

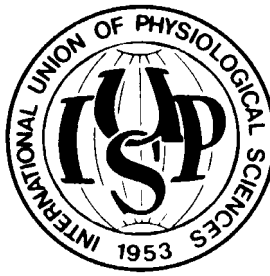
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Responsibilities of IUPS Commissions and Sections

In order to improve the efficiency and the morale of the IUPS commissions and to streamline the process of scientific programming for IUPS congresses and meetings, the 2001 IUPS General Assembly held in Christchurch, NZ, decided that the former 33 commissions would be reorganized into no more than eight or nine groups. The new Council was empowered by the delegates to restructure them in consultation with their chairs prior to the 2005 General Assembly. Because of their more general nature, two of the former Commissions were transformed into the Education Committee and the Committee on the Physiome and Bioengineering each of which will have a direct interaction with each of the Commissions. By spring 2002 the remainder of the former Commissions were fully reorganized into eight new ones composed of between two and five Sections each. It is proposed that each Section should have its own geographically balanced Section Advisory Group to propose and coordinate the activities of the Section. It is suggested that this Advisory Group be composed of about four to six members.

A Commission Program Committee will be formed to be composed of the Section Chairs. It would be the responsibility of the Commission Chair to organize these activities. The Chair of the Commission, as a member of the International Scientific Program Committee, would be responsible for conveying that Commission's recommendations concerning the scientific program and satellites.

Each Commission and/or Section of the Commission should be encouraged and empowered to develop special programs or meetings related to their respective scientific and educational missions. These scientific meetings could be organized alone, or in concert with other IUPS Commissions or Committees or other societies. The proposals would be forwarded to the IUPS Executive Committee for informational purposes. Commissions and/or Sections would be encouraged to independently raise the money required for these activities. The IUPS would endorse, help advertise on its Website, etc., but not assume financial responsibility for these meetings. Commissions may apply to the IUPS for partial support of these meetings. Profits resulting from such activities would be held and managed by the Commission.

It is expected the Section Chair will provide an annual report of scientific and financial activities of the Section to the Commission Chair which in turn would be incorporated into an annual report of that Commission to be accepted by the IUPS Council.

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