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## Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 8/2022 held on September 15, 2022

Present: Pavel Jungwirth, Michal Hocek, Radek Cibulka, Jan Černý, Martin Dračínský, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Petr Slavíček

Excused: Pavel Majer, Kvido Stříšovský

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting and the minutes of last meeting were approved unanimously.

1. *Ethical Committee.* A new HR coordinator, Petra Ben-Ari, was hired. Among other tasks, she will be responsible for preparing the IOCB Ethical Codex and cooperate with the IOCB Ethical Committee. The committee will be nominated by the IOCB Director. It should have about four members (two internal and two external ones, ideally selected from the external IOCB Board members) who may invite ad hoc consultants for individual cases if needed. The committee will cooperate with IOCB ethical proxies. The HR Coordinator should help with defining the status, authority and internal rules of the Ethical Committee.
2. *Publishing Ethics.* M. Hocek presented an overview of issues connected with ethics of publishing.
  - a) motivation and strategy – emphasis should be on quality, not on quantity of papers.
  - b) selection of journals – only those with a rigorous peer review procedure should be selected; predatory journals should be avoided. The Board should discuss the topic in more detail and prepare a more thorough guideline.
  - c) negative or less relevant results – should such results be published and where?
  - d) responsibilities of authors – inspiration can be taken from ACS. The corresponding author is responsible for the data correctness and should have access to all primary data in the paper. If there are two or more corresponding authors (interdisciplinary papers) each should be responsible at least for his/her scientific part.
  - e) primary (raw) data – they should be stored and backed up and be available for at least 10 years. Laboratory notebooks may be paper or electronic ones. The concrete form of stored data respects differences in various scientific fields (raw spectral data, scans of electrophoreses, computation data, etc.).
  - f) affiliation – IOCB affiliation should be only on papers where a significant part of the work was done in the IOCB. Otherwise (e.g., in case of IOCB postdocs finishing here their previous PhD. work) IOCB should be mentioned as a “\*present address” footnote only.M. Hocek will draft a detailed statement of the Board to the publishing ethics that will be discussed and approved at the Board meeting by the end 2022 and then put to discussion to the IOCB public at a group leaders meeting.

3. *Academic Assembly*. The term of the current assembly representatives ends by December 2022. New elections must be prepared by the Board in the autumn. The Board secretary will get all the necessary information from the Academy.
4. *Rules of Procedure*. Amendment to the Board rules of procedure was prepared and approved. It concerns a legal possibility to have a meeting and vote online in justified cases such as a pandemic.
5. *Joint meeting of the IOCB Board and the IOCB Supervisory Board*. The date and time were set to December 14, 2022, 13:30. The Director will update the Boards on recent and planned important activities of IOCB and IOCB Tech.
6. *i&i Prague*. P. Slavíček informed the Board as a member of the Investment board of i&i Prague about the activities of the company. The main financial flow goes currently through the European Investment Fund. The Board decided to invite M. Fusek and J. Zahrádka for the October meeting and ask them to provide an update on IOCB Tech and i&i Prague activities.

Next Board meeting will take place on Thursday October 6, 2 PM.

Minutes prepared by I. Valterová on September 19, 2022.