Minutes of the Selection Committee "IOCB Postdoctoral Project and Sabbatical Program" 19.10.2015

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Point 1) General matters

1.) The committee decided to ask all future grantees for a final report summarizing the results obtained during their IOCB postdoctoral fellowships. This is excellent justification of granting the fellowship. The report should consist of copies of published papers, or if no paper was yet published to submit a short one-page report on the progress during the fellowship period.

The following statement must be amended to the text at the web pages of the IOCB fellowship stating:

"Grantees of the IOCB fellowship are asked to submit within one month after the end of the fellowship a final report to the committee (fellowship@uochb.cas.cz) consisting of either copies of their published papers during the fellowship or, if papers haven't been published during the period of the fellowship, an approximately one-page long report of the results.

The committee appreciated Dr. N. Johnson's final report summarizing his results during the fellowship.

2.) The committee decided to further specify the rule for consideration of candidates by replacing the paragraph

"Applicants are expected to hold a Ph.D. degree from a reputable foreign university based on competitive research that is documented in several original publications in respected journals of the fields."

by

"The committee considers applications by strong candidates, who did their undergraduate and graduate studies at reputable foreign institutions, based on competitive research that is documented in several original publications in respected journals of the fields."

3.) Based on the submitted projects, the committee urges the preparation of the projects solely by the applicants. Therefore, the following text at the web pages must be replaced

"Based on this agreement, the applicant prepares a competitive project and submits **the complete application package...**"

by

"Based on this agreement, the project should be consulted with the supervisor, but it is expected to be prepared solely by the applicant. The applicant subsequently submits **the complete application package...**"

4.) The committee decided to create a database of grantees of the IOCB Postdoctoral fellowships starting from this selection period.

Point 2) Selection

The committee received ten applications for IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships and four applications for the extension of current IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships.

1.) The committee decided to grant IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships to:

O. Kucherak in Y. Yushchenko's group,

A. Morlé in K. Stříšovský's group,

D. Vasu in P. Beier's group,

E. Duboué-Dijon in P. Jungwirth's group*,

K. Perumal in J. Michl's group.

* As in previous meetings of the committee, if a vote was about an applicant to a group of a committee member, this member did not participate in the discussion and abstained from the vote.

2.) The committee decided not to fund the following applications:

M. Mondal in V. Sychrovský's group

The profile and the publication record was found to be less strong than those of the candidates, who were granted the fellowhip.

M. H. Zuberi in M. Krečmerová's group

The profile and the publication record was found to be less strong than those of the candidates, who were granted the fellowhip.

Z. Majerčíková in L. Maletínská's group

The profile and the publication record was found to be less strong than those of the candidates, who were granted the fellowhip.

K. Čermáková in V. Veverka's group

The commission found the application strong, but in the spirit of the IOCB postdoctoral projects candidates are seeked, who have previously not worked at IOCB.

3.) The committee did not consider one incomplete application, in which the IOCB host and a project proposal were missing.

4.) The committee decided to extend the IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowship by one year to:

- D. C. Mikles in K. Stříšovský's group,
- Y. Rzhepetskyy in N. Weiss' group,
- A. Magarkar in P. Jungwirth's group*,
- **D. Bonhenry** in P. Jungwirth's group*.

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