

Minutes of the Selection Committee “IOCB Postdoctoral Project and Sabbatical Program”, 08.04.2020

Committee: I. Pichová (presiding), P. Jungwirth, V. Kašíčka, U. Jahn, I. Starý

Point 1) General matters

The committee discussed the option to open the IOCB postdoctoral program also to excellent candidates graduating from reputable Czech universities. Compared to the times of the establishment of the IOCB postdoc program, the situation in terms of internationalization at IOCB has significantly improved and it may not have the highest priority anymore. Also, the number of international applications have been declining over the last years. A discussion with the IOCB director should be initiated and the IOCB public may be involved. Otherwise, prerequisites should remain the same as now, i.e., only strong candidates would be supported, and only newcomers or candidates, who have not been employed at IOCB for longer than half a year would be eligible to apply to the fellowship.

Point 2) Selection

IOCB Sabbatical

Mario Vazdar in P. Jungwirth's group.* The committee sees this as a very promising continuation of existing collaborations and starting point for new links with IOCB groups and thus grants the fellowship.

IOCB Postdoctoral fellowships

The committee received four applications for IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships and two applications for extension of current IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships.

1.) The committee decided to grant IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships to:

Alma Martínez Fernández in K. Stříšovský's group.

Hanns Christian Schewe in P. Jungwirth's group.*

Reinhard P. Kaiser in T. Slanina's group.

2.) The committee decided not to fund the following application, since the committee was not convinced by the conceptual feasibility of the proposal, especially the chemical stability of the proposed dye compounds for the purpose of the project.

Oleksandr Semenenko in T. Slanina's group.

3.) The committee decided to extend IOCB Postdoctoral Fellowships to:

Debraj Gangopadhyay in P. Bouř's group.

Igor Rončević in J. Kaleta's group.

* As in all meetings of the committee, if a vote was about an applicant to a group of a committee member, this member did not participate in the discussion and abstained from the vote.