



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 2/2018 on February 1st, 2018

Present: Ullrich Jahn, Pavel Jungwirth, Radim Nencka, Radek Pohl, Tomáš Obšil, Petr Slavíček, Petr Svoboda, Pavel Šácha

Excused: Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová

Guest: Zdeněk Hostomský

Secretary: Irena Valterová

1. *Approval of per rollam voting.* Per rollam voting for the “Best IOCB paper 2017” (13.-18.1.) has been approved. Seven members voted, the five best-rated papers were recommended to the Director for the Annual Report to ASCR.

2. *Approval of IOCB investments.* The Board members obtained the material ahead of the meeting. The Board recommended a price negotiation of the NanoDrop, for which three requests with three different quotes were received. P. Jungwirth informed about the proposed extension of the computational cluster that will be bought from OPVVV budget by IOCB money to enable establishment of the Computational user facility. The investments as submitted by the Methodology Board were approved unanimously by the IOCB Board. The IOCB Board requested to obtain gross purchase expenses for investments 2017 to compare planned and spent money.

3. The IOCB budget will be sent to the Board members in mid-February. M. Drahoňovský prepared the basic budget and B. Petschová is finalizing it. The institute is looking for a qualified person to replace M. Drahoňovský, who left IOCB on Feb. 1, 2018

4. *IOCB Retreat Update.* Allocation of time for group presentations has been decided in January. Two poster sessions will take place during the retreat. It was discussed, how the SWAT teams will be presented. It was agreed that group leaders will have the chance to present the results of SWAT teams in their group presentations. If interest for additional presentation exists, it may be in form of posters during the first session. The director informed that the budget of the retreat must not exceed 2 million CZK, otherwise more difficult rules for a tender would apply. A possibility of sponsoring has been discussed.

5. *Core Facility Negotiations.* A first Provider-User meeting took place on Jan. 30 with J. Cvacka’s mass spectrometry group. The meeting was evaluated as very successful. For the

future, it should be even more advertised. It was suggested that next meetings of this type should leave less space for the presentation of the groups, but more for plans for improvements and for the discussion with users. The available methods should be more stressed rather than published results. The most important point is that core facilities will serve best for IOCB scientists. P. Řezáčová and R. Pohl are responsible for these discussions and for planning next sessions. The next meeting is planned for March 6 - the Group of Medicinal Chemistry will be presented by P. Majer. Following meetings are scheduled for 20/3 H. Kaiserová Mertlíková, 27/3 D. Šaman, 3/4 J. Vondrášek, 10/4 V. Kašička a 24/4 J. Weber.

6. *Board Presentation at IOCB Assembly.* U. Jahn asked the members to send him suggestions for the presentation at the IOCB Assembly on Feb. 9, 2018. He will summarize them and prepare the presentation.

7. *Planning for Papirenská.* The director gave information on the progress. A contract will be signed with the architects. The architectural design will be presented in mid-April. P. Majer and O. Pačes will work in close collaboration with the architects. They will be invited to some of the future IOCB Board meetings to give information and discuss the design options.

8. *Internal IOCB Grants.* The director informed that two bridging support applications were received; one fulfils the set conditions. The director asked for an information of the rules for submission. The background material has been published in the meantime.

The external Board members have not yet finished their discussion concerning the optimization of procedures for IOCB Interdisciplinary Grants. Their recommendations will still be distributed to the Board and the Director in February. Based on them the Board and the Director will continue preparing a revised framework for application and evaluation.

9. *Scientific Awards.* The Board supports the Director's nominations for the Heyrovský Medal and the Mendel Medal (both awarded by CAS). The director will submit the nominations.

The next board meeting will take place in the director's meeting room on February 26, 2018, at 10 am. The March term for the meeting is March 29, 2018 at 10 am.

February 9, 2018.