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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2013

Present: D. Noble, J. Chan, W. Boron, M. Gordon, P. Wagner
Joining later: P. Hansen

1. Approval of Executive Committee minutes of November 21, 2013

The minutes were approved.

2. 2017 Congress contract

The MCI contract and down payment have already been completed by the Sociedade Brasileira de Fisiologia (SBFis). There was a question concerning the relationship between MCI and SBFis. M. Gordon felt that the large issues are important that but the smaller issues also need to be addressed such as the location of the hotels. P. Wagner and M. Gordon will put together models for a Congress budget. The letter to B. Machado should address the question of who is on planning committee and a request for the first quarterly report. B. Machado is to be brought into ExCo meetings for monthly oral updates.

A finalized letter will be sent with a request to meet through Skype. Attachments along with the letter will be Philip Wright's editorial, the contract with TPS and the financial outcome of the 2013 Congress. D. Noble and L. Price will put together the email which will also include D. Noble's January 2014 editorial in *Physiology* plus David Eisner's report to Council. M. Gordon remarked that it would be very useful for SBFis to understand that the TPS contract was unique to them and that the details with Brazil will be different.

3. IUPS support for Nigerian teaching and research workshop in September 2014

a. Letter from P. Hansen and D. Noble to Nigeria about financial support

It was agreed that IUPS should give them moral support and the right to use the logo, but no financial support. Remarks on P. Hansen's draft letter should be sent to D. Noble. He will finalize it and L. Price will send on letterhead. P. Hansen will email detailed information that Nigeria gave her to ExCo members.

b. Letter from W. Boron to ICSU Regional Office for Africa

W. Boron suggested that IUPS send a letter to the ICSU regional office in Africa saying the Union wants to engage with them in the way of meetings and teaching workshops. Could they help find funding agencies in Africa or perhaps engage in discussions with major supporting societies about mentoring initiatives? What can IUPS do to help the regional office?

4. Other business

D. Noble has written a draft of his new year's greeting. L. Price will find out what date in January that *Physiology* will be published

M. Gordon gave a report on the transition to the new treasurer, P. Wagner. On Jan. 14 they will meet with the accountant, Steve Ostiller and the UBS financial advisor, Chad Cohen.

It was agreed that W. Boron would write a report twice a year for adhering and supporting societies. P. Wagner mentioned that mentorship for Africa is good idea and would be well received by APS and TPS. L. Price will get details on 2013 programs for WB to put in first report for 2014.

D. Noble formally thanked M. Gordon for all the work that he has done over the last several years.

It was agreed that Skype will be used for future ExCo meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Price
Manager