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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2010

Present : Denis Noble, Malcolm Gordon, Walter Boron, Xian Wang, Leslie Price

The meeting was called to order by the President at 11:00 a.m. EDT.

1. Approval of Oxford minutes and progress on action items of June teleconference

The minutes were approved. Executive Committee members who had action items from the previous two meetings were reminded of them. Marjan Rupnik will be involved with the Membership Committee to help with countries in the Balkans.

Action: D. Noble will book two rooms at Oxford for council meeting (16 people), July 9 & 10, 2011 and ISPC meeting (30 people) for July 10 & 11, 2011, one room for meetings and one for dinner.

2. Report on meetings between President and representatives of PhysSoc and APS on outreach document

At the meeting, APS indicated it was not happy with the outreach document and agreed with Phys Soc that changes should happen more quickly. In a subsequent email, they said they expect to have further proposals by the time of the August meeting in Brazil. It was noted that the deadline for a response from the other societies is September 1, so the proposals cannot be considered. Also, the August meeting is an informal one so no official business will be conducted. If Phys Soc and APS wish to put forward a constitutional change, they may. It was also pointed out that APS is not an adhering body of IUPS and therefore technically has no recognition by IUPS in the discussion of outreach to member societies. It seemed that the APS and Phys Soc representatives had not looked at the IUPS website. D. Noble will take all this under consideration when next talking to the representatives.

The problem of funding from the U.S. was brought up in reference to NAS as an adhering body of IUPS. It was also suggested that the other members of NAS be made aware of the outreach document. W. Boron and M. Gordon will discuss this further and report to ExCo before any decision is made. L. Price will set up phone meeting between them.

3. Prospective dialogues with member societies in Brazil

D. Noble noted that these are informal discussions only.

4. IUPS Mission Statement

W. Boron and M. Gordon have been asked to edit the manuscript and send it to D. Noble.

Additional items

Membership Committee

S. Orsoni is trying to determine the number of members in each of the societies. It was recommended that S. Semnanian and she join the August teleconference meeting which was set for August 12 at 10 :30 a.m. ET

Ethics Committee

P. Moody, chair of the committee, will send out letters to societies to have them suggest members. This will show that IUPS is interested in their input. Each commission should have no more than six people.

X. Wang asked Dr. Chen from Hong Kong to be a member of the Education Committee and he has agreed. She is working with Penny Hansen on getting members.

Contract

M. Gordon will make some modifications to the contract for the 2013 Congress so it can be signed by Phys Soc. as soon as possible.