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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2020

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

The IUPS ExCo met via teleconference to address the Europhysiology organizing committee's letter regarding IUPS rescheduling the Beijing Congress to 2022. Since receipt of the letter, members of the ExCo have been speaking individually with members of the Europhysiology organizing committee.

U. Pohl spoke with W. Louch, the Secretary General of SPS. He stated that it was probably a mistake to include an August 2022 date in J. Chan's letter to the GA as the new date. He reported that FEPS felt that this was too close to the Europhysiology meeting in 2022. The organizers of Europhysiology faced a major financial setback when they canceled the 2020 meeting, and the difference between success and failure was as low as 50 registrants. U. Pohl stated that the success of IUPS depended on communication, and canceling the Beijing congress was out of the question. IUPS cannot go eight years between meetings.

S. Wray spoke to B. Lumb, president of TPS. She said that this meeting was more contentious than others. B. Lumb's view was that the Beijing Congress should be as far away from Europhysiology as possible. This is to keep each meeting from taking speakers and registrants from one another. S. Wray stated that in a prior version of the letter sent to IUPS, a "threat" to pull symposia support for IUPS was included, but subsequently deleted in the final version. B. Lumb also floated the idea of a hybrid or virtual Beijing congress.

J. Chan spoke to D. Patterson, president-elect of TPS. She reported that their conversation was before S. Wray and U. Pohl's conversations. Hybrid and virtual congresses were discussed as options. She also stated that Y. Wang reported that the convention center had an opening in mid-June 2022, and had CAPS penciled in for that date.

J. Chan solicited input from the rest of ExCo. P. Hunter stated that these were extraordinary circumstances, and could require extraordinary measures. He floated the idea of switching the 2022 and 2025 meetings, holding the 2022 Congress in conjunction with Europhysiology. J. Chan polled ExCo, and it was agreed that the Beijing Congress be held in 2022. U. Pohl stated that if IUPS tries to please Europe, it risks alienating CAPS, and vice versa. He stated that pushing everything back as late as 2023

would cause problems with CAPS. Joining Europhysiology in 2022 may be the most idealistic approach, but would alienate CAPS to an unacceptable degree.

J. Chas again polled the ExCo on keeping the Beijing congress in 2022. ExCo agreed. She stated that the next step is to speak with CAPS, about different dates, potentially in April/May 2022. After that, IUPS would respond formally to FEPS and arrange for a meeting with them.