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## Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 1/2019 on February 8, 2019

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

Excused: Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová

Guest: Zdeněk Hostomský, Jan Gazda, Lukáš Křivánek

Secretary: Irena Valterová

*1. Approval of IOCB investments.* The Board members obtained the list of proposed investments for 2019 and the suggestions for approval by the IOCB Methodology Board ahead of the meeting.

- The Board recommends to purchase all proposed investments supported by the Methodology Board. Generally, the IOCB Board will support the purchase of equipment with clear and countable support of more than one scientific group at IOCB, where a serious effort to locate the appropriate space was made by the proposer(s).

- Concerning the Raman confocal microscopy suggested by Dr. Bouř (#34 Investment list), the Board advises the proposer to provide broader support by IOCB groups and to join the effort of establishing a microscopy research core facility.

- The Board suggests to the director to further discuss the proposed FACS sorter (#55) with Dr. Mertlíková-Kaiserová, Dr. Jiráček and Dr. Vrábel and to decide based on the results of this discussion.

- The Board supports the purchase of the LC-MS instrument for the to be established Pluskal group (#57) once the contract concerning the establishment of the group has been signed.

- The IOCB Board agrees to the suggestion and reasoning of the methodology board not to fund the cell proliferation instrument (#56) and the MS detector for capillary electrophoresis (#75).

- The IOCB Board does at present not see the necessity to fund the proposed LC-MS/MS instrument (#76) for a planned common lab with FTVS, which has neither been announced nor a clear proposal about aims, focus and mutual benefit of such a lab has been proposed for further discussion.

- The Board and the director broadly discussed the purchase of a low-temperature scanning probe microscope for the Starý group (#61). The Board suggests that Dr. Starý applies for an ERC or related grant, which would lay out the scientific basis for the purchase, justify and support for this equipment at IOCB. Options for hires of competent operating personnel must be provided before any approval, since it is expected that this instrument needs competent and experienced operators. Also, suitable space should be found for the microscope prior to initiating the purchase.

- The Board suggests that the tenders for the approved equipment should be started right away.

- A representative of the Methodological Board should be invited to this discussion next year.

*2. Preparation of IOCB budget and outlook.* The IOCB budget will be sent to the Board members by mid-March 2019. The budget is currently in the active preparation and Dr. Gazda does not expect any substantial changes in the structure in comparison with previous year.

*3. Overview on important deadlines.* The Board appreciated the material prepared by IOCB grant office referring to the important deadlines of various prizes and grants.

*4. Planned Organic Chemistry call, hiring policy.* The Board supports the formal call for a new group leader in Organic Chemistry and encourages group leaders to actively scout for potential candidates.

The deadline for applications will be announced in near future by the Director's office. The interviews of the short-listed candidates should be held together the final evaluation of the junior groups (September 20-21, 2019).

*5. Situation of currently running interdisciplinary grants.* The Board was informed about the situation regarding the currently running interdisciplinary grants. The director and the external Board members will evaluate the currently running interdisciplinary grants on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 and decide about continuation.

*6. IOCB retreat 2020.* The Board has agreed on the date of the IOCB retreat 2020, which will be held on May 25-28 2020.

*7. Dream Chemistry Award 2019.* Dr. Jungwirth informed the Board about the latest development regarding the next round of the Dream Chemistry Award. The members of the Board have agreed to act as referees for the competition. The date of the public lectures of the best candidates was set to December 2-3, 2019.

*8. CAS and Czech University policy.* Dr. Svoboda informed the Board about the situation and his initiative connected to the negotiations and the corresponding agreements between CAS and several universities (e.g. Charles University). The most important issue is the dual affiliation of students working at CAS and studying at the universities. The Board agreed that the compulsory dual affiliation can be problematic for IOCB. Further negotiations should clarify these points.

*9. IOCB at the Horizon - Director's information.* The director informed the Board about several ongoing projects and events he has initiated or participated in. Among others, he informed the Board about the continuous success of Dracen Pharmaceuticals, his participation on EDDC 2019, the development in ARIB incubator, CIST and a collaborative initiative of Zentiva, IOCB and ICT.

*10. Detlef Schröder Seminars.* The IOCB Board would like to express gratitude to Dr. Rulišek for his efforts in setting up and organizing the Detlef Schröder Seminars. The Board agreed that the main mission of this seminars should be scouting for new talented young scientists as potential group leader at the IOCB and providing a platform for collaboration with established Czech scientists. The proposed nominees for the Detlef Schroeder Seminars 2019 were unanimously approved by the IOCB Board.

*11. Panel discussion to facilitate understanding and collaboration of the major departments at IOCB.* The director and the Board decided to set up a meeting between the HTS (Gazda, Petschová, Křivánek, Pokorná) and selected representatives of IOCB group leader (Cahová, Bouřa, Hocek, Jungwirth) with participation of members of the grant, public relations and IT offices at IOCB.

*12. Reaching IOCB Campus.* Insufficient pedestrian crossing around the IOCB campus were discussed. The main problem is the lack of such crossings between IOCB and Faculty of architecture as well as toward Jugoslávských partyzánů street.

*13. Next IOCB Board meeting.* The next meeting of the IOCB board was set to March 22, 2019, 9.00 in the Director's meeting room.

February 21, 2019