

Minutes of the Selection Committee
“IOCB Postdoctoral Project and Sabbatical Program”
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Point 1) General matters

- 1.) The committee asks the IOCB secretariat for a better organization of the collection and distribution of the application packages for evaluation.
- 2.) Since potential applicants apparently have difficulties to follow the rules for application resulting in a comparably large number of invalid applications, the web page of the IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships must be improved. The proposal to be published on the IOCB website is presented in the Annex.
- 3.) Letters of Recommendation must be sent separately by e-mail to Dr. Iva Pichová or by regular mail to UOCHB.
- 4.) It is proposed that the group leader submits the final package to the selection committee.

Point 2) Selection

The committee received twenty four applications for IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships and one application for extension of current IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships.

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

S. Rebolledo Antunez in N. Weiss' group,

V. V. Shvadchak in Y. Yushchenko's group,

J. A. Redondo Marin in E. Curtis' group,

G. Pramanik in P. Cígler's group.

2.) The committee decided not to fund the following application, but encourages re-application in the next selection period based on the following reasoning:

A. Singh in J. Cvačka's group. The profile and the publication record was found to be weaker than those of other candidates. The committee will consider a resubmission, if the two mentioned manuscripts are accepted in prestigious journals of the field.

3.) The committee decided not to fund the following applications, since they did not score high enough by scientific merits compared to the successful applications:

None

4.) The committee did not consider nineteen incomplete applications, in which the IOCB host and a project proposal were missing.

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

I. Lazniewska in N. Weiss' group.

Annex: New IOCB PDF web presentation

The Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry (IOCB), Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, v.v.i., is opening up to 10 postdoctoral positions in chemistry and biochemistry per year for the duration of one year, with possible extension by one more year, if agreed by both parties. Submission deadlines are twice a year on April 1st and October 1st.

The Institute will provide a competitive gross salary of 40.000 CZK/month and the obligatory employer parts of the health and social insurances. The salary is subject to income tax. Full health insurance coverage is a part of the fellowship. Based on availability, accommodation in Institute or Academy guest houses may be offered at an affordable rent.

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

Potential applicants must contact a perspective advisor at IOCB and agree with him/her on a potential research project before an application can be submitted. Based on this agreement, the applicant prepares a competitive project and submits **the complete application package as a single pdf file to the perspective group leader**, except for the letters of recommendation, which must be sent separately and confidentially directly to the address pichova@uochb.cas.cz by each of the providers of the support letter. The group leader transmits the package to the selection committee.

Original applications must include:

- Contact address
- Curriculum vitae
- Copy of Ph.D. diploma
- List of publications
- Name of IOCB partner
- A support letter by the IOCB partner of the applicant
- A clear and concise project program, which summarizes the state of the art, details the projected investigations and puts the project in a context with the host group research activities (3-4 pages)
- The envisaged starting date of the fellowship

Extensions of postdoctoral projects must contain:

- A cover letter
- A support letter from the advisor
- A summary of results of the first year not exceeding two to three pages
- Plans for the extension period not exceeding two to three pages
- Copies of publications published, submitted, or drafts

Further information may be received from **Dr. Iva Pichová** at: pichova@uochb.cas.cz. Recommendation letters must be sent to the same address.