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## IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting

### Minutes

September 13, 2017

*Present:* J. Chan, S. Wray, U. Pohl, P. Molina, W. Boron, P. Wagner, S. Webster

*With regrets:* P. Hunter

#### 1. Approval of August 5 minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

#### 2. Report of the 38th IUPS Congress by the SBFis

S. Webster reported that the SBFis had not yet submitted their report of the accounting of IUPS-2017. S. Webster was asked to reHe was able to provide some statistics. The attendees came from 64 different countries, and were 51% female, and 51% students. W. Boron suggested creating a list of improvements from the IUPS side, to streamline IUPS-2021.

#### 3. Guideline for membership dues structure

S. Webster and W. Boron provided a brief history of the IUPS's efforts to revise its dues structure. U. Pohl suggested that one idea was to make dues a certain percentage of the dues taken in by a society. P. Molina and J. Chan suggested that dues could be based off of just straight membership numbers. S. Webster pointed out that previous dues revision efforts rejected using society budgets, due to both the difficulty in obtaining them, and the unequal funding sources. S. Webster was directed to solicit updated information from member societies to assist in revising the dues structure. He is to also send J. Chan the most up to date member numbers and dues for APS, Physoc, and JPS for review.

#### 4. IUPS Secretariat

P. Molina stated that when she was recruited to be the IUPS Treasurer, she expressed concern about the amount of support that she would need to fulfill her job. She suggested taking on her existing Business Manager as an assistant. She stated that her staff member was a Certified Public Accountant, and had agreed to fulfill the role at a negotiated rate. P. Wagner stated that S. Webster handled the day-to-day operations of the Treasurer's office for the Union.

U. Pohl stated that he has begun interviewing candidates to be a part-time Manager, but had not yet settled on a candidate. J. Chan stated that the Union would have more flexibility to hire staff.

### **5. Follow up on Recommendations of the BGA Report**

S. Wray reported that she took part in her first BGA meeting. She stated that J. Sengupta was eager to get started enacting the recommendations of the report. J. Chan stated that the ExCo would look more in depth into the recommendations of the BGA at the next ExCo meeting.

W. Boron asked about the process for the BGA to replenish its members. S. Webster stated that the BGA was in the midst of its election of new members. The election will be concluded on Aug 15.

### **6. Inter-medical School Physiological Quiz (IMSPQ)**

W. Boron reported on his trip to the Inter-medical School Physiological Quiz in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He likened the enthusiasm of the teams to that of a “religious revival”. He stated that previous guest lecturers S. Barman and K. Barrett also shared his appreciation for the event. W. Boron stated that IMSPQ is reaching out to IUPS for support, both monetarily and in finding a speaker for 2018. J. Chan suggested that the Education Committee be brought in to assist with IMSPQ. W. Boron will reach out to R. Carroll immediately.

### **7. PhySoc MOOC Class**

J. Chan reported that Physoc, in conjunction with the University of Liverpool, had created a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) to give a free introduction to physiology to any interested person. Physoc contacted BGA, and requested IUPS’s assistance in promoting the course. J. Chan stated that the request raised two questions: would IUPS promote other society’s MOOC, and should IUPS add a disclaimer to any publicity materials stating that IUPS had not vetted the course. P. Wagner stated that Physoc was a strong and well run organization, and there should be no qualms about course content. ExCo agreed to publicize the MOOC on the IUPS website. P. Wagner suggested that BGA develop a checklist for assessing any future requests of this type.

### **8. ICSU General Assembly Meeting, October 23-26, Taipei, Taiwan**

W. Boron gave background on IUPS’s with the International Council of Science (ICSU). The ICSU General Assembly is voting on a merger with ISSC, the International Social Science Council. W. Boron stated that the meeting is too important not to have IUPS have its voice heard. He stated that he will arrive on the first day of the meeting, due to a prior obligation. J. Chan will attend the meeting as well, as the meeting is local to her. S. Webster will send J. Chan the registration materials ASAP.

### **9. Financial report**

P. Wagner gave a brief overview of the union’s finances. He reported that transferring the union’s funds to Wells Fargo had hit a snag due to a lapsed corporate registration with the Washington DC government. S. Webster reported that IUPS had not filed its biannual report since 2006. He would file all the appropriate paperwork first thing the next morning.

### **Action Items**

1. S. Webster to post meeting minutes to IUPS website.
2. S. Webster to request accounting report from V. Antunes.
3. W. Boron and S. Webster to compile list of improvements to enact for IUPS-2021.
4. S. Webster to solicit updated membership records, including membership figures, from all member societies.

5. S. Webster to send J. Chan membership numbers and dues invoices for APS, Physoc, and JPS.
6. W. Boron to speak with R. Carroll about IMSPQ
7. S. Webster to send J. Chan ICSU registration materials.
8. S. Webster to make corporate registration filings with Washington DC government.