The Council of the IRPS met in full on August 10th, 2019 to accomplish the following in the name and in the interests of the Society’s membership.

1. Professor Ruud Buijs was elected as the Chair of the upcoming RegPep World Conference, the 23rd International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides, RegPep2020, and is therefore the President-elect of the IRPS.

2. The Council has invested in the Co-Presidents and President-elect the power to take all necessary legal and administrative actions to establish that the IRPS as the sole legal possessor of the name of the International Regulatory Peptide Society (IRPS) and its historical legacy.

3. The Council of the IRPS formally announces the dates and location of RegPep2020 as Acapulco Diamante, Mexico September 19-23, 2020 and invites all scientists, clinicians and students interested in regulatory peptide’s actions in systems biology to register as members of the IRPS (see the Statutes of IRPS for categories), which entitles submission of symposium proposals, nominations for plenary lectureship and prize lectureships and travel awards for RegPep2020, and participation in all aspects of the Society, including self-nomination for the IRPS Council and executive body members, and for organization of future RegPep.

4. The Council approved 25 candidates for Distinguished Membership in the IRPS, and a short bibliography and photograph of those who have confirmed their acceptance appears on http://www.regpep.org/international-regulatory-peptide-society/membership/distinguished-members/website

5. The Council meeting had extensively discussed the bylaws of the IRPS which will be submitted for approval in the next IRPS General Assembly.