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## IUPS General Assembly Hyatt Regency Hotel Birmingham, UK Agenda

*July 21, 2013*

### 1. Opening of the General Assembly

D. Noble, President of IUPS, officially opened the General Assembly at 9am.

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the 2009 General Assembly in Kyoto, Japan

The minutes were approved as read.

### 3. Consent calendar for other reports

Several Commissions' reports expressed dissatisfaction that their recommendations for speakers were ignored. Council has discussed the need to ensure that the Commissions are able to have an effect. This might be accomplished by having each Commission present a symposium during the three years leading up to the next Congress. A question from the floor was taken. Could the Council encourage the Commissions to interact more with the scientific community? This will be discussed with Council at their next meeting.

The reports from the commissions and committees were taken as read.

### 4. Report of the President

D. Noble informed the Assembly that since he had previously chaired the Long Range Planning Committee, he was elected to move it forward. Approximately three-quarters of the Plan has been implemented. There has been a mismatch between the powerful societies and the distribution of the world's population. The role of IUPS is to address this in a neutral political way. A Membership Committee was formed, chaired by S. Semnanian, which identified and reached out to 25 countries where physiology is developing. Due to this outreach, there are now three countries requesting membership: Bangladesh, Malta and Nepal.

Another outreach effort has been made to physiologists in Africa to help improve the organization of a regional body. There will be a meeting of approximately 50 physiologists. IUPS has worked to insure funding and visa help for a Burmese physiologist to attend the Congress with the result being the first time Burma has sent its delegate. Also, efforts were made to connect the North Korean Academy of Sciences. At the last minute, two delegates were able to come to the Congress. It is their first trip outside North Korea and they are delighted to meet with physiologists from other countries. Over the last three decades, physiology has been sidelined as a discipline. D. Noble will be addressing this state of affairs in his opening speech of the Congress.

The President's report was accepted.

**5. Report of the Secretary General**

W. Boron reported that the Executive Committee has been having monthly teleconference meetings since the beginning of 2010 instead of yearly face-to-face meetings. This has enabled the Committee to accomplish more than previous years. Council will be meeting by teleconference twice a year along with the chairs of the Commissions.

The Board of the General Assembly has been formed as a link between the General Assembly and Council during the years between Congresses. A new IUPS website was created at [www.iups.org](http://www.iups.org). He requested that the delegates look at and comment on it. The framework for a new dues structure will be devised to be voted on at the next General Assembly. IUPS has worked with other Bio-union members of the International Council for Science to offer a symposium on Multi-scale Systems Biology on July 28-29, 2013 at Chicheley, UK.

There was a question from the floor asking what is being done about the dues structure. The US has been concerned about the current dues situation. APS is glad that IUPS is re-examining the dues structure for it to be equitable, clear and transparent. W. Boron explained that Council has given the assignment to the Board of the General Assembly to work on for one year. The results will be presented to Council for input.

Another question from the floor asked how India can help Nepal and Myanmar. IUPS welcomes its contact with both countries' societies. It was proposed that India help Nepal with setting up labs using equipment they are no longer using. One month each year, Myanmar allows visitors to enter the country. Dr. M. Thwin, the physiologist attending the Congress, would be able to find out how to get permission. The International Council for Science has a Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific which might be able to help.

The Secretary General's report was accepted.

**6. Report of the Treasurer**

M. Gordon reported the dues structure will determine what IUPS can accomplish. It is very critical to the running of IUPS. The first IRS audit was done in 2012 because IUPS is incorporated in the United States. IUPS passed and its nonprofit status was renewed. A formal audit by the accountant is conducted every other year. The past audit will be posted on the IUPS website as soon as it is available.

An account was opened at Le Credit Lyonnais, a bank in Paris, France. It currently totals about €30,000. The U.S. account was changed to UBS from Merrill Lynch because our financial advisor moved to UBS. The investments generate \$30,000-\$40,000 in income each year and are important for financial stability. The invested endowment comes from funds for five different named lectureships. There is a cash balance that is maintained for handling the costs of council meetings.

The largest expense is the IUPS Manager's salary. There are five major subaccounts for the Education Committee and four named lectures. Travel grants are the category accounting for the greatest portion of funds expended. \$100,000 is in a rotating fund for travel grants to young scientists and physiologists from developing countries. These grants are given out by the host country of the Congress.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

**7. Election of Officers for 2014-2017**

The elected officers were:

President – D. Noble (UK)

First Vice President – J. Chan (Taiwan)

Second Vice President – P. Hansen (Canada)

Secretary General – W. Boron (US)

Treasurer – P. Wagner (US)

**8. Election of Council for 2014-2017**

The elected Council members were:

Tomasz Brzozowski (Poland)  
Peter Hunter (NZ)  
Benedito Machado (Brazil)  
Caroline McMillen (Australia)  
Katsuhiko Mikoshiba (Japan)  
Penny Moody-Corbett (Canada)  
Saeed Semnanian (Iran)  
Jens Rettig (Germany)  
Tobias Wang (Denmark)  
Xiaomin Wang (CAPS)

**9. Approval of Board of the General Assembly bylaws**

The bylaws were approved. It was suggested that the BGA review the constitution. P. Hunter was thanked for his work as Acting Vice President and helping to start the BGA meetings. He was also thanked for launching the Physiome Project.

**10. Approval of new member societies**

The following countries were approved as new members:  
Bangladesh Society of Physiologists (BSP) – Adhering member  
Physiological Society of Nepal (PSN) – Associate member  
Malta Physiological Society (MPS) – Adhering member

**11. Presentation of report on planning of 2017 Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

B. Machado gave a report on the progress so far of the planning for the 2017 Congress. He was asked if the potential government funds were guaranteed. He responded that they are not assured, but the Local Planning Committee will try their best to obtain them.

D. Noble remarked that the 2017 Congress is subject to a mutual satisfying contract between IUPS and Sociedade Brasileira de Fisiologia. He emphasized that it is important for the international community to support host countries which do not have a large amount of funds.

**12. Reconfirm Brazil as host for 2017 Congress**

The Sociedade Brasileira de Fisiologia was reaffirmed as host of the 2017 Congress in Rio de Janeiro. This is subject to the final contract agreement between the Sociedade Brasileira de Fisiologia and the Executive Committee of IUPS.

**13. Presentation of hosts bidding for the 2021 Congress**

The three presenters were Austria, South Korea and China (CAPS) with China chosen as the host for the 2021 Congress.

**14. Any other business**

There was no other business.

**15. Motion to adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.