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## IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting August 5, 2020

### Minutes

*Present:* J. Sengupta, S. Barman, N. Belova, C. Brown, L. Burakova, L. Csernoch, S. Elias, M. F. Essop, F. Formenti, C. H. Leem, M. J. Rocha, S. Webster  
*With regrets:* L. Delbridge, A. Contreras, L. Peltonen, Y. Wang

#### **1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the BGA meeting held on June 3, 2020**

The minutes were approved. S. Webster was instructed to post them to the website.

#### **2. Update on IUPS Congress rescheduled to May 2022**

S. Webster reported the GA passed the resolution extending the terms of ExCo, Council, and BGA. He stated the Nominations Committee would be reissuing the Call for Nominations in January 2021. Additionally, the BGA report will be submitted to the GA in 2022.

#### **3. Feedback received on the shared draft of the 2nd BGA-IUPS Global Report on Physiological Sciences**

J. Sengupta reported she and S. Barman incorporated all corrections provided by BGA members in the various sections of the 2022 BGA Report and circulated to members for further review and comments. Text on the use of Animal Models has now been added in two sections as requested by C. Brown.

S. Barman reported she was in discussion with the L. Samuelson, the APS President, regarding publishing the BGA report. She stated the goal is for the report to be publishable in a journal, rather than just as a document. She stated that it was important to finalize the report soon, so it could be reviewed for publication.

L. Csernoch suggested that BGA ask societies how they are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. S. Barman stated she had no objection to the additional question, but a firm deadline needed to be established for responses. J. Sengupta suggested only asking those societies that had responded to the IUPS-BGA questionnaire. The BGA will decide on the exact wording of the question via email.

#### **4. Any other item**

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J. Sengupta and members of the BGA congratulated S. Barman for being awarded the 2020 Bodil M. Schmidt-Nielsen Distinguished Mentor and Scientist Award from the APS. S. Webster stated the news was already posted to the IUPS website and social media pages.

S. Webster updated BGA on the progress on the new IUPS website. He said it was mostly completed, and asked BGA members to assist in proofreading the text. Information on how to access the site will be forwarded after the meeting.

J. Sengupta's request to seek reports from the IUPS Regional Representatives on their activities to promote regionalism was supported by the members present at the meeting. Additionally it was decided that BGA shall seek a scholarly article from an expert in the field of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) to support the eighth recommendation of the Second Global report on Physiological Sciences, 2022.