

International Union of Pure and Applied Physics

Meeting of Executive Council

Rio de Janeiro, 6 October 2007

Present

Alan Astbury (President), Sukekatsu Ushioda (President Designate), Judy Franz (Secretary General), Peter Melville (Associate Secretary General); Vice-Presidents at large: Carmen Cisernos, Chen Jia-Er, Bruce McKellar; Vice-President/Commission Chairs: Pavel Exner, Pratibha Jolly, Leslie Pendrill, Annick Suzor-Weiner.

Accounts and budget

The audited accounts for 2006 were approved. The proposed budget for 2008 was approved with the following changes:

- The expenditure on conference grants is increased from \$175k to \$201k and the expenditure on travel grants for conferences is decreased from \$78k to \$40k, giving a nett decrease of \$12k (see sponsorship of conferences below).
- The expenditure for Commissions is increased from \$25k to \$30k to allow each Commission \$6k per 3-year period.
- The expenditure on working groups is increased by \$10k with a further \$10k for C14's workshop on Physware, giving a total amount of \$60k instead of \$40k.
- The expenditure on workshops in developing countries is reduced from \$30k to \$25k (see sponsorship of conferences below) so that the total for developing country projects is \$30k. This gives a nett increase of \$18k, bring the total expenditure to \$558,200.

When the IUPAP secretariat moves to the Institute of Physics in 2008, it is likely that the finances will be in Euros rather than Dollars from 2009 on (unless there is a UK requirement that it be in Pounds).

Sponsorship of conferences

It was agreed that in 2008:

- five category A conferences be sponsored with a conference grant of \$15k each and travel grants of \$8k each, and a further one be endorsed (i.e. approval but no money);
 - 14 category B conferences be sponsored with a conference grant of \$9k each, which the organizers would be asked to use primarily for travel for people from developing countries, and a further one be endorsed;
- four category C conferences be endorsed and that no money be made available for travel grants;
- three of the new type category D conferences be sponsored, one at \$15k and two at \$5k each.

In addition early approval was recommended for two category A conferences in 2009 and one in 2010. Early approval had been sought for a category B conference for 2009, but it was decided that this should be considered next year.

The grants this year are higher than in previous years because of the low number of category A conferences. The grants are likely to be lower in following years.

Dues

It was agreed that the General Assembly be recommended not to increase the membership fees.

Members

It was agreed that Argentina be excused the fees for 2004 and 2005 provided it paid for 2007 and 2008 before the 2008 General Assembly. The 2007 dues have been received.

Columbia, Singapore, Algeria and Costa Rica were accepted for membership for membership under the type B criteria and the Philippines and Ethiopia under type C.

Number of members per Commission

It was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that the number of members per Commission be increased from 13 to 14.

Young Scientist Prizes

Proposals for Young Scientist Prizes from C2, C5, and C10 were accepted, provided adjustments were made to the wording, where necessary, for the name for the prize, the age restrictions and the value of the prize, \$1000.

Workshops in developing countries

It was agreed that the new category D conferences be included. Peter Melville will propose words for the policies on sponsorship. Judy Franz will write to the type B members regarding proposals for workshops for which they can bid. The rules for these will be worked up over the following year.

Conference fees

It was agreed that the maximum allowable registration fee for conferences sponsored by IUPAP should be €450 for conferences in 2008 and 2009. In exceptional circumstances this may be extended to €500 where this includes food and a discounted rate is available for people from developing countries and for students.

Statements for the General Assembly to approve

Pratibha Jolly (lead), Leslie Pendrill, Uli Nienhaus and Bruce McKellar will prepare a statement on hands-on science. Judy Franz (lead), Pavel Exner and Annick Suzor-Weiner will prepare a statement on freedom of movement of scientists.

IUPAP representation on AC2

Judy Franz had received a request from AC2 for approval of two IUPAP representatives on the Commission. These were approved.

Physics in small communities

It was agreed that this should be a topic for discussion at the General Assembly. Judy Franz will make proposals on who should speak.

IUPAC

The Guidelines for the Joint IUPAC/IUPAP Working Group were approved.