

Applied Radioactivity of ICSU, the International Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) of ICSU, and the International Council of Laboratory Animals (ICLA). IUPS also has a joint committee with the Biophysics Union and is appointing a Commission on Nomenclature to point out areas where some international agreement on nomenclature would be helpful and a Commission on Physiological Anthropometry under the chairmanship of Prof. J. W. Weiner, of Oxford, to implement IUPS participation in the IBP (International Biological Project).

Perhaps the most important of all the functions of IUPS is the improvement of communications between physiologists of different countries and every international committee or effort contributes to this valuable objective. IUPS now includes members from 37 different countries and it is no small task for a Secretary to keep track of so many people and activities. All the officers and committee members, however, share the responsibility for making IUPS an important agency for the advancement of physiology throughout the world. IUPS has certainly great potentialities for this purpose but they are not yet being thoroughly exploited. The chief need is for more initiative, ideas and collaboration from individual physiologists from different countries. There are no paid officers of IUPS and the activities are voluntary.



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The 16th annual Conference on Engineering in Medicine and Biology will be held in Baltimore, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, November 18-20, 1963. The Conference is sponsored jointly by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Instrument Society of America. Four simultaneous tutorial courses, each having an hour on each of the three days, are planned. Subjects of these courses are Signal Theory, Analog-to-Digital Conversion, Muscle Physiology, and Receptor Physiology. Technical and commercial exhibits are planned. Further information can be obtained from George N. Webb, Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore.