
Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 2/2022 held on February 3, 2022

Present: Pavel Jungwirth, Michal Hocek, Jan Černý, Pavel Majer, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Petr Slavíček

Online: Radek Cibulka, Martin Dračínský, Kvido Stříšovský

Guests: Zdeněk Hostomský, Ullrich Jahn, Luboš Rulišek, Jiří Vondrášek

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

1. Information of the Director. Z. Hostomský informed about 2 points:

- a) *Cooperation with Scripps Institute.* The contract between IOCB and the Scripps Institute is to be signed. The exchange of results and confidentiality is the main part of the contract (program STING). The cooperation with the Scripps Institute is considered to be very prestigious.
- b) *Internal Bridging grants.* Two ERC junior grants were awarded to IOCB junior group leaders - Hana Macíčková Cahová and Tomáš Slanina. Congratulations! Before the contract with European Commission will be signed and the financing will start, the two groups will get bridging grants from IOCB. The Board is willing to advise the director in bridging grants evaluations in the future, but it respects the director's right to decide about the financing within the bridging grants program.

2. Selection of the IOCB Director. The call has been announced, potential applicants started to ask P. Jungwirth about the details.

The timetable for the election process was set as:

- a) 28. 2. 2022 - deadline for the applications
- b) 2. 3. 2022 at 8:30 - opening of the envelopes (P. Jungwirth, P. Slavíček, and I. Valterová) and handing the applications over to the selection committee
- c) 4. 3. 2022 at 9:00 - selection committee meeting, elimination of non-eligible candidates
- d) 11. 3. 2022 at 9:00 - selection committee meeting, interview with selected candidates, recommendation of suitable candidate(s) to the IOCB Board
- e) 7. 4. 2022 at 14:00 - IOCB Board meeting, interview with candidate(s) recommended by the selection committee, selection of the candidate that will be suggested for nomination to the president of the Academy

The Board secretary will inform the Selection Committee members about this time schedule.

3. Call for external members of the Academic Assembly AS CR. The AS CR President Eva Zažímalová sent a letter calling for nomination of external members of the Academic Assembly. The external members should come from the industry, business sphere and banks (maximum 10 members) and from the pool of outstanding Czech or foreign scientists (maximum 25 members). The deadline for nomination is February 28, 2022. The director in coordination with the Board will possibly suggest suitable candidates for nomination.

4. *Update of the list of instruments at IOCB.* The chairman of the Methodical Board (MB) L. Rulíšek gave a presentation on the role of MB in strategic planning and advising concerning purchases of scientific instruments to the Director. He also suggested to update the list of instruments at IOCB that is available on the IOCB website (<https://www.uochb.cz/cs/pristrojove-vybaveni>). MB collected the requests for instruments to be purchased in 2022 and will give recommendation to the Board for its March meeting. The Board asked L. Rulíšek to look for simple legal ways how the old instruments might be sold or donated to other organizations or employees.
5. *Ethics of the scientific work, storage of data.* J. Vondrášek was invited to share his knowledge on the data storage systems in EU and possibilities to implement the system at the national level and specifically at IOCB. The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) is a European initiative aiming at availability of scientific data to the publics. The data should be accessible, easy to find, and reusable. A working group "Architecture of National Data Infrastructure" has been created. Several specialized subgroups work in CR (formation of the National Repository Platform, background for work with scientific data, data support, service and education). Proposal: a) mapping of the data infrastructure at IOCB, b) learning from the experience of other institutions with data management (e.g. MFF UK), c) definition of the metadata standards, d) establishing of a policy of data management at IOCB, and e) application of the metadata standards.
6. *Safety of the labwork at IOCB.* The previous Board had reservations concerning the system of education employees in safety issues. U. Jahn calls the attention to the safety in chemical labs. The training system is still rather formal despite some improvements. U. Jahn was invited to the Board meeting and shared his concerns about the awareness of students and postdocs of safety rules in the labs. He suggested to hire or appoint a safety officer (safety proxy) who would regularly go to labs and define dangerous issues, talk to people, and instruct them on how to avoid or fix safety problems. U. Jahn also commented on the recent mock alarm and pointed out problematic details. In such case, the employees should be clearly informed what is going on and where to gather to leave the way unblocked for the rescuers. Also, the recent lab accident was discussed and the Board asks the management to better inform the IOCB public after such incidents happen. The director promised to consider all concerns to improve safety at IOCB. U. Jahn and M. Hocek will elaborate the suggestions further and come with solutions at one of the next meetings.
7. *Preparations of the IOCB retreat in Valeč.* The date is set on May 23-26, 2022. The total budget for the event will be around 5 mil. CZK. IOCB hired an event coordinator Iva Bodnár who takes care of the preparations. There will be talks of senior group leaders (30 min), junior group leaders (20 min), and posters showing results of the most significant papers published in 2018-2021. Therefore, the call for most significant papers 2022 has to be opened by the Director as soon as possible. The Board suggests to invite also selected IOCB administrative employees to join the retreat as there is a sufficient accommodation capacity in the hotel. The Director agreed to all these suggestions.

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

February 5, 2022