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IUPS Board of the General Assembly

Teleconference Meeting

November 18, 2015

Present: K. Spyer, J. Sengupta, L. Csernoch, N. Belova, S. Barman, S. Webster

With Regrets: D. Allen, A. Lucion, M. Zelter, L. Peltonen, L. Filaretova, S. Makaula, CH Leem

1. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Dues Revision

K. Spyer gave an update on the dues revision process. He met with ExCo and Council last week, but was unable to speak with P. Wagner. He assured BGA there would be a “substantial draft” by the end of the year.

3. Brazil 2017

K. Spyer reported that the IUPS-2017 Contract had been approved and signed. The process of selecting speakers for the Congress will resume.

4. Nominating Committee

K. Spyer reported that the IUPS Nominating Committee was in the process of being formed. He reported that several major positions were opening up within IUPS, including President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary General. He stated that he felt BGA should nominate a member to serve on the committee. S. Barman asked if members of the BGA could serve on the Nominating Committee. S. Webster assured BGA he would find out.

Addendum: The IUPS Constitution (Art V, Sec 8, Para c), states the BGA has “(t)he right to appoint half of the members (50%) of the Nominating Committee”... “The other half of the membership of the Nominating Committee is selected by the Executive Committee and Council.”

5. Regionalism

K. Spyer brought up BGA’s conversation about a regional structure for IUPS at the recent ExCo/Council meeting where the role of Council was discussed. One proposed idea was for the chairs of the IUPS Committees and Commissions to serve as Council members. K. Spyer proposed adding the proposed Regional chairs to Council as well. This would bring the number of Council to twenty, which he felt was probably not too many for regular Skype calls. He stated that it would be up to ExCo and Council to form the regions, with input from BGA.

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S. Barman asked if the dues revision would influence the regions. K. Spyer stated that in order for IUPS to do more, it would require more money. Increased revenue was one of the goals of him and P. Wagner in revising the dues structure.

J. Sengupta asked if there are four to five groups, each with their own meetings, would the quadrennial congress still be necessary. K. Spyer stated that the regions would not replace the congress, but assist in the planning of them. He stated that it is increasingly difficult for national societies to host a large congress, and the regions would help them work together to do so.

S. Barman asked if the plan was to have a regional structure in place before IUPS-2017. K. Spyer said he wanted to have a draft document to ExCo by early 2016, with an agreement for the new structure in place by the summer. J. Sengupta stated that they should plan for implementation at IUPS-2017.

K. Spyer stated that the current regionalism document is not the correct way to move forward. He will rework the document into a list of principals, with examples. He will submit the document to BGA within 7 days.