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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting

Agenda

February 25, 2015

Present: K. Spyer, J. Chan, L. Csernoch, C. H. Leem, L. Peltonen, L. Filaretova, D. Allen, S. Webster

With Regrets: A. Lucian, M. Zelter, P. Balaban, S. Makaula, S. Barman

1. Update on Dues Revision Process—K. Spyer

K. Spyer gave an update on the dues revision process. With Leslie's retirement, there was not much data on dues. He stated that he and P. Wagner are still waiting on membership numbers for many societies. J. Chan reported that D. Noble was reaching out to member society presidents in an effort to get the information. In the week since the letters were sent out, he has had responses from at least 5 society presidents. S. Webster stated that he will notify K. Spyer and P. Wagner once 75% of responses were received.

2. Report from ExCo—J. Chan

J. Chan gave an update on the work of the Executive Committee. She detailed the three methods ExCo used to communicate. These included email, regular Skype meetings, and face-to-face meetings. Emails were used to circulate documents and to handle regular communications with member societies. Skype meetings were monthly, and were used to discuss issues pertaining to IUPS in a much more in-depth manner. ExCo's semi-annual face to face meetings were used for in-depth strategic planning. The next in-person meeting of ExCo will be held at the EB Conference in Boston at the end of March. The previous meeting was held in October in Oxford, UK. The minutes for all meetings are available on the IUPS website.

J. Chan went on to discuss ExCo's efforts to reorganize how IUPS is set up. She noted that from annual reports, it appeared that some commissions and committees are more active than others. In addition, some chairs had difficulty in communicating with their groups. She also stated that since the 2013 Congress, three Commission chairs' term's had expired. The chairs have since been filled. In an effort to help reinvigorate the Commissions and Committees, P. Hansen was working on finalizing formal Terms of Reference for the positions.

J. Chan then spoke about ExCo's efforts to increase fund raising efforts beyond collecting annual dues. D. Allen asked about potential profits from the quadrennial congresses. J. Chan answered that while the Kyoto congress returned a little profit, the Birmingham one did not. K. Spyer reported that a portion

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of the registration fees from Birmingham went into a fund to support travel grants for young physiologists from developing countries at the next meeting. The vast majority of registration fees went back to the host society to cover their costs.

J. Chan reported that he most exciting idea for fund-raising the creation of a specialized Physiome journal. The original idea was submitted by W. Boron. The official proposal is being worked on by a sub-committee comprised of D. Noble, W. Boron, A. McCulloch, and P. Hunter. A draft proposal has already been created, and members of the sub-committee are reaching out to their contacts in the publishing industry to ensure everything is taken care of. K. Spyer asked about IUPS's ability to support another journal. *Physiology* is currently operating at a deficit. J. Chan answered saying that this was a major concern for P. Wager as well, and that the sub-committee are working to ensure the journal is profitable as possible.

J. Chan went over ExCo's plans to increase IUPS's outreach efforts. P. Wagner is currently working on a survey to distribute to member societies to ascertain how IUPS could better support them. In addition, ExCo has proposed a "trading post" on the IUPS website. S. Webster stated the trading post is still in the development phase with IUPS's web developer. K. Spyer remarked that strengthening IUPS's regional contacts will make outreach easier.

3. Brazil 2017 Congress Update—J. Chan

J. Chan then gave an update on the 2017 IUPS Congress. She reported that the Local Organizing Committee consisted of six members, chaired by SBFis President V. Antunes. The International Scientific Programming Committee is comprised of thirteen members each from SBFis and IUPS, co-chaired by B. Machado and W. Boron. At the October ExCo meeting, ExCo decided to appoint IUPS's Commission and Committee chairs to the ISPC, to better involve those entities. In addition, she, P. Hansen, and P. Wagner will be on the ISPC as *ex officio* (non-voting) members. The first call for proposals for keynotes and plenaries was sent out to member societies earlier in the month. The first meeting of the ISPC will meet immediately before the SBFis Annual Congress in August. The official website has been launched at iups2017.com. Starting on March 2nd, it will be used to submit proposals for talks. V. Antunes and B. Machado will be traveling to various physiological meetings leading up to the Congress to advertise and solicit sponsorships.

The contract between IUPS and SBFis is still being negotiated. S. Webster reported that the 4th revision of the contract was submitted to SBFis on January 23rd. As of the meeting, there had been no further negotiation with SBFis regarding the contract. ExCo expects to receive Revision 5 of the contract soon, so they can discuss at the EB meeting in March.

K. Spyer mentioned that he attended the PanAm Congress, hosted by SBFis, in August 2014. He stated that approximately 60% of the attendees were young physiologists, which he found very impressive. He did say that SBFis not in the same league as APS or PhysSoc when it came to resources. S. Webster reported that V. Antunes and B. Machado will meeting with them at EB to discuss this very matter.

4. Regional development of IUPS—K. Spyer

K. Spyer started off by stating that with the retirement of former IUPS Manager L. Price, he had not had time to create a draft regional structure for IUPS. He expects faster progress with her replacement, S. Webster. He mentioned discussing the physiology meeting in Bahrain with P. Hansen, attended by several Middle Eastern and East African societies. He expressed his concern that grouping was based on political and religious lines, and the differing economic statuses of the countries involved. He encouraged them to look towards other societies to guide their regional structure.

5. Any Other Business

The next meeting will be held in approximately three months' time. S. Webster will distribute possible meeting dates with the BGA. BGA confirmed that noon GMT was a suitable meeting time for teleconferences.