

# IUPAP rejuvenation.

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The group was divided into three sub-groups that looked at different sets of issues. Each subgroup had its own meetings, and then there were meetings of the group as a whole, particularly, at the end of the process to produce the final report.

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