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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting

6 June 2018

Minutes

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

With Regrets: C. Brown, L. Buravkova, A. Dorta-Contreras, M.F. Essop, Y. Wang

1. Confirmation of Minutes of BGA tele-meeting held on May 2, 2018

L. Peltonen had one correction for the minutes, which were otherwise accepted.

2. Update on PanAm 2019

S. Webster reported that A. Dorta-Contreras is a member of the scientific program committee, but there was otherwise no update. S. Barman stated that she would reach out to G. Seick from APS to see if there were any further updates.

3. BGA-IUPS 2021 Status of Physiology Report - Sub-Committees

S. Barman reported that in order to prepare for the 2021 Report, the first step is to set up sub-committees. The first sub-committee (S. Elias, C. Brown, S. Barman, J. Sengupta) is to be tasked with deciding a format for the report, based on the ideas collected from all members of the BGA. The second sub-committee (L. Peltonen, L. Csernoch, N. Belova, and C.H. Leem) is tasked with contacting respondents of the 2017 report, and collecting updates. The members of this subcommittee are also tasked with reaching out to all physiological societies (associated with the IUPS) to seek information based on the previous questionnaire. BGA members also suggested that a new format of the Questionnaire might be designed based on previous experience and responses thereof. S. Elias asked if an additional sub-committee should be tasked with collating photographs for inclusion in the report. This issue was to be discussed at next meetings.

S. Wray remarked that it would be difficult to encompass all the disparate activities of the APS and Physoc, let alone all the activities of individual physiologists worldwide. F. Formenti proposed that the BGA may access the number of downloads of the 2017 IUPS-BGA Report and also attempt to gather information of their geographical locations. He opined that such information may help to gauge the impact of the 2017-Report upon physiologists worldwide for the future course of action in this area. The

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members of the BGA from Europe considered that gathering such information was contrary to ethical norms and practice of the EU.

J. Sengupta suggested a deadline of the December BGA meeting for the sub-committees to complete their first tasks of preparing the strategy and work plan. BGA members agreed.

4. Follow-up of contact details of Physiological Societies associated with the IUPS

S. Webster reported that the records were almost updated. He expected to be done by the end of the week.

5. Dates for next set of BGA tele-conferences and availability to join

S. Webster asked if the general principal of meeting at Noon UTC on the first Wednesday of the month (with an alternate meeting at Midnight UTC the same day) was acceptable. BGA agreed that it was. S. Webster will send out Google Calendar meeting invitations for the meetings for the second half of 2018. J. Sengupta asked that the November meeting be cancelled in lieu of the Education workshops to be held in India that month. BGA agreed.

6. Any other matter

J. Sengupta announced that S. Makaula had resigned his position in the BGA. She thanked S. Makaula for his contributions to the BGA and the IUPS in his first term and wished him well in his future endeavors.

S. Elias reported that planning for the AAPS Education Workshop to be held in Kigali, Rwanda in December 2018 was proceeding on course.