



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 7/2019 on September 4th, 2019

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

Excused: Irena Valterová

Guest: Zdeněk Hostomský

Secretary: Ullrich Jahn

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

1. Developments in Olomouc and consequences for IOCB. Information about employment of Prof. Radek Zboril at IOCB was discussed. Pavel Jungwirth discussed personally with Professor Zboril the situation concerning data manipulation in his paper and progress concerning the retraction of the paper was reported. Information about the situation in Olomouc and its consequences for the foundation of CIST (see previous minutes in 2019) was provided.

2. Work Ethics at IOCB. So far IOCB has no Ethical Codex or Ethical Committee established and fortunately it has not been necessary so far. The current situation and the preparation of the HR award should focus the attention on establishing a framework, which is in agreement to the Ethical Codex of the Czech Academy of Sciences (<http://www.avcr.cz/en/about-us/legal-regulations/code-of-ethics-for-researchers-of-the-czech-academy-of-sciences/index.html>).

Since this documentation applies also to IOCB, it should serve as the guideline how to deal with such potential cases. At the next IOCB Board meeting P. Spanel (Heyrovsky Institute for Physical Chemistry of the CAS) and the new Scientific coordinator and HR Award manager, Mrs. Drda Moravkova, will be invited to establish an IOCB-specific framework for dealing with ethical issues.

The IOCB Board urges all IOCB employees to adhere to the highest ethical standards in scientific work, publication and in interpersonal relationship.

3. IOCB retreat Valec 2020 – preparation beginning. The IOCB Board discussed and supports the proposal to increase the size of the meeting to 280 participants. The key for participation should be the same as for the previous IOCB retreat, i.e., there will be quotas proportional to group sizes. It should remain again at the discretion of the group leaders to select the presentation format at the meeting. A more comfortable situation concerning the poster sessions

may be found. The external IOCB Board members are encouraged to participate at the retreat and introduce themselves by a presentation of their work.

4. *Dream Chemistry Award.* The deadline for applications for the Dream Chemistry Award passed on September 1st. A total of 24 applications was received. Pavel Jungwirth asked the IOCB Board members to serve to judge and rank the proposals until the end of September. Based on that, five finalists for the competition held at IOCB on December 2.-3., 2019 will be invited.

5. *Update IAB meeting/Evaluation junior group leaders/Org. Chem. Group leader Sept 2019.* During the IAB meeting September 20.-21., 2019, eight junior groups will be evaluated at their various stages. So far, not all reviews have arrived, and the Director intends to hand them out to all junior group leaders at the same time. At the same time, four candidates for a new Junior group leader position in Organic Chemistry will present themselves.

6. *Roundtable Science-Administration-Management.* The next round will take place in Fall 2019.

7. *IOCB at the Horizon.* The IOCB Director updated the Board on the establishment of a general medical practitioner. The Board was also informed that the procedures at TEA are currently overworked and adapted. Finally, the Director informed about the Prague-Weizmann Summer School Advances in Drug Discovery

8. *Frantisek Behounek prize.* Michal Hocek has been nominated by the IOCB Board for the Prize. Radim Nencka prepares the nomination documentation until the deadline of September 18th, 2019.

9. *Miscellanea.*

It has been noted that the service at Cafe Organica improved. It has been mentioned that the problem with occasional bad smell from sulfur-containing compounds in the SW wing prevails and should be fixed.

The next meeting will be held in early October, the date will be decided by a doodle voting.

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