



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 6/2021 on May 24, 2021

Present: Ullrich Jahn, Pavel Jungwirth, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Radim Nencka, Radek Pohl, Pavel Šácha, Petr Slavíček, Petr Svoboda. The external members presented their negative PCR tests on Covid 19 not older than 7 days.

Excused: Tomáš Obšil

Guests: Zdeněk Hostomský, Martin Fusek

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

- 1. Prague Leaks and Joint meeting with the Supervisory Board.* Members of both IOCB Boards got an e-mail dated on May 9 signed by Prague Leaks. It contained an attack on IOCB Tech, i&i Prague, and IOCB alleging the abuse of public finances from basic research. The Office for the Protection of Competition currently investigates the case. Information about the case was provided by M. Fusek. The director asked members of the IOCB Board and the Supervisory Board to meet on a joint meeting on June 22 where this case will be discussed.
- 2. OwnCloud created for the IOCB Board.* The secretary updated the stored data and verified the access for external Board members. The Board will use it for future data, but the main use is expected by the next Board that will be elected in November.
- 3. Elections of the new IOCB Board.* The secretary will check with the Academy whether the rules have changed since last elections. She will prepare relevant materials and suggest a schedule for the elections. The schedule will be decided and approved at the next meeting.
- 4. Update on the planned virology institute and center.* The Director informed about recent developments in the consortium preparing the foundation of the National Institute for Virology and Bacteriology. Six IOCB groups will potentially be (co)financed from sources of the consortium. This institute is planned to start in 2022.
The foundation of a new National Virology Centre lead by the CAS is a matter of longer planning. The land in Krč cannot be bought yet, because the City of Prague did not assign it as construction area in the city development plan. After positive decision, IOCB will buy the land and construct the planned institutes, Institute of Translational Research and the National Virology Centre (NVC). The NVC should follow the model of the German Robert-Koch-Institut.
- 5. IOCB Goals, Mission, and Organization 2021-2025.* The document is in hands of the Public Relations Department for final polishing. The Board recommends to have only an electronic version; a printed version would find very limited use and is therefore not planned.

6. *Dream Chemistry Award (DCA)*. The DCA is organized at IOCB this year, planned for December 6.-7. The Board members are asked to think about the possible nominees. P. Jungwirth showed a logo designed for DCA.
7. *Significant Publications of IOCB Researchers*. The director suggested to increase the financial award for the Most Significant Paper contest by 1 million CZK since the quality of IOCB publications increases significantly. The rules of quantitative group evaluation will change in the way that patents will not strongly dominate over publications. The Board supports both changes.
8. *Evaluation of institutes by CAS*. The Board members acknowledged results of the evaluation and have no comments.

May 31, 2021