

Agenda:

1. Retirement for Sue: Leslie will go to LA next week to work with Malcolm. They will work out the mechanism.

2. Dates for ExCo meeting: Currently scheduled for 26-28 May. Would meet in Oxford ... University facilities: zero cost for rooms, low costs for teleconferencing. Heathrow to Oxford is convenient by bus.

Birmingham trip via rail would be easy, only 50 minutes ... Denis will consult UK organizers to determine whether they think that visiting the Convention Center would be useful. If we go to Birmingham, perhaps the meeting with them could be there. Otherwise, we would meet with UK group in Oxford.

3. Facilities for ExCo meeting: Denis will book meeting rooms ASAP at the University. Teleconferencing facility (so that Council can phone in).

Accommodations ... Requirements: internet and private bath. Fellows Guest Rooms would be reasonably elegant (not the undergraduate rooms). Good to be close by. [ExCo met in Regina hotel in Paris in 2008, arranged by Sue, at about \$200/night. That level would probably cost \$400/night these days in Oxford.] So we will be cost conscious but maintain a minimal level of comfort so that we can be functional.

4. Schedule for ExCo meeting in May: Invite Sue ... Denis knows that she is available from his meeting with her in December. Denis will invite. Malcolm will pay expenses. Leslie will consult with Sue. Sue will also join us for dinner (all nights?), where we will present her with a gift ... Denis suggests dinner at one of the colleges. Sue would be there for discussion with ExCo, with Leslie, dinner, evening in hotel, and then she would be free.

5. Outreach: ... Draft on IUPS Representation: It has already been marked up. Need to format. Send it out all ExCo members (i.e., the 2 VPs who have not yet seen it) ... and then whole Council ... and then to the various national societies. WFB: but which ones? Malcolm ...

Category 6: USA

Category 5: Japan, UK, Russia, others ... ???China

WFB: How about cutting off at Cat 4 or 5 + Regional Representatives from South America. We need to limit the membership so as not to have so many members that the group is unmanageable.

Denis: Get out of the Gen Assy mindset ...

Next step: Revision of document. Malcolm will mark-up the most recent version, send it to WFB, and then WFB will distribute to M & D.

5a. We have a problem re: African representation: ... AAPS vs other countries (South Africa, etc). Denis is working on this. Malcolm: Could we make #5 an incentive for the Africans to get their interactions in order.

6. Membership drive: Saeed (Council Member dealing with Membership) is keen to move ahead. Denis and Sue held him up in late 2009 ... Sue has excellent corporate knowledge of membership issues. Denis: Saeed and Sue could work together ... but not

until we get the Outreach Document out so that these societies know why IUPS membership is advantageous to them (IUPS should be more participatory) ... to repair relationships. Denis: Saeed has huge enthusiasm ... but is doing it from a country that has never before been an IUPS member. Malcolm: Dues structure could be an issue ... it was created 40 years ago, but does not reflect the current reality. Malcolm: Ask Saeed to draft a plan for us to approve. Denis: After S has seen the Outreach Document. One of us should oversee the committee. A Korean colleague has organized physiology there from nothing (60 years ago) to an effective presence. M: 1-2 members of current Council should be on cmte, also former Council members.

7. Finance—fundraising: Income from sources other than dues. Malcolm: IUPS could use an Endowment. Malcolm: Current investment income is \$30-\$40k/year. Raising more money for endowment should be an item on the ExCo agenda, with Leslie presenting her idea for 15 min and another 2 hours allowed for discussion. Malcolm and Leslie will discuss this next week in LA.

8. ICSU: WFB summarized the ICSU attitude toward basic science in general, and biology in particular. Malcolm: Could be a political minefield. Current bureaucracy in ICSU has an agenda and will not change. Denis: An informal meeting. WFB: The issue is not to succeed, but to try to influence ICSU from the inside while also trying to have the advantage of working with our colleagues. Denis: WFB could attend ICSU meeting and the pre-meeting, with Denis joining us for the pre-meeting. Denis: In the past, Pres vs SG have attended ICSU meeting. The meeting (which he has attended) ... like a meeting in the Great Hall of the People ... everyone says 'yes'. Malcolm: We should consult with Daniel Ricquier ... would Prez or SG accompany DR or go in place of him ... for attending both (a) the informal pre-ICSU meeting in Paris and (b) ICSU.

9. Other business: WFB: Rene Bindels from the Netherlands agreed to be the new Commission Chair for Secretion and Absorption. Denis: We still need to appoint a Chair for Genomics & Biodiversity ... Yoshi was working on this ... Leslie will ask him how he is proceeding. Malcolm: We should have a formal vote on Rene with Council ... L: Get CV from Rene.

WFB: Pitts Lecture is run by Secretion & Absorption, but WFB's recollection is that the endowment is held by Cornell. Malcolm: Similar to situation with Krogh lecture. The Comparative Physiology Commission passes along to Scandinavians for approval.