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## IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Agenda

*May 29, 2014  
9am-11am ET*

**Present:** D. Noble, J. Chan, P. Hansen, W. Boron, P. Wagner, B. Machado (9am-9:30am), M. Spyer (9:45am-10:15am)

### 1. Report on the 2017 Congress from B. Machado

B. Machado reported that the website for the 2017 Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil will be online in August, 2014. He went over the information he had emailed to the members of the Executive Committee (ExCo). In accordance with the meeting held in April, 2014 in San Diego, he listed the names of the members of the Scientific Programming Committee of the IUPS 2017 Congress. There are 11 scientists who will be active members of the ISPC (9 Brazilians, 1 Argentinian and 1 Chilean), with a balance in the areas of physiology, regions of Brazil/South America and gender. The three honorary presidents from the Brazilian side will not be active members of the ISPC.

#### Honorary Presidents:

- Eduardo M. Krieger (Cardiovascular-São Paulo)
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- Patricia R.M. Rocco (Respiratory-Rio de Janeiro)
- Walter A. Zin (Respiratory-Rio de Janeiro)
- Alicia Mattiazzi (Heart - Argentina)
- Cecilia Hidalgo (Biophysics - Chile)

The first ISPC meeting in person will be in August 2015

W. Boron and B. Machado, as co-chairs of the ISPC, will have separate Skype meetings about all issues related to plans. They would like to meet every two weeks other than the week of the ExCo meeting. D. Noble expressed the need to make sure that Asia is represented on the ISPC. In November and December, 2014, B. Machado is going to Asia to make connections for announcing the 2017 Congress. D. Noble will be going to Shanghai and will advertise the Congress and listen to what people want at the Congress. J. Chan, as president of FAOPS, will get information about contacts for B. Machado. They will work together on Asian physiological societies. P. Wager will work with B. Machado on finances.

## **2. Discussion of report of 2017 Congress**

P. Wagner expressed the need to have a draft contract by the time that W. Boron and B. Machado meet. It was agreed to split the contract into two subheadings, one for IUPS and one for SBFiS. Each ExCo member is to look at the draft document, add their edits and pass the draft on to the next person. W. Boron will add his first and then the order will be J. Chan, P. Hansen, D. Noble and then P. Wagner, who will take the responsibility to integrate the comments into the document. D. Noble will make it coherent before it is sent to SBRiS. He has the initial responsibility, but will have P. Wagner look at it before it is sent.

## **3. BGA**

M. Spyer, chair of the Board of the General Assembly (BGA), joined the meeting. He reported that the vacancies on the Board have been filled. The next formal meeting will be in November, 2014. Term lengths for each member are being determined. A regional substructure for IUPS is being considered and how that should be formed. The question was raised by the whole Board about what the IUPS members get from their membership. A regional IUPS structure would be seen to stimulate physiology worldwide. Europe and North America are well developed regionally. In S. America, IUPS could assist with development of activities of a regional nature. This approach would need a specific structure and goals. It would impact financial aspects. The BGA were interested in the preparation of a dues structure by P. Wagner using GDP and the number of each society's members. The minutes of the Executive Committee are on the IUPS website. When new minutes are added, the BGA and Council will be notified. M. Spyer reported that the BGA thinks IUPS could attend regional meetings and every four years have a congress in conjunction with a major society's meeting. The Board realizes they will need to find a way to have IUPS involved. P. Hansen pointed out the need to have money and people in the regions who are going to make this happen. The Executive Committee will discuss these ideas at their October 2014 meeting.

M. Spyer and P. Wagner are working on a new dues structure. A basic amount would be \$1,000/year using tiers (low, middle, high) that would be proportional. W. Boron thought it was good that the dues will be determined by the societies. The BGA minutes will be added to the IUPS website. M. Spyer will give a report during the monthly ExCo meetings and will be able to hear and report items to the BGA. W. Boron thought it would be good to have a joint meeting with the BGA to answer questions.

#### **4. Financial report**

P. Wagner had a discussion with Chad Cohen, the financial investor for IUPS at UBS. The UBS statement for the account is 20+ pages long with the “checking” and investments comingled. P. Wagner would like to see them as separate accounts. The value of the account as of April 30, 2014 was \$351,000. The total gain that month was \$3,000 or 1%. L. Price was asked to provide a monthly dues report.

#### **5. Education committee**

P. Hansen prepared terms of reference for the Education Committee to use. She suggested that the template could be used for other groups. Each group would use the template to create their own terms. ExCo approved the draft to be sent to the groups (ex. Executive Committee, Council, Commissions, Committees). The Nigerian Physiological Society is having difficulty raising funds for their Teaching and Research Workshop to be held in Lagos during September 22-26, 2014. P. Hansen wondered if The Physiological Society (UK) might help. Rob Carroll, new chair of the Education Committee, is looking into getting them help from the American Physiological Society. P. Hansen, liaison to the Commissions, announced that three chairs are at the end of their terms and need to be replaced. The Council members might be appointed chairs.

#### **6. Other business**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 11:00

Respectfully submitted,  
L. Price