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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2016

Present: J. Sengupta, S. Barman, J. Chan, N. Belova, P. Balaban, L. Peltonen, L. Csernoch, S. Makulua, L. Filaretova, S. Webster

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. BGA Document and Questionnaire

J. Sengupta and S. Barman reported that four societies had sent in responses to the questionnaire.

J. Sengupta and Susan Barman sent email letters to all Chairs of IUPS Commissions and Committees requesting for an essay (3000-4000 words) on the Current Status of, and Future Challenges in Physiological Sciences. These essays would be a part of the BGA document to be presented to the IUPS General Assembly in 2017. J. Chan stated that BGA should consult with ExCo regarding publishing and distribution of the final document.

S. Barman assigned members of the BGA to sub-committees to report on various parts of the responses to the BGA Questionnaire.

3. Mentorship Program

J. Chan proposed tabling the matter until the BGA had a better idea of the worldwide physiological community's needs from the BGA Report. The BGA agreed.

4. Nominations for next term

S. Webster reported that he was waiting for three members of the BGA to officially accept or decline the opportunity to serve an additional term on the BGA. He will email them for a response.

5. Dues for smaller societies

J. Chan brought up the fact that there are in physiologists in smaller countries with no national society. There were also national societies who were unable to pay annual dues for political reasons, such as Cuba and Iran. She stated that ExCo wanted BGA's opinion on the matter. S. Webster stated that larger institutions, such as businesses, or individual laboratories, might sponsor a small society. J. Sengupta

stated that even small countries should pay a nominal fee, so IUPS membership is not given away free. S. Barman stated that even a \$5 annual dues payment shows a society's commitment to IUPS.