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Minutes of a Meeting of the IUPESM General Assembly

ICM, International Congress Centre, Munich, Germany

10 September 2009

71 Officers and delegates attended the meeting.

1. President's Welcome

Prof Nagel welcomed everyone to the meeting and submitted the Agenda for the meeting for approval, which was accepted.

2. Presentation by Prof Dov Jaron, Members of the ICSU Executive Board

Prof Nagel introduced Prof Jaron and congratulated him on his election to the ICSU Executive Board.

Prof Jaron gave a presentation highlighting the work of ICSU and its relationships with various other world bodies.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting in Seoul 2006

Prof Nagel reminded delegates that the minutes of the meeting in Seoul in 2006 had been published on the website for some considerable time and no amendments had been received. He sought confirmation of the minutes which was given by a show of hands.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not on the Agenda.

5 President's Report

Prof Nagel gave a presentation on his activities during his term as President. This included reference to the administrative activities and relationships with other organisations, particularly ICSU and WHO. He reported that the Union is in excellent shape and through strong growth of activities more visible to other bodies. He wished the Union well for the future.

The President's report was approved.

6. Report of the Nominations Committee

Prof Orton reported on the nominations for officers and appointed members of the Administrative Council which had been endorsed by the Administrative Council. The recommendations of the committee were approved by acclamation. It was noted that there were three nominations for the two IOMP places to serve as elected members of the Administrative Council, and that a vote would

need to be taken. Following the ballot it was announced that Dr Thomas Kron and Dr Yimin Hu had been elected as Administrative Council Members.

7. Report by the Secretary General

Dr Terio referred to his previously circulated report describing the work undertaken during the last three years. He commented on the transfer of the Treasurer's role to Dr Peter Smith in 2007, and also on the various virtual meetings which had been arranged.

Dr Terio reported that most of his work during the last term had been connected to ICSU activities. He advised Council that although website maintenance is not currently a burden it does require development to make it sustainable in the long term.

Delegates approved the Secretary General's report.

8. Treasurer's Report

Dr Smith referred to the 2008 Accounts previously circulated which showed a small surplus of €3,499 for the year, and cash reserves of €54,597. He reported that the 2009 Budget had been approved, and that current reserves were adequate. He reminded Council that the 2010 subscription of €10,000 had been previously approved.

Finally he reported that Policies and Procedures had been produced and agreed for various financial procedures.

Dr Smith expressed his thanks to Ian Wolstencroft for his work in maintaining the financial records and preparing the Annual Accounts, and wished DR Tabakov well as the new Treasurer

The Treasurer's report and accounts were accepted.

9 Report of the Congress Coordinating Committee

Prof Allen commented on the arrangements for the 2009 world Congress and reported that indications were now that the event should make a small surplus.

He also reported that the contract for the 2012 World Congress would be signed at the Munich event and included more detail regarding coordination between the organisers and IUPESM.

10. Awards Committee

Prof Orton reported that presentations had been made at the opening ceremony to Dr Gary Fullerton and Prof William Bonfield.

11. ICSU Liaison

Prof Jaron reported on his involvement with the ICSU project on Science in Health and Wellbeing, which is looking at a systems approach to the subject.

12. Regional development Committee

Dr Christofides reported that following a request from the Administrative Council he will be developing Terms of Reference for this committee. He also referred to the progress made by the IOMP Professional Committee which he had included in his circulated report.

13. Education and Training Committee

Dr Tabakov referred to his previously circulated report, which included reference to three major educational projects over the last three years, EMITEL, BIOMEDEA and EVICAB.

He also reported on training events held since the last World Congress and gave details of the sessions organised at the 2009 World Congress.

The committee's report was approved

14. HTTG

Prof Allen gave a verbal report on the developments under this initiative since 2006, which included three initiatives in the Asian/Pacific region. He also referred to discussions on this topic with the WHO.

15. Induction of New president

Prof Nagel thanked the officers and Administrative Council of the last three years and presented plaques of appreciation to Prof Barry Allen, Dr Heikki Terio and Dr Peter Smith. He also thanked Dr Caridad Boras and Dr Joe Barbenel who were retiring from the Administrative Council.

Prof Nagel formally passed the Presidency to Prof Barry Allen., who presented an appreciation plaque to the retiring President and thanked him for his work for IUPESM over the last three years.

The President then introduced the Officers and Administrative Council members for the next three years, who were greeted with acclamation:

Officers:

Vice-President
Past-President
Secretary General
Treasurer

Prof. Makoto Kikuchi
Prof. Joachim Nagel
Dr. Heikki Terio
Dr. Slavik Tabakov

Automatic Members:

IFMBE President
IOMP President
IFMBE Vice-President
IOMP Vice-President
IFMBE Secretary-General
IOMP Secretary General

Prof. Herbert F. Voigt
Prof. Dr. Fridtjof Nüsslin
Prof. Ratko Magjarevic
Dr Kin Yin Cheung
Dr James Goh
Dr Madan Rehani

Elected Members:

IOMP
IFMBE
IOMP
IFMBE

Dr Thomas Kron
Prof Shankar M. Krishnan
Prof. Yimin Hu
Prof. Antonio Fernando Catelli Infantosi

16. World Congress 2015

The President announced that the ballot for holding the 2015 World Congress had been won by Toronto, Canada, this was received with acclamation. The representatives from the Canadian organisations thanked the delegates for their support.

17. Any Other Business

17.1 Description of World Congress

Dr Andre Linnenbank enquired whether the World Congress name should alternate between “Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering World Congress” and “Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics World Congress”. A considerable discussion ensued encapsulating views for and against the suggestion. Dr Joe Barbenel proposed and Prof Herb Voigt seconded that the name of the World Congress should alternate between “Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering World Congress” and “Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics World Congress”, on a show of hands the proposal was defeated.

A second proposal suggesting that the logos of the two organisations should swap places on documentation every three years was also rejected.

17.2 Financial Support for ICSU Activities

Prof Voigt outlined the difficulties encountered in arranging financial support for Prof Jaron to attend the ICSU Executive Board meetings. He proposed that in future fixed proportions for the financing of Prof Jaron’s expenses be adopted consisting of 45% each for IFMBE and IOMP and 10% for IUPESM. Following discussion, which acknowledged the need for the three organisations to support Prof Jaron, the proposal for formal fixed proportions was rejected.

17.3 Potential World Congress Bidders.

Dr James Goh expressed concern that bids had been received for the organisation of the World Congress from entities who are not members of either IFMBE or IOMP. Prof Allen assured Dr Goh that the procedures for the 2018 World Congress bids are to be reviewed and his comment would be addressed.

The President closed the meeting at 17.00.

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