Minutes of the Selection Committee "IOCB Postdoctoral Project and Sabbatical Program" 14.10.2014

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Point 1)

In this selection period the committee received seventeen applications for the IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships and four applications for extension of current IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships.

During the last three years the committee selected less than 10 applications per year and after discussion with the director of IOCB the committee decided that it will exceptionally select more applications this year.

In this selection period, the committee received more than one IOCB postdoctoral fellowship application for the same research group. The committee does not discourage this and stresses that the scientific quality of the applicant and the project is decisive for the success in earning the fellowship.

The committee was informed that Dr. C. Allolio from P. Jungwirth's group returned the granted IOCB postdoctoral fellowship, since he earned a DAAD postdoctoral fellowship for the same position instead. The committee acknowledges Dr. S. Zoll from K. Stříšovský's group for his contribution in the framework of the IOCB postdoctoral fellowship.

Point 2)

- 1.) The committee decided to grant IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships to:
- D. Bonhenry in P. Jungwirth's group,*
- **U. Ernst** in R. Hanus's group with the condition of successful defense,
- B. Gadakh in R. Nencka's group,
- A. Magarkar in P. Jungwirth's group, *
- D. C. Mikles in K. Stříšovský's group,
- K. Palani in J. Vondrášek`s group,

- T. Roy in U. Jahn's group,*
- Y. Rzhepetskyy in N. Weiss's group,
- R. Sebastian 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, but encourages reapplication in the next selection period based on the following reasoning:
- **G. Pramanik** in P. Cígler's group. A second recommendation letter (from the PhD supervisor) was missing in the application, which must be included with the next submission.
- **D. B. Rasale** in M. Vrábel`s group. The candidate brings good prerequisites, but the submitted project proposal is too general and vague.

 Therefore, the committee recommends resubmission of a significantly more specific proposal.
- 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:
- M. Lödige in R. Nencka's group,
- **A. Perojil Jimenez** in R. Hanus's group.
- 4.) The committee did not consider four 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:
- **B. Fabre** in J. Jiráček's group,
- N. Johnson in K. Stříšovský's group,
- J. Proft in J. Konvalinka's group,
- **T. Wu** in P. Bouř`s group.