



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 9/2019 on November 4, 2019

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

Excused: Petr Svoboda

Guest: Zdeněk Hostomský

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

1. *Confocal Microscope*. IOCB intends to buy a confocal microscope plus accessories. The instrument is important for the Microscopy core facility for both biology and chemistry groups. The Methodology board recommended to buy the instrument. The IOCB Board approved (7 members in favor, 1 abstained). The Board strongly recommends to hire qualified personnel to guarantee proper operation of the microscopes in the core facility.

2. *Evaluation of Research-Service Groups* has been postponed for late autumn/winter. The deadline will be announced at the next meeting with group leaders.

3. *Update on Science-Administration round table*. The Board considers such meetings important. The next will take place in December or January.

4. *Evaluation and status of non-promoted junior groups*. Three junior groups were not promoted and will be terminated. IOCB will help students from these groups to finish their theses. In case groups running grants ending in 2020, they are allowed to finish them, otherwise the groups will wind down their activity during next year. In case the group leader will get a position at another scientific institution in the Czech Republic, IOCB will help with transfer of unique instrumentation and temporary salary contribution if applicable.

5. *Update on the Czech Institute of Science and Technology (CIST)/Czech Advanced Technology and Research Institute (CATRIN)*. The Academic Senate of UPOL approved the intention for founding of the new institute. A Memorandum of cooperation with IOCB or a similar document has so far not been formulated. As agreed during the October meeting, the Board and the Director prepared a SWOT analysis concerning a potential participation of IOCB in CIST/CATRIN, which was discussed during the meeting. The form of potential participation and potential models were discussed. A new co-financed building in Olomouc might be envisaged if interest in participation will be confirmed. The Board suggested to inform about the potential IOCB participation in CIST/CATRIN the group leaders (GLs) at the next meeting, to initiate a broader discussion and to learn whether IOCB GLs will be interested in

collaboration with CIST/CATRIN. To support the discussion, the Board will prepare a polished version of SWOT analysis for the next GL meeting on Friday 15.11.19. The public documents prepared at UPOL should also be made available to GLs.

6. Update Dream Chemistry Award. Excellent candidates sent applications this year. All five candidates for the finals accepted the invitation for December 2-3, 2019. The IOCB public is cordially invited to participate at the lectures of the finalists, as well as at the subsequent lecture by one of the jury members – the Nature Chemistry Editor Dr. Russell Johnson.

7. Progress establishing a CryoEM facility at IOCB. A specialist from JEOL visited IOCB and gave advise concerning suitable places. The original idea to share the instrument with BIOCEV will not work (BIOCEV has not been granted any budget for it). The CryoEM will be for biomolecules. In addition, a Microcrystal electron diffraction (MicroED) extension, which can be also used for small molecules will be bought. The tender is in preparation.

8. IOCB at the horizon. The director informed the Board about developments at IOCB.

The next meeting will be held in December jointly with the Supervisory Board. The date will be set by doodle voting.

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