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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

Present: J. Sengupta, S. Barman, N. Belova, C. Brown, L. Buravkova, S. Elias, F. Formenti, C.H. Leem, L. Peltonen, M.J.A. Rocha, S. Wray, S. Webster

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the BGA Tele-Meeting held on February 6, 2019

The minutes were accepted. S. Webster was directed to post them to the IUPS website.

2. Revised Questionnaire for IUPS 2021 Report

The BGA discussed the revised questionnaire for the 2021 report. CH Leem submitted his comments via email before the meeting. N. Belova suggested hosting the survey online to facilitate easier collection. S. Barman suggested using SurveyMonkey as a platform. S. Webster stated that for the 2017 report, Google Forms was used, but the longer answers were compressed into a single spreadsheet cell. C. Brown suggested that the questionnaire be sent out as a Word document in addition to the online survey. He stated that this would allow respondents to craft their answers before entering them into the online form.

J. Sengupta requested S. Barman to research SurveyMonkey with the assistance of S. Webster to set up the questionnaire on the site. She requested members of the BGA to send via email their final revisions and comments on the questionnaire ASAP.

3. Physiology Education Global Networking Platform – Concept Proposal

J. Sengupta forwarded an email from R. Carroll, Chair of the IUPS Education Committee. It detailed the efforts of APS and Physoc to create online platforms for physiological education. The APS maintains the Life Science Teaching Resource Community, while Physoc runs Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) on physiological subjects. The most recent MOOC, on the cardiovascular system, was considered a great success. The BGA discussed whether the proposed global networking platform would be a duplication of those societies' efforts. J. Sengupta invited members of the BGA to further discuss the matter via email with interactions at the next BGA meeting.

4. Amended Contact List for IUPS associated Physiological Societies

S. Webster reported that he had incorporated the updated contacts onto the IUPS Contact List. He will distribute the list soon.

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5. IUPS Academy

S. Wray informed the BGA on the IUPS Fellowship program the ExCo is considering.

6. Any other item

S. Webster reminded the BGA that future meetings will be held at 11am UTC during Daylight Savings Time. The next BGA meeting will be held on April 3, 2019.