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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting

Minutes

September 16, 2015

Present: K. Spyer, J. Chan, D. Allen, N. Belova, L. Csernoch, CH Leem, L. Filaretova, S. Barman,
J. Sengupta, S. Webster

With Regrets: A. Lucion, M. Zelter, L. Peltonen, P. Balavan, S. Makaula

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Update on ExCo and Council Activities

J. Chan gave an updates on the activities of ExCo and Council. She started by stating that originally, Council was to meet telephonically every six months, but that had not been carried through. In order to facilitate communication within Council, S. Webster created a listerv, similar to the BGA's. In addition, he will be forwarding ExCo meeting minutes to them before they are formally approved for public distribution. Council will also take part in ExCo Skype meetings three times a year. The first such joint meeting will be the November ExCo meeting. M. Spyer asked if he, or other members of the BGA, could participate in the meeting. J. Chan said they could.

J. Chan gave an update on the proposed new journal for IUPS, *Physiome*. The new journal will be an open-access journal, with the goal of releasing peer-reviewed mathematical models to the public. A sub-committee of D. Noble, P. Hunter, and A. McCulloch have created a proposal they have submitted to publishers. The most favorable response was from BioMed Central. P. Hunter is leading the negotiations with BioMed Central. L. Csernoch asked if anyone else could join the *Physiome* sub-committee. J. Chan stated that suggestions and assistance from BGA are always welcome, and she will forward them on to the sub-committee.

J. Chan reported on P. Wagner's work to create a needs assessment survey to distribute to societies around the world. The goal of the survey is to determine where IUPS can be most effective in promoting physiology in the developing world.

J. Chan and P. Hansen are also working to create draft Terms of Reference for IUPS. The Terms will outline the goals and duties of the positions within IUPS. Once completed, they will be submitted to

Council for comment and approval. The Terms of Reference will be the topic of conversation for the November Skype meeting with ExCo and Council.

3. Update on IUPS 2017 Contract Negotiations

M. Spyer reported that he had some “difficult” discussions with SBFis some months ago regarding BGA’s concerns over the contract. He said that such concerns were unfounded, and never asked SBFis for any reports or updates. He did state that BGA has final say over the approval of the contract, however.

J. Chan reported that the contract is still being negotiated. S. Webster stated that IUPS received version 10 of the contract on September 7th. He and W. Boron are still parsing the contract, and making necessary revisions. J. Chan reported that ExCo and Council met with SBFis during their time in Águas de Lindóia, and were able to agree on some major points of contention. She expressed her hope that the contract would be finalized soon. M. Spyer stated that once submitted, the BGA would have seven days to approve the contract. He also asked what the remaining issue was. J. Chan replied that financing of the second ISPC meeting was at issue. She stated that the ISPC worked on filling the five plenary and twenty keynote speaker spots, with as much balance with regards to gender, geography, and area of expertise.

4. Dues Revision update

M. Spyer gave a report on his work with P. Wagner on revising IUPS’s dues. For the new dues model, they took into account member society membership numbers and national GDP. He stated the resulting model resulted in a skewed increase for the larger societies, and a drop in the smaller ones. He stated that some of the larger societies would face increases from 50-100%. He said that he and P. Wagner would be working together soon to refine the model. One method of change under consideration was adding a “base fee” for membership, no more than \$1000.

J. Chan thanked M. Spyer for his work on the dues revision process, and stated that a basic subscription rate might be the best way to move forward. L. Csernoch and N. Belova both stated that a \$1000/year subscription fee would be beyond the financial means of smaller societies. L. Csernoch stated that the yearly budget of Hungary was only \$1300 to begin with. M. Spyer replied that he will work with P. Wagner to make the dues structure as fair as possible.

5. Regionalism Discussion

M. Spyer summarized the discussion on regionalism from the last meeting. He stated that the consensus favored three to four larger regions, rather than six to seven smaller ones. He stated that the Americas were an obvious region, but the others were not so, suggesting Australia/Asia/Oceania as another possibility. J. Chan pointed out that FAOPS was a regional organization that was already in place. M. Spyer suggested compiling all of BGA’s suggestions into one document to present to ExCo and Council.

CH Leem asked about the possibility of the proposed regional structure being factored into the selection for future IUPS Congresses. M. Spyer stated that if the Congress was circulated between four regions, it would simplify the selection process. Basing the selection based on region would also potentially make congresses easier to fund for individual societies. J. Chan agreed, calling it a good way to move forward.