

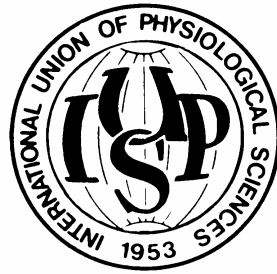
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## Press release

The Nominating Committee of the International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS – [www.iups.org](http://www.iups.org)) is pleased to announce that it will be recommending, to the General Assembly of the Union, the election of Professor Denis Noble CBE FRS of Oxford University as the next President of IUPS. The General Assembly will be convened at the 36<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Physiological Sciences in Kyoto, Japan in July 2009. The Presidency will be held from the Kyoto Congress through to the following World Congress in the UK planned for 2013.

Denis Noble served as Secretary General of IUPS from 1994 to 2001 and more recently chaired the Union's Long Range Planning Committee, whose Report<sup>1</sup> has been approved by Council and will be presented to the General Assembly in Kyoto next year. This Report can be interpreted as Denis Noble's manifesto for IUPS.

As the Report says in its Executive Summary: "This is a critical period of transition for the physiological sciences and for IUPS. There is a new academic challenge, represented by the rapid rise in popularity of what has become called Systems Biology. And there will soon be major changes in organisation and administration of IUPS. This is therefore a good time to reassess priorities and organisation."

Council has already acted and charted the way for many of the recommendations of the Report to be implemented. Professor Noble has noted that he would hope as President to ensure sensitive and consensual implementation of the Report as a whole. He strongly believes that the pendulum of scientific fashion is swinging back towards the integrative physiological sciences, and that we need to ensure effective responses to this challenge, for the benefit of our own science and for that of the many other disciplines (many from the physical as well as the biological sciences) that are involved. As someone who has always straddled the worlds of experimental physiology, mathematics and computing, as well as the philosophical foundations of biological science, the Nominating Committee felt that Denis Noble has unrivalled experience to chart IUPS through the next four years. The complete slate of Officers and Council members proposed for election at the General Assembly in Kyoto next year will be available in the December 2009 issue of the journal *PHYSIOLOGY*, which is published jointly by IUPS and the American Physiological Society.

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IUPS Secretary General  
Chair of the IUPS Nominating Committee  
November 2008.

**Note to Editors:** Professor Noble can be contacted via [denis.noble@dpag.ox.ac.uk](mailto:denis.noble@dpag.ox.ac.uk) and some of his relevant recent work and video recordings of his lectures can be accessed through [www.musicoflife.co.uk](http://www.musicoflife.co.uk)

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.iups.org/Sections/Communications/FinalLRPCReport.pdf>