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## IUPS Executive Committee and Council Teleconference Meeting

*November 12, 2015*

**Present:** D. Noble, J. Chan, P. Hansen, W. Boron, J. Rettig, S. Semnanian, K. Spyer, S. Webster

**With Regrets:** P. Wagner, T. Brzozowski, P. Hunter, B. Machado, C. McMillen, K. Mikoshiba, P. Moody-Corbett, T. Wang, X. Wang

### 1. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

- a. S. Webster to resend society president contact information to D. Noble.
- b. S. Webster to invite K. Spyer to October 20 ExCo Meeting
- c. D. Noble to draft letter inviting SPS to hold their annual meeting at IUPS-2017.
- d. S. Webster to create and distribute document comparing v11 and v13 of the contract.
- e. W. Boron and S. Webster to compose letter detailing IUPS-2017 Contract for D. Noble to send to BGA.
- f. S. Webster to send previous ExCo and Council member lists.
- g. ExCo to consider “inactive” members of IUPS to serve on Nominating Committee.

D. Noble reported that the current plan is to have names for the Nominating Committee ready to submit to Council by early 2016. He reiterated that the long lead time was essential in making ensuring nominees would be able to fill their posts. He informed Council that the positions needing nominations were President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary-General, and approximately half of Council. P. Hansen pointed out that members of the Nominating Committee would be ineligible to be nominated themselves.

**Addendum:** The IUPS Constitution (Art V, Sec 8, Para c), states the BGA has “(t)he right to appoint half of the members (50%) of the Nominating Committee”... “The other half of the membership of the Nominating Committee is selected by the Executive Committee and Council.”

### 1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Sept 29)

The minutes were approved.

### 2. Discussion of Council Terms of Reference

D. Noble stated that the purpose for revising the Terms of Reference for Council was the current system is from before ExCo being so active. Under the “operations” section, it only states that Council

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should meet during Congresses. P. Hansen pointed out that in other organizations, Council is comprised of the chairs of committees. In IUPS's case, this would be the committee and commission chairs. D. Noble stated that this would ensure that all disciplines within physiology would be covered, in addition to making the Nominating Committee's job easier. W. Boron stated that this idea has been discussed informally for some time now. Ideally, he would like to see Council meet at least three times a year, rather than once every two years.

D. Noble asked K. Spyer if the BGA provided an adequate geographical representation. K. Spyer reported that the BGA was working on a Regional Organization model for IUPS, incorporating perhaps 5 regional chairs. He proposed that these Regional Chairs be a part of the new Council. D. Noble stated that council was already fifteen members, including ExCo. W. Boron asked how large Council could get before it became too unwieldy to function. D. Noble surmised that it would be rather difficult to achieve quorum if 10 members were required.

### **3. Discussion of Dues Revision Model**

K. Spyer gave an updated on the Dues Revision process. He stated that P. Wagner had done most of the hard work. Under the current algorithm, the major societies would be facing major increases in dues. One idea is to have a "flat fee", plus an amount proscribed by membership numbers. A concern of this method was that smaller societies would not be able to afford even the most nominal of fee. He stated that he and P. Wagner are making progress, but have difficulty in meeting via Skype.

### **4. Trading Post Update**

S. Webster reported on the IUPS Trading Post. He stated that a "bare bones" version is live on the site, and he is working with the IUPS Developer to refine it before it is released. He expects to have a working "beta" version available to Council by the end of the year.

### **5. Other/New Business**

D. Noble stated that the Membership Committee needed to be reactivated. The chair of the committee is S. Semnanian, with D. Noble as the only other member. D. Noble stated that there is some possibility for recruitment in different parts of the world, including the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea).

W. Boron has reported that the contract for the 2017 Congress has been officially signed. Nobel laureate May-Britt Moser has been officially invited to be a plenary speaker, but no response has been received. He and B. Machado are currently crafting the Call for Symposia.

D. Noble stated that the job now was to "get the world primed" for IUPS-2017. PhysSoc will be holding their annual meeting there, and the Scandinavian Physiological Society is considering the same. J. Chan stated that FAOPS will be meeting the coming week, and will be discussing support for IUPS-2017. W. Boron asked if FAOPS would be contributing funds directly, or individual societies would be. J. Chan answered that funds would come from societies. D. Noble offered a phone call to attendees of the FAOPS meeting to help rally support.