

# **International Union of Pure and Applied Physics Meeting of Executive Council Tsukuba, Japan, 14 October 2008**

## **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: Dan Dahlberg, Pavel Exner, Pratibha Jolly, Leslie Pendrill, Annick Suzor-Weiner.

## **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting in Rio de Janeiro on 6 October 2007 were approved.

## **Transfer of secretariat to IOP**

The transfer of the secretariat from the American Physical Society in USA to the Institute of Physics (IOP) in the UK was approved, along with the duty to set up accounts there, to continue IUPAP as a tax-exempt body. Approval was given for all legal and financial steps that are required to achieve this.

## **Audited report for 2007**

This was approved.

## **Transfer of funds to new secretariat**

The transfer of IUPAP funds to new accounts set up for IUPAP by the new secretariat run by IOP was approved.

## **Slates for the Commissions and the Executive Council**

These slates as agreed in the meeting with Commission Chairs were agreed for submission to the General Assembly for approval.

## **Past Secretary General**

It was agreed that Judy Franz attend meetings of the Council and Chairs of Commissions during 2009 to enable continuity.

## **Sponsorship of Conferences**

For 2009:

- 9 category A conferences were approved for sponsorship each with a grant of 12k EUR and an additional grant of 3.5k EUR for travel for people from developing countries;
- 9 category B conferences were approved for sponsorship each with a grant of 6k EUR, but with no travel grant;
- 1 category B conference, regional in nature, was awarded a travel grant of 3.5k EUR, but no other grant;
- 1 category B workshop organized by the ICO was endorsed, but with no grant awarded;
- 1 category C conference was endorsed with no grant (as is normal for category C);
- 4 category D workshops were approved: one winning the contest for a regional workshop with a grant of 11k EUR (~15k USD), one with a grant of 7.5k EUR (~10k USD), one with a grant of 3.5k EUR (~5k USD) and a further workshop was given a travel grant of 3.5k EUR.

For 2010:

- 2 category A conferences were given preapproval, with the amount of the grants to be determined at the October 2009 Council meeting;

- one further category A conference was given preapproval, but in this case there will be no grant for the conference apart from a travel grant.

For 2011:

- one conference was given pre-approval, with the amount of the grant to be determined at the 210 Council meeting.

### **Operating budget for 2009**

This was approved and is appended. This is currently in USD but will need to be translated into EUR on transfer to the secretariat at IOP.

### **Young Scientist Prize**

The increase of the award to 1000 EUR was approved. The C14 proposal for a Young Scientist Prize was approved subject to a few changes.

### **Report on the discovery on element 112**

This was approved subject to sight of the final version.

### **Working Groups**

With the exception of the Nanoscience Working Group, extension of all working groups for another three years was approved. However, the Nanoscience Working Group is to be ended. As part of the notification of this all Working Groups will be told that any statements they wish to make will have to be approved by the President.

### **Inter-union representatives**

Representation as discussed with the Chair of Commissions was approved.

### **C14 book**

It was agreed that C14 have 6k USD from the 2008 budget for printing and distribution of the book 'Connecting Research in Physics Education with Teacher Education – Volume 2'