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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting

Minutes

October 4, 2017

Present: J. Sengupta, S. Barman, N. Belova, L. Csernoch, L. Peltonen, S. Wray, S. Webster

1. Approval of minutes from September 6, 2017

The minutes were accepted as written.

2. BGA Report Recommendation Activities

S. Barman announced that S. Wray would be the invited instructor at the next Inter Medical School Physiology Quiz in August 2018. S. Barman stated that with herself, W. Boron, and now S. Wray participating in the IMSPQ, that the IUPS would be able to provide some measure of support going forward. S. Webster stated that he would reach out the Quiz organizers to add the event to the IUPS's website and Facebook pages. L. Csernoch stated that he was communicating with the Hungarian medical schools association to send a team in 2018. S. Barman stated that she and W. Boron would be working with the Michigan Physiological Society to field a US team.

3. Proposed plan to conduct three Physiology Education Workshops in India in 2018

J. Sengupta stated that she, S. Barman, L. Peltonen had discussed and generated the idea to hold physiology education workshops on innovative techniques and tools in medical schools across India at the 2017 Congress in Rio. The matter was also discussed with Robert Carroll, Chair of the IUPS Education Committee, and Tom Macknight of AD Instruments. The proposed three workshops would be held in Jodhpur, Calcutta, and Bangalore under the chairmanship of Dr. Debabrata Ghosh, Professor, Physiology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. She further stated that the Education Committee and ADI have both expressed their interest in helping in the conduct of the proposed workshops. J. Chan, President-IUPS, S. Wray-First Vice President-IUPS, R. Carroll, Chair-Education Committee-IUPS, S. Barman, Vice-Chair-BGA and L. Peltonen, Member-BGA have expressed their willingness to participate in these workshops in addition to the national team of experts in physiology medical education. L. Peltonen stated that the University of Helsinki also expressed interest in supporting the proposed workshops.

4. Proposed dates for BGA tele-meetings to be held in October through December 2017

S. Webster stated that in Rio, the general consensus was to hold BGA meetings at Noon UTC on the first Wednesday of the month. He asked if this was acceptable to the BGA going forward. L. Csernoch pointed out that the first Wednesday of November is All Saints Day this year, and L. Peltonen stated that the first Wednesday in December was the 100th anniversary of Finland's independence. S. Webster proposed that future BGA meetings be held on one of the first two Wednesdays starting in 2018. This would allow some measure of flexibility going forward. S. Webster shall send a list of the proposed dates for the next set of BGA tele meetings in November and December 2017 for their finalization.