

## Proposal to establish the position of Deputy Secretary General

In our two previous locations, and now in Singapore, the Secretary General has been a senior executive of the host institution, and the pressure of their main job has not given them much time to oversee the running of the office. For this reason I recommend that we establish the position of Deputy Secretary General, bringing another person in the host institution into close contact with IUPAP who can assist with the supervision of the office and with the running of IUPAP. The Deputy Secretary General will also deputise for the Secretary General when the occasion demands. It is understood that the host institution will use its own resources to ensure that the existence of this additional position does not involve IUPAP in additional costs.

In the last few months Leong Chuan Kwek has played this role very effectively, and I recommend that he be invited to fill this new position.

Of course establishing such a position as an officer of IUPAP is the prerogative of the General Assembly. The present proposal to create the position is on a trial basis. The Executive Council should review the trial and decide whether to make proposals to the 29th General Assembly to formalise these arrangements.