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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2019

Present: J. Sengupta, S. Barman, S. Elias, MF Essop, F. Formenti, L. Peltonen, M. J. Rocha, J. Chan, S. Wray, U. Pohl, S. Webster

With regrets: N. Belova, C. Brown, L. Burakova, L. Csernoch, L. Delbridge, A. Contreras, C. H. Leem, Y. Wang

1. Confirmation of June 5 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were confirmed as written. S. Webster was instructed to post them to the IUPS website.

2. Welcome to Julie Chan, President, IUPS and Ulrich Pohl, Secretary General, IUPS to the BGA tele meeting

J. Sengupta thanked J. Chan and U. Pohl for joining the BGA meeting to discuss the new dues structure, and website.

3. New IUPS Dues Structure

J. Chan introduced the new structure for the IUPS's dues. She said the goal was for a more transparent, rational structure. Firstly, societies will be charged an amount based on the number of delegates to the General Assembly. Then, a factor related to the GDP of the society will be factored in. U. Pohl stated that one of the goals of the new structure was transparency, in that every society will know what the others are paying. He stated that some societies will have their dues increased, but they will be raised over the course of several years.

S. Barman stated that she felt the proposal was excellent. F. Formenti, and M. F. Essop agreed. The BGA agreed in principle, but asked to see the breakdown of the new dues. J. Chan agreed, and stated that C. Ball would forward them soon. BGA thanked P. Molina for all of her work in revising the dues.

4. New IUPS Website, recommendations of the BGA

J. Sengupta presented a quote provided by F. Formenti from Dynamic Web Solutions Pty Ltd (NZ) for USD 1,962 (Euro 1,709) to migrate all the current content to a WordPress website, set up to run under SSL (encryption), add the Analytics code, any Facebook integration (if required) and to do training of members. J. Sengupta gave a rundown of the list of suggestions for the IUPS website compiled by N.

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Belova, as well as link for a website provider including its annual cost submitted by F. Formenti to the BGA, and earlier discussed by him at the 2018 Europhysiology meeting. These included an updated color scheme, portals for students, links to national societies, and physiological news items. J. Sengupta shall share with U. Pohl the suggestions from the BGA.

U. Pohl stated that these would be looked into, in addition to a portal for members of IUPS's to share documents and communicate. He stated the goal is for the IUPS website to be the definitive resource for physiology online and offered to lead its development with Super Digital in Munich to enable face-to-face meeting for a one-off cost of 20,000 Euro and a yearly maintenance fee of 150 Euro. BGA gave their endorsement to the plan to revamp the website. J. Sengupta and the BGA members thanked U. Pohl and S. Wray for their work in updating and creating a new website for the IUPS as an interactive platform with physiologists across the globe.

5. IUPS-2021 Report follow-up

J. Sengupta stated that she had sent letters to members of the IUPS community seeking commentaries on their research to include in the BGA report. So far, all of the ExCo, five members of Council, and several members of BGA have agreed to participate. She stated that TPS had submitted their report, and several more societies were working on theirs. She directed S. Webster to send reminder emails to the other societies. She also asked that S. Webster include a request for photographs in the email. Photos should be in tiff format, and a dpi of 600-1200. S. Elias offered to send S. Webster the contact information of three more African societies.

6. Any other item

J. Chan stated that ExCo and BGA will start holding joint meetings several times a year. She thanked members of the BGA for their support of IUPS, and to S. Wray for her research into website development companies.

S. Wray stated that the IUPS Academy was soliciting nominations for the first class of members. She asked that nominations for IUPS Founding Fellows be not current officers or council members of IUPS. Nominations should be sent in to her and S. Webster by Friday, August 10.