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## **Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 1/2022 held on January 6, 2022**

Present: Pavel Jungwirth, Michal Hocek, Radek Cibulka, Jan Černý, Martin Dračínský, Pavel Majer, Petr Slavíček, Kvido Stříšovský

Online: Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová

Guests: Zdeněk Hostomský, Alena Drda Morávková, Barbora Fričová

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

1. *Ethical Codex IOCB.* The existing Ethical codex of the Academy (<https://www.avcr.cz/cs/o-nas/pravni-predpisy/eticky-kodex-vyzkumnych-pracovniku-v-av-cr/>) is binding for all institutes. However, the institutes may extend the text for their own purposes. At the moment, at IOCB there is an ethical proxy (Zuzana Kečkéšová) who can be approached by employees and who can help them to solve their work-related issues. One more ethical proxy will be elected (responsible: A. Drda Morávková) from the pool of IOCB employees (the previous second ethical proxy Martin Dračínský had to resign when he was elected a Board member). Furthermore, an ethical committee will be established at IOCB within the HR Award program. The particular way of the ethical committee formation (elected or nominated?) has been discussed. Additionally, it may also be extended *ad hoc* for resolving specific issues. M. Hocek, J. Černý and A. Morávková (the later in charge of the HR Award) will prepare a draft of ethical codex of IOCB that will be presented to the Board in the near future. Ethical issues should also include the management of scientific data produced at IOCB. Jiří Vondrášek offered earlier help with data storage. He will be invited to one of the next Board meetings. Kvido Stříšovský volunteered to come with the suggestion for management of BIO data.

2. *Ethics of Scientific Publication.* M. Hocek brought up a question concerning papers with affiliation to IOCB, where the work has not been done at the institute. Another issue that he brought up concerns predatory journals. Despite the fact that there is no authoritative list of such journals, M. Hocek warned against several publishers that are at the edge and show signs of predatory behavior (e.g. MDPI or Frontiers). These questions should be discussed at the meeting with group leaders (Z. Hostomský). M. Hocek will draft a statement of the Board concerning publication ethics and will present it at the next Board meeting. The Board will then issue an official statement.

3. *Selection of the IOCB Director.* The timetable for the election process was set as:

- a) 31. 1. 2022 (at the latest, preferably earlier)- publication of the call
- b) 28. 2. 2022 - deadline for the applications
- c) 2. 3. 2022 - opening of envelopes (P. Jungwirth, P. Slavíček, and I. Valterová) and handing over to the selection committee
- d) 4. 3. 2022 - selection committee meeting, elimination of non-eligible candidates
- e) 11. 3. 2022 - selection committee meeting, interview with selected candidates, recommendation of suitable candidate(s) to the IOCB Board

- f) 7. 4. 2022 - IOCB Board meeting, interview with invited candidate(s), selection of the candidate *that* will be suggested for nomination to the president of the Academy

The Board wants to publicize the call as broadly as possible. The call will be publicized primarily in English. Suggested media: Hospodářské noviny, Chemické Listy, Akademický Bulletin, Deník N, IOCB website (both English and Czech version), ASCR website (both English and Czech version), Angewandte Chemie, Nature Jobs, Chemical Engineering News, Research jobs, Academic positions, EMBO, social media. A press release will be prepared. The text of the *call* will be finalized before 10. 1.

The following selection committee was approved by the Board:

Petr Slavíček (chair)	VŠCHT, IOCB Board member
Kvido Stříšovský	ÚOCHB AV ČR, IOCB Board member
Pavčina Maloy Řezáčová	ÚOCHB AV ČR, IOCB Board member
Pavel Jungwirth	ÚOCHB AV ČR, IOCB Board member
Pavel Majer	ÚOCHB AV ČR, IOCB Board member
Ivo Starý	ÚOCHB AV ČR
Zuzana Kečkovéšová	ÚOCHB AV ČR
Štefan Vajda	ÚFCH JH AV ČR
Julius Lukeš	PAÚ AV ČR
Petr Klán	MU
Pavel Šebek	Sanofi-Zentiva
Michaela Rumlová	VŠCHT

The suggested list will be sent to the leadership of the Academy for approval.

#### 4. *Miscellaneous.*

- The chairman of the Methodical board L. Rulíšek suggests actualization of the list of instruments at IOCB. He will be invited to the next Board meeting for discussion.
- U. Jahn calls the attention to the safety in chemical labs. The training system is still rather formal despite some improvements. M. Hocek had a lecture on lab safety, this lecture was recorded and is available at the website. U. Jahn will be invited to the next Board meeting for the discussion.
- H. Macíčková Cahová brought up an issue of insufficient bioinformatics support at IOCB. She suggested formation of a small support group that will help biologists with bioinformatics data treatment. H. Macíčková will be invited together with selected IOCB researchers focusing on bioinformatics to one of the next Board meetings for discussion.
- Selection of the most significant papers: Next round is planned to be completed in spring and the best *papers* will be presented as posters at the IOCB retreat in Valeč.

#### 5. *Information from the IOCB Director.*

- The Gilead center will continue, however in a different form. Selection will be on a continuous basis with support for more specific projects than before.
- Update on the Virology Center. Preparations continue, the Ministry of Education makes the rules very bureaucratic, and the director is preparing a formal complaint.
- A preliminary information on a potential Scripps / IOCB collaboration was provided.

Next board meeting will be held on Thursday 3. 2. 2022 at 10 AM.

January 7, 2022