



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 11/2022 held on December 14, 2022

Joint meeting of the IOCB Board and Supervisory Board

Present (in arrival order, omitting titles):

Supervisory Board: Martin Bilej (chair), Zlatko Janeba (vice-chair), Libor Grubhoffer, Matěj Kliman, Jiří Krechl, Josef Lazar, Michal Strouhal

IOCB Board: Pavel Jungwirth (chair), Michal Hocek (vice-chair), Radek Cibulka, Jan Černý, Martin Dračinský, Pavel Majer, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Petr Slavíček, Kvido Stříšovský

Guests: Jan Konvalinka (IOCB Director), Tamara Brixiová (IOCB legal office representative), Zdeněk Hostomský (vice-director for international relations), Jiří Polman (strategic advisory), Martin Fusek (IOCB Tech), Jaromír Zahrádka (i&i Prague)

Secretary: Irena Valterová

Agenda:

1. The Director has informed both Boards about important events that have happened at IOCB since the assumption of his office in June 2022. He has introduced the since appointed vice-directors and selected upper management officers and has informed the Boards about new group leaders who have already accepted the offer from IOCB or who are currently being negotiated with. The Director has highlighted exceptionally important publications by IOCB scientists in 2022.
2. Tamara Brixiová has informed the Boards about the ongoing or upcoming judicial proceedings involving IOCB: i) labor-law dispute with Ing. Špička, ii) complaint procedure with the constructor company contractor Chládek a Tintěra (building B envelope leakage, wetting of masonry, and collapse of the roadway by building B), iii) claims against the operator of the restaurant in the IOCB owned premises in the Thunovská street, iv) VAT refund within the remit of the Exceles programme.
3. Jiří Polman has presented the financial plan of ways to prevent IOCB from losing financial assets due to inflation.

4. Martin Fusek has given the Boards an overview of the activities of IOCB Tech that involved:
i) projects managed by the company (16 projects), ii) patents filed (on average 10 per year),
iii) establishment of the IOCB Tech Endowment Fund (assuming the activities of NFMR),
iv) summary of financial management and v) preparations for the establishment of the PHARM-THEON Translational Research Centre. The Centre will be an integral part of IOCB Tech, with a staff of 20 people and a budget of about 100 million CZK per year. Suitable premises for this centre are being sought.
5. Jaromír Zahradka informed about the activities of i&i Prague and about: i) the established joint ventures, ii) the i&i Biotech Fund and cooperation with the European Investment Fund, and iii) selection of projects for funding (more than 400 projects in cooperative development during 2022, of which 3-6 projects are typically eventually selected for further funding each year).
6. The Chairs of the Supervisory Board and IOCB Board have reported on the activities of their respective boards in 2022.

Meeting of the IOCB Board

Present:

Pavel Jungwirth (chair), Michal Hocek (vice-chair), Radek Cibulka, Jan Černý, Martin Dračinský, Pavel Majer, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Petr Slaviček, Kvido Stříšovský

Guests: Irena Stará (IOCB), Petra Ben Ari (virtually, by phone)

Minutes taken by Kvido Stříšovský

Agenda:

1. Irena Stará has presented an overview of the speakers over the history of the IOCB Invited Lectures speakers and Tony Holy lecture holders. She has also explained the current selection mechanism (proposals by IOCB scientists -> evaluation of proposals by the IOCB Board -> confirmation by the IOCB Director). Irena has presented the plan of IOCB Invited Talks for 2023 and 2024 and proposed that call for new proposals for IOCB Invited Lectures should be published. Irena has proposed to review and revise the criteria for Tony Holy Lecture laureates. A short discussion at the Board resulted in the rough agreement on the following working criteria: it should be an exceptionally prominent scientist from the field of medicinal chemistry, somebody with a distinct and impactful discovery/development history. These criteria should be verbalized in a document to facilitate decision making by this or future Boards. Jan Černý has asked whether the IOCB Invited Lecture speakers could be shared with Charles University in some way. A short discussion followed where the conclusion supported by the Board Chair was that this is not possible to arrange by default for all speakers, but on a case-by-case basis this could be managed. However, streaming of

the Invited Lecture talks will not be supported (confidentiality issues), and likewise, regular talks open to a wider public in another venue (such as NTK) are logistically difficult (limited availability of the venue), and present potential confidentiality issues.

2. Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová proposes a date for a meeting of the organisational committee for the IOCB 70th Anniversary Conference (Jungwirth, Maloy Řezáčová, Stará, Hudeček, Stříšovský) to Tuesday December 20th 2022 at 12:30. Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová leaves the Board meeting at 4:30pm.
3. Petra Ben Ari was invited into a telephone conversation where she has informed the Board about the progress in the preparation of the Ethical Codex and appointment of the Ethical Committee of IOCB. Martin Dračínský has commented on the structure of the documents and typos and errors he has identified. Petra Ben Ari will send the final versions documents to the Board Secretary Irena Valterová who will forward them to the Board members so that the documents could be voted upon at the January 2023 Board meeting.
4. The Chair Pavel Jungwirth (PJ) has updated the Board on the 2022 round of Dream Chemistry Award (DCA) competition that took place in Poland. The Award exists since 2013, IOCB has joined in 2017. In 2023, at its 10th anniversary, Dream Chemistry Award will be taking place at IOCB. PJ proposes to exploit the synergy with the 70th anniversary of IOCB to invite to this DCA event also its selected past awardees/winners, and he asks the Board to help with the selection. Help agreed. The DCA event will take place on December 4th-5th 2023. PJ and Michal Hocek mentioned that inviting selected journal editors to this DCA event would be a great idea and both encourage the Board to propose tips for such editors who could write about the DCA event and IOCB (in a good journal). Board supports this.
5. PJ informed the Board of the announcement ceremony of the Martina Roeselová Fellowship on Friday December 16th at 3pm. There were 79 applicants in 2022, Radek Cibulka has justified the selection of 10 awardees with the emphasis that 10 should be the long-term limit on the number of awardees.
6. PJ informed the Board of the 2023 Equipment Investments proposals, furnished to him the day before by the Methodological Board. The proposals will be voted upon on the January 2023 Board meeting. In the meantime, PJ proposes to invite Ivo Starý for clarification of his investment proposal to PJ and Michal Hocek, and to exempt Václav Kašička's investment proposal from the Board's comments to leave it fully on Director's decision.
7. Radek Cibulka brought a point for discussion: the amendment to the university act (law) that is about to be proposed by the Ministry of Education. If passed, it could be binding already from 2024, while it brings about significant changes in the financing of PhD studentships, which could have wide impact on non-university entities actually tutoring PhD students (such as the Academy of Science institutes including IOCB). Radek Cibulka details that on January 15th 2023, the text of the proposed amendment to the Act should be available in a near final form. PJ proposes to discuss this important issue at the January 2023 Board meeting in the presence of the IOCB Director.

8. The Board recommended the application of Andrea Smith (Michal Mareš' group) for L'Oréal for Women in Science grant.
9. The next meeting of the IOCB Board has been agreed upon to take place on Thursday January 5th at 11:30 am.

Minutes prepared by Irena Valterová and Kvido Stříšovský on December 20, 2022.