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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting Agenda

June 5, 2019

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

With Regrets: L. Csernoch, L. Delbridge, A. Dorta-Contreras, S. Elias, M. F. Essop, L. Peltonen, Y. Wang

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on May 8, 2019

The minutes were confirmed. S. Webster will post them to the IUPS Website.

2. Update on the IUPS-BGA-Questionnaire – revision

- S. Webster thanked F. Formenti for informing him of the error in the formatting of the questionnaire. S. Webster reported that the corrected form had been emailed to all of the recipients of the original. F. Formenti reported that Physoc was working on the questionnaire, and expected to receive the first draft of it soon.
- F. Formenti recommended that the next report be as brief as possible, to increase its impact. S. Barman stated that the condensed version of the report "Global Status of Physiology in Research, Education, and Outreach" was only three pages long, and published in *Physiology*.
- L. Buravkova asked about the mailing list for the questionnaire. She noted that there were several branches of the Russian physiological society, and the Adhering Body is the Russian Academy of Sciences. C. Brown also noted that the New Zealand Royal Society was not always prompt in forwarding correspondence to the physiological society. S. Webster was instructed to review the mailing list, and to send physiological societies their own copy of the letter and questionnaire.
 - 3. Updates for the PANAM Congress for Physiological Sciences held in Havana, Cuba, May 27 to June 3, 2019
- S. Barman and M. J. Rocha participated in the PanAm Congress. They reported that there were 420 attendees, representing 26 countries. S. Barman credited G. Sieck with being instrumental in making the Congress happen. She reported that the next PanAm Congress will take place in Chile in 2023. M. J. Rocha reported there were 214 posters presented, including 24 posters focusing on education.

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J. Sengupta stated that she was looking forward to reading A. Dorta-Contreras's report on the Congress.

4. Any other item

- S. Webster reminded the BGA of the Call for Plenaries and Keynotes for IUPS-2021. He stated that Plenaries were for more famous speakers, whose work would be of general interest to physiologists and the public. He stated that two of the plenary speakers for IUPS-2017 were Nobel Prize winners. He stated that Keynote speakers were more specialists.
- J. Sengupta stated that there will be no July meeting, due to the US holidays. The next meeting of the BGA will be August 7.