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IUPESM Administrative Committee

Ref: Awards Committee

Dear Colleagues,

At the latest IUPESM AC meeting, the Awards Committee got the task to review the Bylaws of the Awards Committee (<http://iupesm.ifmbe.org/committees/219-2/>) and to propose changes, in case they find it necessary. Following the decision to be made at the AC meeting, the Awards Committee shall prepare the Call for IUPESM Awards of Merit for 2018.

There are three main issues for discussion that appeared at the latest IUPESM AC meetings:

- 1) The Bylaws say: Nominations for the Award are submitted by IUPESM, IFMBE or IOMP. In practice, for a number of years, the IUPESM Awards Committee received one nomination from IFMBE and one nomination from the IOMP, so that the IUPESM Awards Committee did not have much to do – the nominations were always for distinguished colleagues from the fields, so the IUPESM Committee (only) confirmed the decisions of IFMBE and IOMP. The question was raised what is then the power of the IUPESM Awards Committee and whether that should be changed.
- 2) Timing of the IUPESM Award of Merit nomination and announcement of the name of the Awardees: From the Bylaws, the nomination procedure starts at least 12 months before the World Congress (WC), the decision should be made not later than 6 months before the WC and Award winners should be notified not later than 4 months before the WC. The proposal of the Committee Chair is to start the nomination procedure immediately after the New Year 2017 to enable the WC 2018 Organizers more time for promotion of their addresses (talks) within the WC2018 Program. (Since WC 2012, the Awardees are asked to give a speech at the WC, and IUPESM, IFMBE and IOMP agreed that their presentations should be included as Plenaries or Keynotes into the program.)
- 3) Should any restrictions apply to nominations? For the latest nominations for the IUPESM Award of Merit, there was a nomination of an acting IUPESM Officers for the Award. Good Practice in IFMBE does not allow such a nomination (considered a conflict of interest). The debate is on whether:
 - a. IUPESM should have any position in this matter,
 - b. If yes, should it be considered only as Good Practice or
 - c. Should it be included into the Awards Committee Bylaws?

The Awards Committee debate was initiated by an e-mail from the Committee Chair. At the time of writing this report, the debate is ongoing. For the IUPESM AC meeting on 11 Dec 2016, it is expected to finish the discussion within the Committee and to have proposal either to leave the Awards Committee Bylaws as is, or a motion for changes in the Bylaws and/or Good Practice of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted



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