

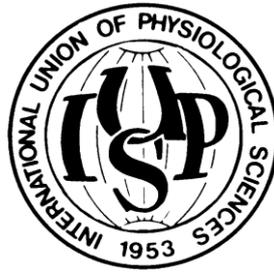
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IUPS COUNCIL MEETING

1 & 3 April

Hilton Gaslamp Hotel: Marina Room
San Diego, CA

AGENDA

Present; A. Kanaeko, I. Schulz, J. Neill, O. Petersen, A. Campos De Carvalho, Y. Earm, M. Gordon, C. Hidalgo, A. Macknight, D. Oyebola, Q. Pittman, A. Sefton, T. Yao
Excused: P. Magestretti, D. Riquier

1. The meeting was called to order at 15:00 on 1 April, and the President welcomed the new members to Council.

2. Committees

- Ethics: It was agreed to accept the recommendation from the outgoing chair, E. Weibel, that Robert Williamson (Australia), a current member of the committee, should be invited to become the new chair.

Action: S. Orsoni to follow up to assure that R. Williamson has accepted.

- Long Range Planning: Although approved by the previous council, its purpose was not fully defined. It was agreed that this committee would be asked to present a report on the nature and scope of the IUPS in the 21st century to the council in 2007 and then be dissolved. The committee would itself decide on the central issues, but the hope was expressed that the committee would think about which of the current activities were to be strongly supported, what the potential new activities are, how they are to be financed and what the needs of the union are. D. Noble has accepted to act as chair with M. Ito, D. Mitchell, C. Hidalgo, A. Cowley, K. Mikoshiba, E. Weibel, and J. Lund (IBRO) suggested as possible members.

Action: An interim report is to be requested for 2006.

- African Initiative: This committee which had been approved by the earlier council and composed of T. Macknight, A. Sefton and D. Oyebola, has already met with members of The Physiological Society (UK). They are trying to develop a strategy to be presented to a funding agency to culminate in a major workshop in Kenya in four years. The first small project would be in western Africa (Nigeria or Ghana) with a small amount of seed money to be provided by the IUPS. It was agreed that \$5000 be provided as seed money and more made available if necessary.

It was suggested that the IUPS act as a clearing house to announce the availability of short term teaching positions in Africa and other developing parts of the world.

Action: T. Macknight, D. Oyebola and A. Sefton to meet again in the near future.

- Archives: It was suggested that perhaps a PhD student might be interested in preparing a thesis on the history of IUPS.

Action: P. DeWeer has expressed his desire to continue to act as chair and will provide a brief report on the current status of the archives as well as reflect on such a project for their use.

3. Other international organizations: It was agreed that each of the international organizations should have a contact person within the IUPS:

CIOMS: the chair of the Ethics Committee

ICLAS: A. Kaneko knows the current vice chair and will act as interface

IBRO: Quentin Pittman, as chair of the Neurobiology Commission

IUPHAR: O. Petersen

4. Named Lectures

- Feng: Jane Feng should be contacted about changing the definition of the use of these funds so as to support a new named lecture at IUPS Congresses

Action: A. Kaneko and T. Yao will work together to clarify this.

The guidelines originally approved by council in 1995 were approved. An agreement similar to the one with the Scandinavian Physiological Society for the August Krogh Lecture should be made with the Renal Section of Commission V to support the Robert Pitts Lecture. Which means there would be two, and eventually three, named lectures with funds managed by IUPS and two by external sources.

Action: I. Schulz to work with F. Verrey to have an agreement signed.

M. Gordon noted that the former Commission on Comparable Physiology may well have funds remaining that perhaps could be provided as another endowment fund.

Action: E. Weibel is to contact the person who manages this money, and will suggest a title and designated use for the approximately \$10,000 remaining.

5. Commissions

-The reorganization was reviewed noting that the former Commissions IV (Senses) and VI (Neural Control) have been merged with approval by the General Assembly into Commission IV (Neurobiology), but the sections need to be assessed for possible changes. There is also a new Commission VI (Molecular and Cellular Physiology) with possible sections that might deal with Ion Channels & Transporters, Signal Transduction and Cell Organelles.

- The following persons were named as chairs and have accepted to serve

Commission I Locomotion: Hans Hoeffeler (Switzerland)

Commission II Circulation & Respiration (Yung Earm, S. Korea)

Commission III Endocrine, reproduction & development: Caroline McMillen (Australia)

Commission IV Neurobiology (Quentin Pittman, Canada)

Commission V Secretion & Absorption (Irene Schulz, Germany)

Commission VI Molecular & Cellular Biology (Cecilia Hidalgo, Chile)

Commission VII Comparative Physiology: Malcolm Gordon (USA)

Commission VIII Genomics & Biodiversity: Curt Sigmund (USA)

Action: All commission chairs should now study the composition of each of the Sections. S. Orsoni to forward the current list of members to the respective chairs.

6. Committees

Education: A. Sefton and P. Hansen were renewed as co-chairs.

Physiome: P. Hill and A. Popel were renewed as co-chairs.

Membership: A. Macknight was renewed as co-chair.

Ethics: see above

7. International Scientific Program Committee, 2009

No decision on the composition was made. However, it was suggested that the 12 international members should include the eight commission chairs, the chair of the Education Committee, the IUPS President and the Secretary General.

Action: The "Expectations" document should be updated to reflect this composition.

The next Council meeting will occur in 2007 in Japan perhaps programmed to coincide with the annual meeting of the Physiological Society of Japan.

The two part meeting was adjourned at 13:45 on 3 April.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Orsoni
IUPS Executive Secretary

For information from minutes of earlier Council meeting:

The IUPS website will continue to be housed in A. Cowley's lab although we are fully responsible for content. O. Petersen will edit the Newsletter with an effort to have it appear at least twice annual, but he requires input from Council members.

The list of persons to receive free subscription to *Physiology* needs to be reviewed a more precise definition of who may benefit established as it currently is costing the IUPS \$15,000 to support the program. The new Council is to be consulted.

Action: S. Orsoni to send the current list to Council for review and suggestions.