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## Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 2/2020 on March 24, 2020 via Skype

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

Excused: Petr Slavíček

Guest: Zdeněk Hostomský, Jana Pokorná

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

1. *IOCB budget.* The IOCB Board obtained the IOCB budget proposal from Mrs. Petschová ahead of time. The members had questions and comments to the budget and pointed out some necessary changes.

Specific comments:

- a) A part of the budget is planned for groups no longer existing
- b) The budget for scientific groups are specified to level of individual groups, but that is not the case for research-service groups and the rest of organisation units
- c) The IOCB Compound Library should have a higher budget for planned purchases of compounds
- d) The budget for research and activities related to the corona virus crisis is missing, it should be included in the budget.

J. Pokorná will include the commented issues, make corrections, and send a new version to the Board for per rollam approval.

2. *Safety at IOCB.* The Board is concerned about general lab safety. The safety rules are often not properly followed and newcomers (mainly students and postdocs) are not satisfactorily educated on health and fire safety. The current safety education is bureaucratic and formal. The waste management at IOCB has no clear rules and thus, solvents are sometimes disposed in the sink. The Board calls for hiring a person (safety advisor, part time job) who would go through labs, identify specific problems and help finding solutions. Practical training is needed, too. The Board suggests again to ask M. Hocek for help with safety education of students and postdocs.

3. *Research service group evaluation.* Groups will be evaluated by the Board of users (14-20 members) that will be established *ad hoc* (announcement at the group leaders meeting). The research part of the groups will be evaluated by the IOCB Board. The Director has all reports available, he will provide them to the Board.
4. *Valeč retreat update.* Under the circumstances of the State of Emergency because of the coronavirus pandemic, it remains unclear whether the IOCB retreat in the end of May 2020 will take place. IOCB Board recommends
  - a) not to cancel the retreat right now.
  - b) to wait until end of April for development of the situation and consider options that may become available
  - c) to potentially organize the retreat (if governmental restrictions allow) under controlled conditions to show that proper precautions enable people to meet and return to “normal” scientific practice and to mitigate the impact of pandemic on the society.
5. *Most Significant IOCB publications.* The deadline is planned for March 31, it will be announced at the next group leader meeting. The submitted papers will then be sent to the IAB for evaluation.
6. *Acknowledgement of the Director and IOCB management.* The Board thanks the Director and the IOCB management for their approach to the coronavirus emergency and for their supportive approach to employees. The work of the Covid19 Team is greatly appreciated for organizing all kinds of initiatives in relation to efficiently cope with the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic.

The date of the next meeting will be set via doodle.

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