Present: Orhan Altan, John Ball, David Black, Maria Carla Galavotti, Dov Jaron, Yuan Tseh Lee, Malegapuru W. Makgoba, Nicole Moreau, Hans Rudolf Ott, Sergio Pastrana, Kennedy Reed, Guoxiong Wu and Steven Wilson (ex officio)

Apologies for absence: Luiz Davidovich and Gordon McBean

Invited
(Items 1-7): Richard Glover, Nordin Hasan, Hong Kum Lee, Manuel Limonta, Edith Madela-Mntla and José Luis Morán

Secretariat: Tish Bahmani Fard and Howard Moore

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

Richard Meylan of the Royal Society of New Zealand welcomed the Executive Board to Auckland. With the exception of Gordon McBean and Luiz Davidovich from whom apologies for absence had been received, all Members of the Board were present. The Chairs of the Regional Committees and the Directors of the Regional Offices were also in attendance.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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3. Decisions of 111th Meeting of Executive Board and Matters Arising (not treated elsewhere)

Yuan Tseh Lee

The Decisions of the 111th meeting of the Board were approved by Members and have been posted on the ICSU website. There are no matters arising which are not dealt with elsewhere.

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4. Brief Updates by Regional Chairs and Directors

The Regional Chairs and Directors gave brief updates on their activities.

**Decision**
To NOTE the activities of the Regional Offices.

5. External Review Report

This Board discussed the final version of the External Review Report and the best approach to take with regard to this at the General Assembly.

**Decision**
To REAFFIRM the Board’s agreement with the proposed decision on the External Review at the General Assembly and to AGREE how to facilitate discussion at the GA.

6. Rule of Procedure 7.2 concerning Union slates of candidates for EB

The Nominating Committee had expressed concern at the fact that only one nomination had been received from the GeoUnions cluster and the President had referred this matter to the Executive Board. The Board discussed the matter at length and deliberated on the best way to handle this at the GA, given the general agreement that the issue needed to be addressed, and a solution found, rapidly.

**Decision**
To AGREE that the matter be referred to the Unions’ forum for discussion; and to RECOMMEND that this matter be included with other issues arising from the External Review Report for consideration after the GA.

7. 31st General Assembly

7.1 General Assembly Decisions

The Board made a final review of the proposed GA decisions and agreed on a coordinated approach at the GA.

7.2 Appointment of Resolutions Committee and Tellers

At its last webinar the Board had agreed to propose to the General Assembly that the following persons be invited to serve on the Resolutions Committee and as Tellers. All had been contacted and were willing to serve if chosen by the Assembly.

Resolutions Committee (4 people)

M. Durovic – Montenegro (Chair)
M.-L. Chanin – France
S. Cooper – IUPsyS (South Africa)
M. Walsh – IUBMB (Canada)
Tellers (3 people):

S. Ayonghe – Cameroon
T. Beer – IUGG (Australia)
S. Nortcliff – IUSS

7.3 Voting at GA

The Board noted that the explanation on voting was given in the Introductory Notes to GA, doc 31GA/1.2.

7.4 Assignment of responsibilities to Officers

The Officers reaffirmed their agreement of the assignments for each of them during the Assembly.

7.5 Media/press

A brief update on media and press activities was made.

The Board discussed how to handle press presence at the GA should any of the journalists wish to attend the plenary sessions.

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<td><strong>to ASK</strong> the Assembly if there was any opposition to possible media participation; and</td>
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<td><strong>to AGREE</strong> on the best approach to possible media attendance at the plenary sessions.</td>
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8. Proosals for 2016 National Member dues

Concern had been expressed concerning the significant increases facing some Members with the revised dues for 2016 and the President had proposed certain measures to reduce the effects of this.

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<td><strong>To AGREE</strong> that if the proposed changes to the dues were not accepted by the Assembly, the Board would <strong>RECOMMEND</strong> that the present dues system should remain in force.</td>
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9. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting at 14:30.