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## **Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 7/2021 on June 22, 2021**

Present: Ullrich Jahn, Pavel Jungwirth, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Radim Nencka, Tomáš Obšil, Radek Pohl, Pavel Šácha, Petr Slaviček, Petr Svoboda. The external members showed their vaccination certificates against Covid 19.

Guests: Zdeněk Hostomský, Jana Pokorná

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

- 1. Elections of the IOCB Board of Institution.* The term of the current Board will finish by the end of November 2021. Elections of a new Board will be organized in autumn. The Board accepted Elections rules (Volební řád) of 2017 with an addendum of an option of online voting in case the epidemiological situation would demand it. A time schedule of elections was planned and approved. The assembly of researchers will take place on **September 30** (announced publicly on September 20 at the latest). A 3-membered election committee will be suggested and approved as well as the Election rules 2021. Nominations of candidates will be collected in the Director's secretariat until **October 15**. Names and short presentations of candidates will be published on the IOCB website by **October 29**. The election will take place on **November 8 (10-16) and November 9 (10-14)**. Results of voting will be published on the IOCB website by November 10. If needed, a 2nd round of elections will be called on November 11.
- 2. Annual Report 2020.* J. Pokorná answered questions concerning the submitted tables. The PR department responsible for the final polishing of the document was asked to make it in line with the covid "home office" legislation. The final version of the annual report will be approved *per rollam* after all final changes has been made and after the Supervisory Board has discussed the material.
- 3. Update on IOCB and the Planned Virology Institute and Virology Centre.* The Director informed on recent development in the consortium preparing the foundation of the National Institute for Virology and Bacteriology. IOCB is the managing institution with Z. Hostomský as coordinator of preparations. The institute will start operation in 2022. As for the A. Holý Virology Centre, the government promised to support it stepwise for several years. However, the centre is a long-term plan that will only start operating approximately 5 years from now.
- 4. Hlávka Prize.* The Board approved a nomination of Daniel Bím (joint nomination of IOCB and J. Heyrovský IPC) for the Hlávka Prize 2021.

5. *IOCB Goals, Mission, and Organization 2021-2025*. Small changes were suggested by M. Fusek and sent to the Board for consideration. The Board accepted the changes and approved the document.
6. *Update Information on EU Grant Proposals*. P. Řezáčová shared information from the Project Office about new rules for EU grant applications. All future applications starting 2022 must will require the Institute to have a "gender equality plan", otherwise the project proposals will not be considered. The institute applies for the HR award, but that is not satisfactory for the application. The institute should develop a sustainable solution solving these issues. P. Jungwirth volunteered to participate in this as a Board member.

The next IOCB Board meeting will take place in the end of July 2021 after a doodle voting.

June 26, 2021