IUPS Board of the General Assembly
Teleconference Meeting
December 4, 2019

Minutes


With Regrets: C. Brown, L. Buravkova, L. Delbridge, A. Contreras, M. F. Essop, F. Formenti, C. H. Leem

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on November 13, 2019

The minutes were confirmed as written. J. Sengupta thanked S. Webster for posting the reports, pictures and video from the recent IUPS meetings held at the Pavlov Institute of Physiology, St. Petersburg, Russia and the Medical Teaching Workshop held at the SMIMS, Sikkim, India to the IUPS website in a user friendly manner.

2. Delegation of responsibilities for preparation of the IUPS-2021 Report

S. Barman detailed the tasks required to finish the BGA report in time for the IUPS-2021 Congress. These included formatting reports submitted by IUPS, compiling data received, preparing a timeline of the IUPS activities, and collating photographs collected. L. Csernoch volunteered to work on questionnaire data, and S. Elias would continue her work with the photographs for the report. J. Sengupta and S. Barman would send out a detailed list of tasks to BGA, and solicit volunteers. S. Barman stated that the report would be easier than in 2017, but still a big job.

3. Request to the IUPS ExCo regarding how to proceed towards Report Finalization and Printing

J. Sengupta reported she would be sending a letter to ExCo requesting guidance in how to proceed with publishing the completed BGA report. S. Barman stressed the need to have any arrangements agreed to in writing, to avoid any friction. L. Csernoch stated that many universities, including his own, had in-house publishing. He stated that it may be possible to go through that method, rather than relying on the largesse of a society. J. Sengupta stated this was worth looking into, and requested him to do so.
4. Any other matter

J. Sengupta announced the next activity in the series of IUPS Initiative workshops in India. The next one would be focused on research and titled, “ICMR Workshop on Integrative, Translational and Applied Physiology: IUPS Initiative (ITAP-2020)”. The workshop is tentatively scheduled to be held on October 16-19, 2020 in New Delhi, India. The first meeting of the local organizing committee was held on December 2, 2019. Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR and Prof. Julie Chan, President of IUPS will Co-Chair the Committee, with Prof. Debabrata Ghosh as the Organizing Secretary. The workshop is proposed to be a brainstorming meeting with young researchers from Medical Institutions, Universities, and Research Institutions in India, with eminent national and international experts in the field of physiological and allied sciences. Activities will include invited lectures, open discussions, and the generation of innovative ideas in integrative and applied physiology leading to translational medicine.