



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 9/2018 on September 26, 2018

Present: Ullrich Jahn, Pavel Jungwirth, Petr Slavíček, Petr Svoboda, Pavel Šácha

Excused: Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Radim Nencka, Radek Pohl, Tomáš Obšil

Guest: Zdeněk Hostomský, Jan Gazda,

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

The per rollam voting on the application of Tomáš Slanina for the Premium Lumina Quaeruntur has been verified.

- 1. Plans and vision of our new Vice director of the TEA. Jan Gazda presented his ideas on the situation and development in the institute. He focused on the following topics: i) Strengthening and updating internal legislation, ii) Improving public procurement processes, iii) Further digitalization of workflows, iv) Capital construction and development, and v) Sustainable economic vision and strategy for IOCB. A discussion with the Board members followed.
- 2. Status of Diana Biotechnologies. Václav Navrátil gave an overview and outlook of the company. The IOCB spin-off company DIANA Biotechnologies, s.r.o. (DNA-linked Inhibitor ANtibody Assay) was founded with the significant venture capital funding from the BPD Partners group in order to deliver DIANA products to the market. The main areas of market presence are envisaged to be drug discovery and clinical diagnostics.
- 3. *Postdoctoral Support program of the CAS*. One application was submitted (Renáta Konášová). The material was sent to the Board beforehand. The Board approved the application unanimously.
- 4. *PR Office*. The discussion was based on a document on the current focus and effectiveness of the PR Office (IOCB website, yearbook, printed information on groups...) by M. Hocek. The Board keeps this point open for direct discussion with the PR office during the next Board meeting. A focus will be the IOCB website that has to be improved.
- 5. *Core facility seminars*. Presentations of the Research Service groups (Core facility) will continue in autumn. Pavlína Maloy-Řezáčová will announce topics and dates after coordination of datzes with the director's office and the PR office to the IOCB public.
- 6. Women in Science. Prof. Mélanie ETHEVE-QUELQUEJEU, Université Paris Descartes, visited IOCB. Beside a scientific talk, she was also invited to share her experience and perspective of an engaged female scientist working at a prestigious academic and research

institution in France. The meeting as organized by Pavlína Maloy-Řezáčová. The IOCB Board supports continuation of this activity.

- 7. *Junior group leader update*. The director informed about his intentions to open further junior groups. The focus will be in synthetic organic chemistry. Tomáš Slanina will start as junior group leader in April 2019 and more leaders will follow in 2020.
- 8. *IOCB topics, information by the director*. i) the cooperation with Johns Hopkins University continues successfully (joint papers and patents, lectures, postdocs exchange, 4 joint projects); ii) discussion on IOCB Endowed chairs should be refreshed on future meetings; iii) information on a legal case was given.
- 9. Cooperation with J. Heyrovský Institute of Physical Chemistry. A full-day joint meeting will take place on November 13, 2018.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 23rd 2018, 13.30.

October 5, 2018.