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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting

5 December 2018

Minutes

Present: J. Sengupta, S. Barman, N. Belova, L. Csernoch, F. Formenti, L. Peltonen, M. J. Rocha, Y. Wang, S. Wray, S. Webster

With Regrets: C. Brown, L. Burakova, L. Delbridge, A. Dorta-Contreras, S. Elias, M.F. Essop, C. H. Leem

1. Confirmation of 10 October Meeting Minutes.

The minutes were approved.

2. Report and the highlights of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Workshop Series.

J. Sengupta presented her report on the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Workshop Series on Physiology Education Techniques 2018: IUPS Initiative. She further reported that she had contacted all delegates to the meetings post-Workshop, and over 50% had already begun to incorporate the techniques discussed at the workshops. L. Peltonen reported that she attended all three, and it was a well-run, wonderful experience. She said that she still felt energized from meeting with delegates. S. Webster asked for and received permission to post photographs of the event on the IUPS Facebook page. J. Sengupta agreed to provide a short statement to accompany them.

S. Barman reported that attendees were given surveys before and after the workshops, which generated a good amount of data to review. She spoke to the Editor and Vice Editor of *Advances in Physiology Education*, who were very enthusiastic about a potential paper coming from the workshops.

3. Report and highlights of the AAPS 4th Educational Workshop

S. Webster reported that the AAPS Workshop had just concluded the day before, but pictures were posted to the AAPS and IUPS Facebook pages. M. F. Essop and S. Elias will report on the workshop at the next BGA meeting.

4. Contact List of Physiological societies associated with the IUPS.

S. Webster reported that he would be reviewing the contact information on the contact list for IUPS member societies. J. Sengupta emphasized that the list must include Associate Members, as well as Adhering Bodies. S. Webster will forward the list to BGA to confirm contact information and fill in any missing pieces.

5. PAN AM II Meeting extensions of deadlines for abstract and travel support.

S. Webster reported that the deadlines for abstracts and APS travel awards had been extended to December 31st. He will post to extension to the IUPS webpage and social media sites. He stated that J. Chan would be attending, and was encouraging representatives from CAPS to advertise IUPS-2021. Y. Wang stated that she would forward J. Chan an advertisement to post at the IUPS booth.

6. Revisions to BGA Questionnaire

L. Peltonen and N. Belova reported on revisions to the BGA Questionnaire, carried out by Sub-Committee 2. S. Barman noted that the new questionnaire contained much of the same questions as the prior questionnaire. She suggested adding questions about the societies' activities related to the seven recommendations outlined in the inaugural BGA Report released at IUPS 2017 and the societies' relationship with IUPS. She advised that the questionnaire not be too long, as societies won't fill it out. J. Sengupta stated that in their letter to national societies asking for information for an impact report, she and S. Barman only received two acknowledgments.

7. Letter on IUPS's Engagement in Science Policy and Decision Making

L. Csernoch raised the issue how IUPS member societies may play a decisive role in drawing the attention of decision-makers and funding bodies to support basic and applied science needs, and to fulfill its obligation to the society for the advancement of knowledge. This matter was discussed and it was suggested that IUPS and the BGA may help to create platforms to discuss ethical norms and practices for the use of laboratory animals under global and national ethical guidelines. BGA members further discussed that this could be approached through deliberations at: (i) dedicated national and international seminars/conferences; (ii) outreach campaigns to educate the public that basic and applied research studies conducted by physiologists employ methods that are necessary and adequate to develop novel approaches in teaching and understanding of physiological functions for disease management. L. Peltonen suggested that IUPS join international societies such as EARA to further its international standing. This issue may be taken up by the IUPS Executive Committee for further deliberations.

8. Any other matter.

S. Webster will be polling the BGA to confirm dates for BGA meetings in the first half of 2019.