February 18, 2015

To: Adhering Bodies of the IUBMB

Subject: Call for nominations to the IUBMB Nominating Committee – deadline May 28, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I invite all Adhering Bodies of the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology to submit nominations for membership of the Nominating Committee (to be elected at the General Assembly in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil on Friday, August 28, 2015). Each nomination, which must be supported by at least two Adhering Bodies, should be accompanied by a signed statement from the nominee indicating acceptance of their nomination, and should reach me by May 28, 2015.

For your information, the Statutes relating to the Nominating Committee are reproduced below.

6.2. Candidates for election as officers or as other members of the Executive Committee shall be chosen by a Nominating Committee.
6.3. The members of the Nominating Committee are to be elected at an Ordinary General Assembly according to the procedures prescribed in Statutes 6.4-6.6.
6.4. In the matter of the election of a Nominating Committee, an Ordinary General Assembly shall be eligible to receive nominations from the Executive Committee and from the Adhering Bodies. Each nomination from the Adhering Bodies shall be supported by at least two Adhering Bodies. Six months before the date of an Ordinary General Assembly, the General Secretary shall send a written invitation to the Adhering Bodies to submit nominations for membership of the Nominating Committee. Every nomination shall be accompanied by a signed statement from the nominee indicating acceptance of such nomination, so as to reach the General Secretary at least three months before the date of the Ordinary General Assembly.
6.5. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, one other member of the Executive Committee who will remain on the Executive Committee in the new triennium (usually the President Elect or General Secretary) and five other members elected by the delegates to the Ordinary General Assembly from among the persons nominated by the Adhering Bodies. In preparation for this election, the Executive Committee shall draw up a list of nominations, consisting of all those nominated by the Adhering Bodies in accordance with Statute 6.4 together with additional nominations that the Executive Committee may wish to make. The General Secretary shall send a list of nominations to the Adhering Bodies two months before the date of the Ordinary General Assembly.

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before the Ordinary General Assembly, in which eight members whose names appear on the list of nominations shall be elected by ballot. The person so elected who obtains the most votes shall act as the Chair of the Nominating Committee and the three persons who receive the lowest number of votes will act as alternate members of the Nominating Committee, prioritized according to the number of votes received. Before the election, the Executive Committee shall make known to the delegates its recommendations concerning those to be elected, having due regard to Statute 6.6. No member of the Nominating Committee may be a candidate for the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall take office at the end of the Ordinary General Assembly at which it was elected. A new Committee shall be elected at each Ordinary General Assembly. Individual members of the previous Committee may be re-elected for a second term of service provided that no more than three members are so elected.

6.6. In the election of members of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee and Ordinary General Assembly shall pay regard to the desirability of equitable representation of Adhering Bodies within the membership of the Nominating Committee as a whole.

I look forward to receiving your nominations to ensure that the Nominating Committee for the 2015 Executive Committee elections will be truly representative of the Union. Thank you for your attention to this very important process.

Yours sincerely,

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