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**To:** Adhering Bodies of the IUBMB

**Subject:** Call for nominations to the IUBMB Executive Committee – **deadline February 28, 2015**

Dear Colleagues,

Since the Call for Nominations to fill vacancies on the IUBMB Executive Committee was sent out on October 1, 2014, the elected Member for Education, Paulo Beirão, has resigned due to increasing time commitments to the Brazilian Research Council. This led to discussions within the Executive Committee and the decision to realign the duties previously assigned to the Member for Education, the Member for Symposia and the Member for Conferences and Congresses. It was decided that the duties under these three portfolios will be redistributed under two new portfolios, namely Member for Education and Training and Member for Congresses and Focused Meetings. The Member for Education and Training will be responsible for Educational Programs (including Advanced Schools) and Training Programs (Wood-Whelan Fellowships and Mid-Career Fellowships). The Member for Congresses and Focused Meetings will be responsible for the triennial Congress and annual Focused Meetings that will replace Symposia and Conferences starting in 2017.

This modified Call for Nominations is, therefore, as follows:

Nominations are requested to fill the following vacancies on the Executive Committee:

- 1) **President-Elect**;
- 2) **General Secretary** (the present General Secretary, Michael P. Walsh from Canada, will have served for 6 years and will seek re-election to this position for another 3-year term);
- 3) **Member for Education and Training**;
- 4) **Member for Congresses and Focused Meetings** (the present Member for Congresses and Conferences, Stathis Gonos from Greece, will have served for 6 years and will seek re-election to this position for another 3-year term).

#### **Executive Committee**

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Please note that a priority for IUBMB is to increase the participation of female scientists and under-represented minorities on the Executive Committee and to ensure balanced geographical representation.

Each nomination by an Adhering Body should be made separately for each candidate and should be accompanied by a two-page CV (only 2 pages) and by a signed statement from the nominee indicating her/his acceptance of the nomination, so as to reach the General Secretary via electronic submission by February 28, 2015. The General Secretary will forward all nominations to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee may also propose additional candidates for the Executive Committee, and the General Secretary will circulate their names to the Delegates and to the Contact Persons of all Adhering Bodies by May 28, 2015.

In addition to nominations received from the Nominating Committee, the General Assembly can also receive nominations from any 3 Adhering Bodies acting jointly. These nominations should be: (i) made separately for each candidate; (ii) signed by at least 3 Adhering Bodies; (iii) accompanied by a signed statement from the nominee indicating acceptance of her/his nomination; and (iv) reach the General Secretary electronically by July 31, 2015. The Executive Committee looks forward to receiving your nominations so that the Nominating Committee will be able to select the best candidates for election from a diverse group of nominees. Voting will then take place at the IUBMB General Assembly in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil on Friday, August 28, 2015. Thank you for your attention to this very important process.

Yours sincerely,

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