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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting January 16, 2017

Minutes

Present: J. Sengupta, S. Barman, J. Chan, P. Balaban, L. Filaretova, N. Belova, L. Peltonen, CH Leem

With regrets: A. Lucion, M. Zelter, L. Csernoch, S. Makaula,

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of Meetings held on November 3 and December 21, 2016.

N. Belova asked S. Webster to include attendance rolls in the minutes. The minutes were otherwise approved.

2. BGA Elections

S. Webster provided a summary of the BGA election procedure from the by-laws. Once nominations are solicited from member societies, the BGA is to vote electronically on incoming members within six months of the end of the GA meeting. S. Barman asked who the Call for Nominations letters should go out to. She asked if letters should be sent to societies with members already on BGA. J. Sengupta stated that letters should go out to all societies, to not show any favoritism.

S. Webster provided a list of BGA members who agreed to serve an additional term, as well as geographic and breakdowns. J. Sengupta noted that BGA was underrepresented in Asia, S. America, Africa, and Oceania. J. Chan suggested a deadline of the end of March to allow member societies time to properly recruit and nominate members.

S. Webster was delegated to create a draft

3. Update on the responses received to date for the BGA-IUPS-Questionnaire

J. Sengupta asked that BGA members reach out to their respective national societies to fill out the BGA questionnaire. J. Chan asked if the document would be read aloud to the General Assembly at IUPS-2017. S. Webster stated that it would just be distributed to the GA. S. Barman reported that she had not heard back from the editorial board for *Physiology* regarding publishing the report.

4. Follow-up with Denis Noble regarding possible collaboration with Physiological Society-UK regarding BGA document for the Rio Congress

J. Sengupta suggested tabling the matter until after the responses to the BGA-IUPS Questionnaire had been collected. If BGA did not receive enough responses, only then collaboration with The Physiological Society (UK) could be initiated.

5. Any other Item

S. Webster reminded the BGA of the Call for Proposals to Host the 2025 IUPS Congress, sent to them earlier that week. He encouraged the BGA to forward them to their national societies.