

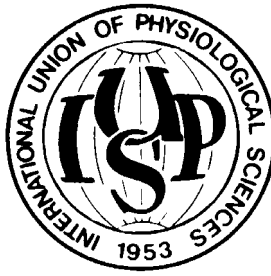
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The Council of the International Union of Physiology approved the following statement on August 14, 2002:

IUPS rejects call for academic boycott of Israel.

A group of European academics (the Guardian, London, April 6, 2002; Liberation, Paris, April 15, 2002) have called for a moratorium, based on political grounds, on all academic and cultural links with Israel and on European research support for Israeli scientific institutions. The International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS) unanimously objects to this proposed moratorium and strongly reaffirms the principles of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) as stated in Statute 5. That is, *"In pursuing its objectives in respect of the rights and responsibilities of scientists, ICSU, as an international non-governmental body shall observe and actively uphold the principle of the universality of science. This principle entails freedom of association and expression, access to data and information, and freedom of communication and movement in connection with international scientific activities without any discrimination on the basis of such factors as citizenship, religion, creed, political stance, ethnic origin, race, color, language, age or sex. ICSU shall recognize and respect the independence of the internal science policies of its National Scientific Members. ICSU shall not permit any of its activities to be disturbed by statements or actions of a political nature"*.

As a member organization of the ICSU, the IUPS strongly supports these stated principles and strongly opposes the proposed call for a scientific moratorium with Israel.

We will do all within our power to ensure that all activities of the physiological sciences will remain open to the full participation of scholars of all backgrounds and nationalities.

A. W. Cowley, Jr., USA, President

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