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IUPS Board of the General Assembly Teleconference Meeting

Minutes

November 8, 2017

Present: J. Sengupta, S. Barman, N. Belova, C. Brown, L. Burakova, L. Csernoch, S. Elias, MF
Essop, S. Ferreira, S. Makaula, L. Peltonen, S. Webster
With regrets: A. Contreras, F. Formenti, CH Leem, Y. Wang, S. Wray

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of BGA Tele-Conference held on October 4, 2017

The minutes were confirmed, with the exception of adding in a “with regrets” line accounting for absent members. S. Webster will post the minutes once the change is made.

2. Welcome to new members of the BGA team

J. Sengupta welcomed the brand new members to the BGA. She also welcomed them on behalf of J. Chan and the ExCo. She noted that this meeting had the highest level of participation in BGA history, and hoped it would continue through the term.

3. BGA-IUPS-2017 Report Recommendations

L. Csernoch recommended that members of the BGA each give examples of outreach programs being carried out by their respective national societies. For example, he stated that the Hungarian Physiological Society was hosting a series of “Science Cafés” in public spaces such as book shops and libraries. MF Essop proposed that each member of the BGA send S. Webster brief write up of similar initiatives in their respective countries. S. Webster will then collate them into a single document. J. Sengupta stated that the combined document could be used to fill in any perceived “holes” in worldwide physiological outreach. C. Brown also noted that the document could be used to enable the IUPS to serve as a bridge between societies with similar programs.

4. Quincke Scholarship

Via email, A. Contreras provided the BGA with information regarding the Heinrich Quincke Research Scholarship to study in Cuba. Travel grants for participate are available. J. Sengupta stated that the Scholarship will take place during the summer, so the information should be released as soon as possible. S. Barman was asked to work with A. Contreras to write up a news item for the IUPS website.

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5. 2018 AAPS Education Workshop

MF Essop provided the BGA with the proposed program for the AAPS Education Workshop to take place on December 2-4, 2018 in Rwanda. He asked if IUPS would be able to support the meeting, even if only advertising and “moral” support. S. Webster stated that the Education Committee was providing funding for a number of meetings, and would double check with R. Carroll as to which ones. The BGA asked to review the proposal further before moving on, but expressed their appreciation of the renown of the invited speakers.

6. Proposed dates for BGA tele-meetings to be held in December 2017 and January 2018

S. Webster reported that all but a couple members of the BGA had completed the Doodle survey for meeting dates for December 2017 through June 2018. He will email those members who had not yet participated to do so. He stated that the voting was such that several months already had clear winners.

J. Sengupta suggested that S. Webster look into alternate meeting times for BGA meetings, to accommodate those staying up late at night.

7. Any other matter

The next meeting of the BGA will take place on December 13, 2017.