
Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 10/2021 on October 18, 2021

Present: Ullrich Jahn, Pavel Jungwirth, Radek Pohl, Petr Slaviček, Petr Svoboda, Pavel Šácha

Excused: Tomáš Obšil, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Radim Nencka

Guest: Zdeněk Hostomský

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved. The per rollam voting from September (approval of the updated investment list) was verified.

- 1. Elections of the IOCB Board of Institution - update.* The candidate list for the 2021-2026 IOCB Board was distributed to all Board members. U. Jahn will contact all candidates with a request to send their CVs and short statements of motivation to the IOCB secretariat, ideally until October 26th, 2021. The introduction of candidates will be published on the IOCB website until **October 29** at the latest. An updated list of eligible voters will be posted on the internal web pages on **Nov. 5**. The IOCB Board secretary will in coordination with the election committee arrange for printing of voting ballots. The election will take place on **November 8 (10-16 h) and November 9 (10-14 h)**. Results of voting will be published on the internal web pages on November 10 at the latest. If needed, a 2nd round of elections will be announced on November 11.
- 2. Evaluation of Group Leaders.* The Director informed about the evaluation recommendations of the International Advisory Board (IAB) for internal reassignments and group promotions. Moreover, the IAB suggests a re-definition of the “Distinguished chair”. This category should be considered as an award that provides scientific freedom, but should also be connected to the responsibility to present their results and strategies to the IOCB public and IAB at the occasion of regular evaluations – Distinguished chairs will however not be subject to evaluation. The IOCB Board supports this notion and encourages to inform group leaders about the IAB suggestion at the next meeting. It will be however up to the new IOCB Board to implement it in the Goals and Organization 2021-2025.
- 3. The Columbia University Cooperation.* Štěpán Jeřábek, currently employed in the IOCB Director’s office, is seeking funding in the Czech Republic for research on human gametes. The idea behind this is development of methodology for potentially avoiding genetic diseases in the next generation. This research would be performed at Columbia University, USA. Currently, this research is connected to ethical issues, preventing it to be performed with public funding. They need to be thoroughly evaluated here and the USA. The Board accepted this information without a decision or recommendation.

4. *Equal opportunities plan.* IOCB must implement such a plan, so that IOCB researcher will be able to apply for European grants starting from 2022. The director objected against some parts and formulations. The Board members offered to help settling the arguments toward a workable compromise, but insisted that the plan should be implemented and signed.
5. *Gilead Sciences update.* The director will travel to the US for an event to honor John Martin, the former executive chairman and CEO of Gilead Sciences, who passed away this year. The director is strongly encouraged to discuss opportunities of future cooperation with Gilead representatives and about continuation of their support of IOCB research.
6. *Werner von Siemens Prize.* The Director asked the Board for nomination of this Prize. However, the IOCB Board has no role in it, since nominations are essentially on individual, but not institutional initiative. The IOCB Board recommends to disseminate the information on nomination and application for the Siemens Prize at the group leaders meeting.

This was the last regular meeting of the current IOCB Board. The chairman thanked all Board members and the secretary for their distinguished service over the past 5-year term. The director thanked the Board for fruitful discussions and cooperation in progressing IOCB.

October 21, 2021

Enclosure:

Záznam o hlasování per rollam (September 2021)



Záznam o hlasování per rollam

Rada instituce Ústavu organické chemie a biochemie AV ČR, v. v. i. (dále ÚOCHB AV ČR), ve dnech 9.–16. 9. 2021 projednala per rollam elektronickou poštou aktualizovaný rozpočet investic na přístroje pro rok 2021.

Hlasování se zúčastnilo 8 členů Rady instituce, kteří přijali následující usnesení:

pro schválení předloženého materiálu: 8

proti: 0

zdržel se: 0

Usnesení:

Rada instituce ÚOCHB schvaluje aktualizovaný rozpočet investic na přístroje pro rok 2021.

V Praze dne 21. září 2021