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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019

Present: J. Sengupta, S. Barman, N. Belova, C. Brown, L. Csernoch, L. Peltone, M. J. Rocha, S. Wray, S. Webster

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 6, 2019

The minutes were approved.

2. Proposed format for BGA-IUPS-2021 Report

J. Sengupta asked the BGA if there were any further comments or suggestions for the format of the 2021 BGA Report. BGA approved the format. J. Sengupta stated that she and S. Barman will begin soliciting one to two page commentaries on frontier areas of physiology from IUPS Executive Committee members, Council members and members of the BGA. She also stated that S. Elias has kindly accepted her request to help with collecting photographs for the report, and asked BGA to send them to her when attending events, such as Pan Am II Meeting and other academic events.

S. Barman informed members that she will be Co-Chairing with G Sieck, Mayo Clinic, USA a Symposium on 'Networking: Promoting Collaboration Across Borders' and shall also highlight a few features from the Mentor-Mentee Program that J. Sengupta had chaired in India in 2013. Members then discussed this issue. J Sengupta informed that though efforts had been undertaken in the last one year or so to conduct a Mentor-Mentee program in South East Asia but finally the matter did not progress. Several members then suggested Nepal as a possible venue in 2020.

3. Update on the Questionnaire sent to physiological societies

J. Sengupta reported that the questionnaire for the BGA report had been successfully transmitted to over sixty physiological societies. S. Barman thanked S. Webster for transferring the questionnaire from a MS Word file, to a fillable pdf. J. Sengupta stated that the BGA will probably have to send reminder letters closer to the July 15 deadline. L. Csernoch stated that the Hungarian society would be discussing the questionnaire at their upcoming meeting.

4. IUPS-2021 Update

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S. Webster reported that the first Call for Plenaries and Keynotes for the 2021 IUPS Congress had been released. He encouraged members of the BGA to distribute the calls to their social networks, and to submit any potential speakers. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2019.

5. Any other item

S. Webster reported that the IUPS had selected six attendees of the PanAm II Congress to receive \$500 travel awards.