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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting May 16, 2016

Minutes

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

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last BGA Meeting

The meeting minutes were approved. S. Webster was instructed to post them on the IUPS website.

2. Draft of the Status of Physiology Report

The BGA expressed their pleasure with the draft of the Status of Physiology report. L. Peltonen stated that the executive summary was a good addition to the report. J. Chan reported that ExCo was impressed by the draft of the report they saw at their most recent meeting. She stated that ExCo proposed holding a special session at the Congress in Rio to discuss the report in depth.

3. Discussions being held with The Physiological Society for the Collaboration of the Report

J. Sengupta reported that she was working with A. Mackenzie from PhySoc to properly format and edit the report. This will involve standardizing acronyms and styles of writing. In addition, a designer will be inserting graphs and figures into appropriate places. The editing process is expected to take approximately three weeks.

J. Sengupta stated that PhySoc will not edit the essay portion of the report, written by the IUPS commission and committee chairs. She stated that the essays are not formatted in a specific way, and not all of them include citations. She stated that she will reach out to the authors to edit their essays within the given parameters.

J. Sengupta asked if the report should be distributed as a hard copy. She reported that PhySoc stated that any money left over from the editing and design process could be put towards printing. S. Barman stated that electronic copies would be sufficient.

J. Sengupta asked for the BGA's opinion as to how to present the report at IUPS-2017. She stated that A. Mackenzie suggested a panel discussion. BGA agreed. J. Sengupta stated that the panel should be made up of a mix of members from geographical regions. J. Chan suggested that D Noble from the IUPS,

S. Barman from the APS and J Sengupta from the BGA were likely choices. J Sengupta requested the BGA members to send by email their suggestions for the panelists within a week.

4. Letter regarding new Nominees for the BGA and deadline for selection of the new members

J. Sengupta enquired about the deadline for nominations. S. Webster reported that it was July 1. He proposed that the BGA vote on incoming members during their August 2 teleconference during IUPS-2017. J. Sengupta agreed, and proposed that a brief CV document be prepared to help in the nomination process.

L. Csernoch stated that all members of the BGA might not be able to participate in a skype call on August 2. He proposed that all BGA members send in a ranked listing to S. Webster and to the Chair as their vote prior to August 1st.

5. Any other matter

S. Webster reported the list of nominees for the next IUPS Council term had been released, and read the list. J. Chan and L. Filaretova were congratulated on their nominations for the IUPS President and the Council, respectively.

The next meeting of the BGA ~~will~~ to be held on June 14, 2017 at 12 noon GMT.