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IUPS Board of the General Assembly

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2016

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

With Regrets: D. Allen, A. Lucian, M. Zelter, P. Balaban, S. Makaula

1. Approval of Minutes from November 18 meeting.

The minutes were approved.

2. K. Spyer stepping down at BGA Chair

K. Spyer announced he was stepping down as Chair of the BGA, due to outside commitments. He stated that J. Sengupta would take over the duties as Vice-Chair until the BGA had voted on a permanent Chair.

3. IUPS Dues Revision

J. Chan gave an update on the Dues Revision proposal. She stated that ExCo had approved the “members and GDP” model for dues revision, and the next step was to lay numbers on the model. She stated that after that, there would need to be discussions regarding the “big picture” goals of what to do with the dues.

S. Barman asked if the dues would take the regionalism discussion into account. J. Chan replied that they would. K. Spyer stated that it was important to consider that the new dues wouldn't take effect until after the Congress in 2017. He stated the goal of the dues revision was to find an equitable way of generating funds for IUPS. He estimated that dues revenue would need to increase by 50% to fulfill the BGA's goals.

4. Nominating Committee

S. Webster stated that the IUPS Constitution gave the BGA the right to appoint half of the members of the Nominating Committee for the next Congress. He stated that this entitled BGA to appoint three members to the Committee.

The BGA proposed the following members to the Nominating Committee: L. Csernoch, J. Sengupta, D. Allen, and P. Hunter. S. Webster is to forward these names to the absent members of BGA for review and voting.

5. Regionalism Proposal

K. Spyer's revisions to the Regionalism Proposal with no edits.

6. Any New Business

K. Spyer thanked the BGA for all their hard work, and stated that it had been a pleasure.