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## IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting

Minutes

February 7, 2018

*Present:* J. Sengupta, S. Barman, N. Belova, L. Csernoch, S. Elias, M.F. Essop, F. Formenti, L. Peltonen, S. Wray, S. Webster

*With regrets:* C. Brown, L. Burakova, A. Dorta Contreras, S. Ferreira, C.H. Leem, S. Makaula, Y. Wang

### 1. Approval of December 13 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

### 2. IUPS Contact List.

S. Webster reported that he is still working on updating the list of IUPS member society presidents and contacts.

### 3. Feedback from TPS, APS, and SPS to be uploaded in the IUPS Newsletter for the attention of all physiologists globally.

J. Sengupta reported that she has received responses for her request on activities detailed in the BGA Report from APS and Physoc. L. Peltonen stated that SPS's response would be in soon.

### 4. Discussion on request received from Professor HR Ahmad, Aga Khan University, Pakistan, regarding inputs from the IUPS for strengthening of physiological sciences in South East Asia. (Attached)

J. Sengupta stated that the result of a series of emails discussing how to strengthen the physiological sciences in South East Asia was to create a mentorship workshop. The Mentor-Mentee Workshop (MMW) would endeavor to have an international and national group of Mentors and Mentees from South East Asian countries to help develop and refine Mentees' projects. J. Sengupta stated that similar programs had been run in India, and worked well. Members further suggested that the BGA should remain in the loop about the funding status of the Mentees' projects and provide any guidance required in this regard.

M. F. Essop asked about funding such a meeting. J. Sengupta stated that funding would have to be found from sources within the SouthEast Asia region. She stated that attendees will have to pay a registration fee, travel, and accommodations. F. Formenti suggested that a “virtual workshop” might help things get started initially. J. Sengupta stated that while virtual meetings are easy in advanced research institutions, operationally it is much more difficult in South East Asia.

N. Belova and L. Csernoch suggested that to start, the workshop should feature a panel discussion with the mentors. He stated that having a more diverse panel would lease to an increased opportunity for brainstorming ideas. Members expressed their willingness to serve as Mentors for the MMW.

S. Barman suggested two stages in setting up the meeting: Stage 1, select Mentees based on submitted brief research proposals; Stage 2, set up panel discussion at the MMW. J. Sengupta will submit a report to the IUPS ExCo based on this discussion.

#### **5. PanAm Meeting in May 2019, Havana Cuba**

S. Barman reported that the APS will be visiting Havana in the next few weeks. J. Sengupta asked if IUPS would have a booth at PanAm 2019 to promote the 2021 Congress. S. Webster stated that would be up to CAPS.

#### **6. Europhysiology 2018, London, UK**

S. Wray reported that the Europhysiology meeting will take place in September. She stated that one idea for IUPS engagement was to set up a “Meet the IUPS” meet and greet at lunch. This would have the advantage of being free, and feature members of ExCo, Council, and BGA. J. Sengupta suggested the name “IUPS at Home”, and hoped the mentor/mentee workshop would be far enough along in planning to be advertised.

#### **7. Any other business**

J. Sengupta stated that S. Webster sent out calendar reminders to BGA members, and asked them to make sure they were available. She proposed having two monthly meetings, to better allow those in Oceania to participate and requested S. Webster to organize such dates.