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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting October 12, 2016

Agenda

Present: J. Sengupta, S. Barman, L. Csernoch, N. Belova, CH Leem, L. Peltonen, S. Makaula,
S. Webster

1. Review and approval of August 10 Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved, and S. Webster was asked to post them to the IUPS website.

2. Confirm whether the BGA Minutes are uploaded in the IUPS website

J. Sengupta asked if previous meeting minutes were posted on the website. S. Webster confirmed that they were, on the Meeting Minutes page (<http://iups.org/reports/meeting-minutes/>). J. Sengupta asked that S. Webster provide the link to the BGA for future reference.

3. State of Physiology report update

J. Sengupta reported that she and S. Barman had sent out the IUPS-BGA-Questionnaire to all of IUPS member society presidents on October 11, 2016 that included a weblink: <https://goo.gl/forms/QF7s5bwRYSFKkAaB3> created by S. Webster. The weblink would automatically generate an excel spreadsheet. CH Leem, expressed the concerns that usual members may not know the meaning of the membership category, 1.3 of the Questionnaire, and asked to add the explanation of the membership category.. S. Webster added a link to the IUPS membership category webpage to the survey. J. Sengupta stated that the survey would be closed on January 15, 2017 to allow the BGA to compose its report.

Susan Barman suggested that a gentle reminder would be sent to Societies in the first week of January 2017 about the January 15 deadline if they had not till then submitted the completed Questionnaire.

J. Sengupta reported that some of the provided email addresses of society presidents came back as undeliverable. S. Webster was instructed to reach out to the local members, and forward the updated email addressed to J. Sengupta. Laszlo Csernoch also shall provide necessary help in this connection.

J. Sengupta stated that she discussed with J. Chan that possibility to have the Chairs of the IUPS Commissions and Committees submit short essay/article to be included as part of an Anthology for the GA Document. BGA members supported this as a good idea.

J. Sengupta and other members of the BGA proposed that BGA may split up the duties for analyzing the responses received from the IUPS-BGA-Questionnaire. She will be sending an email to all members of the BGA to receive their responses in this matter and the Task Forces for this section of the GA document will be prepared in advance of receiving the responses from Member Societies.

S. Makaula asked to change the wording on a question in the survey to provide more clarity. S. Barman stated that the word document version of the survey had already been sent out, and changing the web version would be unwise. BGA agreed.

4. Setting new date and time for next meeting of the BGA to be held in December 2016 that shall allow all members to participate.

J. Sengupta asked that all BGA members provide their availability for a December meeting, as S. Barman is unable to attend on Dec 7th. S. Webster will collate the information, and select a date. The current meeting time (Noon London time) was considered ideal to allow for maximum participation bearing in mind the changed winter timing for certain regions.

5. Any new business

S. Webster gave a brief report on the Nominations Committee. He gave a run-down of those who had been nominated for ExCo. He stated that Council nominees would be contacted once all ExCo nominees accepted their nominations.

S. Makaula asked about the dues revision process. J. Sengupta stated that ExCo was waiting for comments from APS and PhySoc.