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## IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting August 10, 2016

### *Meeting Minutes*

*Present:* J. Sengupta, S. Barman, J. Chan, L. Peltonen, CH Leem, S. Webster

#### 1. Absent BGA Members

J. Sengupta remarked on the steadily declining attendance of BGA meetings. She requested that D. Noble will write a letter as President of IUPS reaching out to those members.

#### 2. Dues Structure

S. Webster reported on the state of the dues revision process. He stated that P. Wagner and W. Boron had a meeting with M. Frank and J. Reckelhoff from APS. One of the issues discussed was that APS was not aware of all that IUPS did with its dues. To that end, ExCo prepared a document giving an overview of its activities, as well as the day to day duties of the Manager. J. Chan was able to meet with M. Frank in person at the joint APS/TPS meeting in Dublin. She reported that APS felt that they supported IUPS in ways other than dues, such as co-owning *Physiology* and providing travel grants to IUPS-2017. She said that she asked for alternate dues methodologies, but had not received any response.

Additionally, P. Wagner was approached by IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) to share dues strategies. P. Wagner gave a general overview of IUPS's dues rationale, and asked for theirs in return.

J. Sengupta stated that L. Csernoch had an idea about a different rationale for dues, and would ask him to present it to ExCo at the Nominations Committee meeting in Sao Paulo. She asked if IUPS could apply for grants from organizations like the Gates Foundation. S. Webster said that it was possible, but IUPS didn't have the time or the manpower to pursue those kinds of grants. J. Chan said that the dues structure was fundamental to the organization of IUPS, and needs to be taken care of. J. Sengupta offered to relook at the dues proposal submitted by K. Spyer and P. Wagner.

#### 3. Status of Physiology Report

J. Sengupta brought up the requirement in the IUPS Constitution that the BGA prepare "a written assessment of the current status of the field of physiology world-wide, emphasizing major challenges, opportunities, and problems." L. Peltonen suggested creating a survey for member societies to fill out. She stated that a web-based form could create an excel spreadsheet for BGA to analyze and report on.

J. Sengupta noticed that TPS created a report, just released at the Dublin meeting. She noted that this report was focused also on career advancement, besides academia. She also said that the annual reports of the IUPS Commission and Committee Chairs may be consulted in creating the BGA document for presentation to the GA in 2017.

S. Barman asked what the intended result of the document was. J. Sengupta interpreted that the idea may be to “rekindle” an interest in science, part of D. Noble’s campaign to “bring physiology to the center stage”..

J. Chan commented that she would seek clarification from ExCo during their meeting to be held the next day. To this end, J Sengupta and Liisa Peltonen were to provide to J Chan a summary related to the BGA Document preparation and a format of the proposed Questionnaire.

#### 4. Nominations Committee

J. Sengupta asked the BGA members for their nominations for the IUPS ExCo, Council/Commission and Committee Chairs, and Regional Council representatives. She stated that the Nomination Committee would meet in Sao Paulo later this month to finalize the slate of candidates for those positions. She asked that any nominations should be submitted with a CV and concurrence from the nominee.