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## IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting May 2, 2018

### Minutes

*Present:* J. Sengupta, S. Barman, N. Belova, C. Brown, L. Csernoch, S. Elias, F. Formenti, C.H. Leem, L. Peltonen, S. Wray, S. Webster

### 1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the BGA tele-meeting held on March 7, 2018.

The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

### 2. Physiology related activities conducted by the American Physiological Society and The Physiological Society in the IUPS website under News.

L. Peltonen reported that the SPS is still working on their contribution to the activity report. J. Sengupta stated that it would be best to upload the APS and TPS reports as soon as possible.

### 3. BGA-2021 Report – strategies, sub-committees and necessary deadlines.

J. Sengupta stated that for the 2017 Congress, the BGA report was produced with very short notice. This time, the BGA will have the time necessary to assemble a sub-committee to organize the assembly of the information. C. Brown suggested that the BGA simply ask those societies who responded to the first survey for updates, rather than compiling all new information.

BGA noted that many physiological outreach activities took place outside of the national societies. This may have an effect on the results of the survey. L. Csernoch reported that his university holds "Science Café's" in local coffee shops. He was holding one later that day on how color vision works. L. Peltonen reported that Finland conducts a triennial survey of its citizen's attitudes on science and "big data". She said that Finn's relationship to science had improved since the last survey. She provided the latest report to BGA.

J. Sengupta asked that BGA email her and S. Barman their suggestions for the report. Once they have an idea of what BGA wants to accomplish with the 2021 report. Then they will ask for volunteers for the report planning sub-committee.

### 4. J Sengupta's visits to the Pavlov Institute of Physiology, Pavlov International Research Centre, Institute of Biomedical Problems of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and University of Helsinki.

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J. Sengupta reported on her speaking visits to Russia and Finland. She was met by current and former members of the BGA L. Burakova, L. Filaretova, and L. Peltonen. She spoke highly of the University of Helsinki's Team Based Learning (TBL) and Flipped Classroom Model (FCM) of instruction of physiology.

#### **5. 2018 Physiology Education Workshops**

J. Sengupta reported that the website for the Physiology Education Workshops will go live on May 15<sup>th</sup>. She requested that the link be added to the IUPS website when it is ready. She will write up news item to accompany it.

#### **6. IUPS at EB San Diego**

S. Wray reported on the IUPS activities at the recent EB meeting in San Diego. She discussed ExCo's plans to hold more regular in-person meetings, funding more programming, and the Publications Advisory Group. She stated that ExCo's first goal is to increase communication with member societies. The first step of this will be formal meetings with representatives of national societies attending Europhysiology 2018. She also reported that ExCo had a very productive and amenable meeting with YS Chan from CAPS to discuss the contract for IUPS-2021. The members of the BGA warmly appreciated Julie Chan, the President of the IUPS and the members of the IUPS Executive Committee for their most productive meeting.

#### **7. Any other matter.**

S. Barman reported that the PanAm 2019 Congress in Havana, Cuba was ready to send out its Call for Proposals for Symposia. The Congress website is live at <http://www.panam2019.com/>