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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting November 27, 2019

Minutes

Present: J. Chan, S. Wray, P. Hunter, U. Pohl, P. Molina, S. Webster, C. Ball

1. Confirmation of October 30 meeting minutes

The minutes were confirmed. U. Pohl asked to review them for sensitive information before posting them to the IUPS website.

2. Council appointments to Nominating Committee

J. Chan informed ExCo that the BGA had named J. Sengupta, S. Barman, and L. Csernoch to the Nominations Committee (NomCom). S. Webster stated that all three were terming out of their positions on the BGA. J. Chan volunteered to chair the NomCom. S. Webster stated that NomCom members did not necessarily need to be already active in IUPS. He stated that in the prior NomCom, the make up was two "insiders" and one "outsider" from each body. C. Hidalgo and P. Hunter were the "outside" appointees from the ExCo and BGA, respectively. S. Webster reported that on the current Council, J. Chan, P. Hunter, and T. Wang were ineligible for reelection, with K. Mikoshiba and X. Wang, terming out but eligible for ExCo positions.

J. Chan set a deadline of December 2 for ExCo members to suggest the two final members of the NomCom. She asked that ExCo only suggest one or two member each.

3. Potential names of speakers for Plenary/Keynote Lectures sponsored by IUPS

S. Webster gave a background on the named IUPS lectures. U. Pohl stated that the ISPC did not leave enough free spaces for all of the named IUPS lectures. He stated that he would write to the SPS on inquire about the state of funding for the Krogh Lecture. J. Chan stated that the goal for potential Nobel Prize speakers was to give the President's and Wallace Fenn lectures, opening and closing the Congress. U. Pohl stated that if neither Nobel laureates agreed to speak, that replacements needed to be found quickly. ExCo brainstormed personal contacts who had relationships with other Nobel laureates. S. Webster stated that recruiting a Nobel laureate could take some time. He pointed out that R. Kornberg did not confirm his appearance at IUPS-2017 until a month or two before the event.

4. Face-to-Face ExCo meeting in EB 2020

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J. Chan asked who on ExCo was planning on attending the Experimental Biology meeting in San Diego in April 2020. P. Molina and P. Hunter already had plans to do so. J. Chan stated that the meeting was very important, and would be an official business trip on behalf of IUPS. U. Pohl stated that IUPS needed to set agendas for ExCo's individual meetings with societies at EB, in preparation for the large meeting in September 2020 at Europhysiology. J. Chan suggested having someone from BGA attend the meetings as well.

U. Pohl reviewed some potential focuses for the IUPS in relation to national societies. P. Hunter stated that IUPS could serve as a clearing house of physiological data sets. He volunteered to draft a proposal for ExCo to review. S. Wray expressed concern about IUPS setting education standards for physiology. P. Molina stated that it had been difficult to attempt to set standards for just American schools. U. Pohl asked ExCo to draft suggestions, and send them to him. J. Chan set a deadline of January 2 to send in proposals, citing the need to send out invites in time for EB

5. Follow up on Academy, dues and webpage.

S. Wray related her discussion with P. Hunter on the mechanism of recruitment. She stated that she was confident in the list of Founding Fellows, and was ready to send it out to reviewers. She felt that if they ended with fifty Founding Fellows, then that would be great. J. Chan thanked S. Wray for her work, and stated that with some fine tuning, the letters to the review committee will be ready to send. S. Wray stated that the first class of Fellows should correspond with the new IUPS website.

U. Pohl reported on the progress on the new IUPS website. He reported that he met in person with the development company, and was pleased with the results. He would be meeting again with them to discuss themes. J. Chan asked when a beta version of the website would be ready for ExCo to review. He said hopefully it would be ready by the new year.

U. Pohl reported that he made a further revision to the dues proposal, as suggested by P. Hunter. He sent it to ExCo prior to the meeting for their review. He said the new version was more transparent with regard to the number of delegates a society received.

6. Joint venture between IUPS and Elsevier on publication

J. Chan reported on her meeting with W. Boron to discuss the Elsevier proposed monograph series. There were two options proposed, a series on "hot topics" in physiology, and a series on the fundamentals of physiology. She reported the next tasks for the Publications Task Force are to submit a recommendation to ExCo on the Elsevier contract, and to create a plan to execute the monograph series. She also invited W. Boron to join the next ExCo meeting in January, 2020 to update ExCo members on progress of the Publications Task Group and the Elsevier contract.