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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Agenda

February 27, 2014

1. Discussion of SBFis projected budget for 2017 Congress

It was decided that the following topics would be addressed with B. Machado when he joined the meeting.

1. Focus on modeling elements
 - Symposium support
 - Registration fees
 - Government and society support

At a later date, deliberation will be given to sessions for young investigator presentations, poster sessions and the number of symposia.

After one hour of the ExCo meeting, B. Machado was contacted by D. Noble using Skype. The Treasurer, P. Wagner, led off the discussion noting that the SBFis' three models list a number of fixed expenses, but these are not balanced against specific revenues with different registration amounts. B. Machado responded that fixed expenses were used to make it easier to establish scenarios to start the discussion. P. Wagner noted that the registration fee structure was much lower than the 2013 Congress. B. Machado expressed the impression that the Congress in Birmingham was much more expensive than a Congress in Rio would be so the registration fees didn't need to be as high. He was also concerned that fees be affordable for scientists from developing countries. B. Machado requested specific questions on issues along with a spreadsheet to illustrate the areas to be considered. It was stressed that there need to be good speakers in order to induce people to attend.

L. Price will send the dates of the upcoming Executive Committee meetings to B. Machado so he can indicate his availability. ExCo members will send D. Noble any specifics that they wish to have discussed with the Local Planning Committee at the March 2014 meeting. W. Boron will create an example of a Congress spreadsheet budget for everyone to peruse. This will be sent by D. Noble to B. Machado along with items to be addressed on the next round of models.

2. Pro-active and systematic global outreach programs in physiology education/research/organizational relying on the resources of larger supporting societies

The face-to-face ExCo meeting in Oxford, UK in 2014 will be dedicated to discussing outreach programs. D. Noble remarked that he has had very positive talks with APS and TPS about mentoring in Africa. P. Wagner will lead the exploration of this topic. D. Noble will help with programming efforts in collaboration with TPS.

3. Activities of the Board of the General Assembly (BGA)

P. Wagner reported that the BGA is so far flung and difficult to convene that M. Spyer and he will work out a draft model for a new dues structure. A budget for IUPS will help determine the amount of dues needed to cover expenses each year.

4. Monthly financial update

L. Price reported that all the 2014 invoices have been sent. The current account balance is \$316,375.94. She has been supplying P. Wagner, the new Treasurer, with information he has requested for creating a 2014 budget. P. Wagner noted that the 2013 investment return was 9.6% or \$27,000. D. Noble said he felt this should be considered as a possible windfall and not as part of the amount to use for yearly expenses. P. Wagner proposed that the use of investments remain status quo until programs are planned that need funding and then it can be revisited.

5. Possibilities for foundation support for specific IUPS plans and programs

This item was tabled until the programs are developed.

**6. Form a "Star Committee" with people of influence for fund raising
From ExCo minutes of 6-15-10**

Possible committee members:

Tony Macknight, ADInstruments [W. Boron contact]

Joe Romano

John Lighton, Sable Systems [W. Boron contact]

President, Elsevier [W. Boron contact Bill Schmidt] [D. Noble contact Bart Wacek]

Hans Hoppeler, Company of Biologists

Tobias Wang, Society for Experimental Biology (SEB)

This item was tabled until the programs are developed.

D. Noble is meeting with H. Hoppeler in March 2014. W.S. Kim is now the president of Elsevier and could be asked to be an advisor on the composition of the committee. The ExCo members could add to the list of names before the discussion at the UK meeting.

7. Commissions and committees

P. Hansen noted there were requests for name changes from two commission chairs. The ExCo and Council will discuss these requests and a procedure will be put in place for chairs to follow in requesting changes of any aspect of their commission.

8. Meeting with APS leadership at EB

The ExCo members will inform L. Price when each is not available during the Experimental Biology meeting in April. APS will be asked when they would like to meet since they will have more commitments during that time. P. Wagner suggested that a specific agenda be prepared addressing financial transparency, academic programs and progress on dues restructuring.

9. Face-to-face meeting of ExCo in the UK

The ExCo will meet after May 2014 in Oxford, UK arranged by D. Noble. Members should give L. Price the dates between May 1 and Dec. 31 that they are *not* available.

10. Other business

There was no other business.