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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting September 13, 2016

Agenda

Present: D. Noble, J. Chan, P. Hansen, W. Boron, P. Wagner, S. Webster

1. Review of Minutes from Sao Paulo meeting

S. Webster did not finish the meeting minutes in time for ExCo to properly review them, so they will not be approved until the next meeting. P. Wagner pointed out two spelling errors and requested that all attendees be added to the “present” roll.

2. Sao Paulo follow up

J. Chan reported that she met with J. Sengupta and L. Csernoch from BGA while they were in Sao Paulo to go over the group’s activities. She stated that the questionnaire to go to national societies was almost ready for distribution. W. Boron also spoke with J. Sengupta and L. Csernoch about replacing members on the BGA. Informally, they discussed utilizing the Nominations Committee, along with Council.

P. Hansen was able to speak with T. Macknight from ADI while at the Lagos meeting. He agreed in principle with the proposal for separate checks to handle the keynote and workshop for this congress only.

P. Wagner reported that he and W. Boron had worked extensively on the template contract and codifying the process for selecting a host.

W. Boron gave an update on the ISPC. He met via Skype with B. Machado to review the excel spreadsheet with the selected symposia, and evaluate it with regards to gender, geography, and sub-discipline. He also announced that they had begun the process of replacing R. Tsien, who had passed away. He was to give the Fenn Lecture at IUPS-2017. ExCo expressed their condolences to his family.

D. Noble stated that he was very impressed with the “EB-like” joint meeting between SBFis and the other societies of FeSBE. He stated that it was obvious that SBFis was doing their best to work jointly with other societies to hold meetings.

3. AAPS Meeting

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D. Noble stated that he and P. Hansen were very impressed by the AAPS Congress in Lagos, Nigeria. He reported much enthusiasm from the young people attending the Congress.

P. Hansen reported that the IUPS Trading Post was well received. She suggested adding an additional category, "Academic Assistance", so that societies can donate or request speakers, curriculum, or any other professional services. She stated that an issue will be funding to have donated items (or people) sent to the requestors. She also requested that the "test" postings be removed from the site.

P. Hansen also reported on the Education Workshop, sponsored by ADI. The workshop was organized by R. Carroll, P. Hansen, T. Macknight, and four African representatives. During the workshop, approximately sixty participants worked in small groups to develop fifteen non-medical cases for teaching physiology.

P. Hansen stated that she and D. Noble spoke with the Secretary-General of the Sudanese society. He stated that due to political conditions, his society was unable to pay dues via wire transfer or check, only by giving hard currency by hand. G. Sieck, who was also in attendance at the AAPS Congress, suggested that larger societies, labs, or individuals, might "adopt" those societies in need to help pay their dues. It was suggested that BGA take up the idea for discussion. If a proposal is developed and approved, G. Sieck offered to present it to the ACDP meeting this Dec.

4. Charge for Symposia Task Force

D. Noble stated that ISPC meetings were always different from one another. He stated that for the St. Petersburg Congress in 1997, the ISPC started with a blank chalkboard, and no nominees. P. Wagner emphasized that the goal of the Task Force was not to take away power from the LOC contingent, but to set a basic rationale for balance. P. Wagner suggested that the Commission and Committee chairs should be in charge of creating these guidelines, as they had just worked on them. He created a draft Call for the Task Force to work from. W. Boron stated that the task force should create a template or outline, rather than try to regulate future congresses.

5. IUPS Nominations Committee

W. Boron reported on the meeting of the Nominations Committee. He stated that while the goal was to have ExCo decided, with some idea on Council, they had successfully drafted a complete slate of candidates. At this time, the task was to speak with the nominees to ask for their acceptance of the jobs.

ExCo thanked W. Boron and the Nominations Committee for their efforts.

6. Any new business

S. Webster reported that he had created social media pages for IUPS on Facebook and Twitter. He had not started posting to the pages yet, but will start to do so soon. He also stated that he was researching newsletter services to enable easier distribution of meeting minutes to a larger audience.

W. Boron asked about soliciting proposals for the 2025 Congress. D. Noble stated that it needed to start soon, within a couple months. W. Boron stated that an idea floated during the Nominations Committee meeting was for FEPS to sponsor the congress, with support from its member societies. P. Wagner stated that once the MoU was done, it could be used as a basis for proposals.

W. Boron also asked about arranging a satellite symposium in Rio. S. Webster stated that CH Leem, from Korea, was mentioned in Sao Paulo for possible leadership in organizing. W. Boron was directed to arrange a meeting with D. Noble and P. Hunter to discuss the matter.

P. Wagner asked about the status of the Manager position after the 2017 Congress, especially with regard to location and oversight. P. Wagner stated there were three options: the current method, with the

Manager physically attached to the Secretary-General; the previous method, where the manager is separate geographically; or hiring a professional non-profit management company to run the union. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Action Items

1. S. Webster to remove test postings and add “Academic Assistance” to IUPS Trading Post.
2. BGA to discuss “Dues Adoption” idea
3. ExCo to look at Task Force document, and provide feedback to P. Wagner
4. S. Webster to arrange for W. Boron, D. Noble, and P. Hunter to discuss a Physiome satellite meeting.