted editorials that alternate between APS and IUPS. Each issue will have a theme and include a larger number of reviews. The first copy of the revised journal will be the January 2014 issue.

The impact factor went down slightly in 2012. APS is hoping to break even. The intent of the editorial staff is not focused on generating revenue, but the production of a high quality journal. If expenses were lowered to make a profit, it would reduce the quality. W. Boron, former editor of *Physiology*, remarked that the intention never was not to generate revenue. P. Hunter noted that it is a major problem for IUPS that there is no revenue. M. Gordon also brought up the fact that as co-owner of the journal, the IUPS payment to APS of \$15,000 is almost 10% of the IUPS budget.

G. Sieck responded that they would have to increase the size of the market in order to increase revenue. M. Frank, executive director of APS, said the back deficit needs to be resolved before IUPS can receive payment from a profit. D. Noble noted that NIPS, the original name of the journal when it was first started by IUPS and APS, was eventually expected to be making a profit. With that understanding, IUPS has been paying APS \$15,000/year to run the journal. IUPS needs to hold onto all the money it can for the 2017 Congress.

2. Transition of new ExCo and Council members

J.Chan, elected to the office of First Vice President, will be the liaison with the Board of the General Assembly. P. Hansen, elected to the office of Second Vice President, will be the liaison to the Commissions. It was decided that the next Council meeting will be in January 2014 by teleconference.

3. Signing of contract for 2017 Congress with Brazil

Signing will be done when the final contract is ready, but no later than December 31, 2013. D. Noble suggested having a discussion with the host country to jointly find ways to reduce the costs. Council members could join with Brazil to help come up with solutions. M. Gordon will write a draft of the contract by September 2013. B. Machado, co-chair of the ISPC, emphasized the need for collaboration between IUPS and Brazil by going over each section of the contract. He requested a model of what the expenses will be. The IUPS Executive Committee will work with the Brazilians to do mathematical modeling of situations using various numbers for registration and costs.

Action: M. Gordon will write a draft of the contract by September 2013.
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4. Planning for 2017 Congress

The International Scientific Planning Committee (ISPC) will have to meet in Brazil. It was recommended that the ISPC meeting occur at the annual conference of the Sociedade Brasileira de Fisiologia. Accommodations for the IUPS Council should be supplied for free. There was discussion about how to provide funds for the 2017 Congress. It was felt important for IUPS to be seen putting as much funding into the Congress as possible. The IUPS Commissions could use their allocated \$2,000 per commission as seed money for 10 symposia. IUPS could also recruit journals and societies to monetarily support symposia.

The contract for the 2017 Congress needs to show that Council members will be provided with a meeting room. M. Gordon reminded the Council that the Commissions were unhappy with the selection of the speakers for the 2013 Congress because none of the ones they recommended were chosen. T. Wang stated that it was ambiguous to the commissions as to what happens to nominations once they are submitted. D. Noble expressed the need to make sure that the commissions understand the process. T. Wang asked that when the call for nominations is made, an explanation of how the selection of the speakers is done should be sent to all the Commission chairs.

D. Noble noted that the Commissions are somewhat balanced. It is necessary to have resources provided for their use especially as different fields are developing. The Council needs to find a way for the Commissions to feel that they are needed.

5. Commissions and committees

Replacements for chairs of any of the Commissions or Committees should be done by asking for nominations from the IUPS Council. Then the Executive Committee will review those and select the new chairs.

The makeup of the ISPC needs to be different. The Committee is supposed to have 12 IUPS representatives and 12 representatives of the host country. The balance needs to be maintained not only in number, but also in authority. P.

Wagner suggested that the chairs of the Commissions could be on the ISPC and that Council members could be chairs of the Commissions. D. Noble noted that if Commission chairs were Council members, there would be no guarantee of a balanced representation.

6. Approval of names recommended by P. Hansen for new Education Committee co-chairs

P. Hansen, former chair of the Education Committee, suggested Professor Robert Carroll, East Carolina University School of Medicine, for appointment to the chair to replace her. She stated, "I have worked for many years on a large number of IUPS education events with Rob, and believe that he is eminently qualified and strongly dedicated to continuing the work of this Committee." His CV and biosketch were forwarded to the Council members for their review. The term of office for chair is four years, renewable once.

For co-chair or deputy chair, if needed, she recommended two current members of the Education Committee who have shown commitment and expertise in the work of the Committee. Her suggestions were:

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Robert Carroll was approved Chair with Maria da Rocha as Vice Chair. Maria, who is from Brazil where the next Congress will be held, has the special responsibility for leading the planning for the teaching workshop associated with the Congress.

7. Financial development committee

Tabled until after January 1, 2014 when new treasurer, P. Wagner, will begin his term.

8. General discussion of future relations between IUPS officers, Council and the BGA

Tabled until the new Council and BGA have had their next meetings.

9. Follow up on African meeting

D. Noble reported that he was approached by Abdoulaye Samb of Senegal to give a lecture at the first congress of La Société Africaine de Physiologie et Physiopathologia in December 2013. The organizers wish to use the IUPS logo and they were given permission. He offered to contribute a lecture in French.

P. Wagner asked if D. Noble had seen the program in order to decide if use of the logo was appropriate. Providing that it is well done, then they can could use the logo. D. Noble said that the program was very professional. P. Hansen suggested that guidelines be written about how the logo can be used. D. Noble pointed out that the African societies are divided by three languages - French, English and Portuguese. IUPS should try to support the francophone societies since it has not done that in the past and this is a good opportunity since they contacted IUPS.

The subject of mentoring physiologists in Africa was brought up. It was proposed that this could involve four groups. IUPS would provide its international reputation, APS and TPS would provide mentors and the African country's physiology society would provide mentees. T. Wang mentioned that FEPS is planning to do mentoring on their own. P. Moody-Corbett said that the International Council of Laboratory Animal Sciences (ICLAS) provides mentoring to societies about responsibilities concerning animals used for research.

D. Noble suggested that IUPS talk with APS and TPS about entering negotiations for mentoring and the Council authorized a discussion with them. S. Semnalian stressed the need to include Africans on the Council. W. Boron wondered if IUPS could use the ICSU regional office in Africa to help set up a mentoring program for societies. Council authorized the ExCo to contact ICSU about help with this.

<p>Action: <u>The Executive Committee</u> will contact ICSU about a mentoring program in Africa.</p>

W. Boron reported on the results of the publication committee that met briefly to discuss IUPS starting its own journal in areas in physiology. A journal focusing on the physiome could be started quickly using the Physiome Project information, although there are already some journals that work in this area. Suggestions of epigenetics or integrative and translational physiology were given as possible journal subjects. IUPS could use commercial publishers. FAOPS might be a link to the Asian area for subscriptions.

D. Noble remarked that a complete issue of the Journal of Physiology will be devoted to the lectures given at the Bio-Union symposium.

10. General discussion of future activities for IUPS

J. Chan will take an active role in connection with the BGA. D. Noble, J. Chan, and M. Spyer will meet during the Congress.

11. Other business

L. Price will send P. Hansen and J. Chan all ExCo minutes of 2013 to read in preparation for the next ExCo meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

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