



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 1/2023 held on January 5, 2023

Present: Pavel Jungwirth, Michal Hocek, Jan Černý, Martin Dračínský, Pavel Majer, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Petr Slaviček, Kvido Stříšovský

Excused: Radek Cibulka

Guests: Jan Konvalinka, Petra Ben-Ari

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

1. *Ethical Committee IOCB.* The Director appointed 3 members of the IOCB Ethical Committee, Jan Černý (Charles University), Petr Slaviček (University of Chemistry and Technology Prague), and Irena Stará (IOCB). 1-2 additional members may be appointed later.
2. *Ethical Codex.* The Board approved the text of the Ethical codex. PR department will make final polishing and formatting of the document before it will be posted on the website as a Director's Decree.
3. *Financing of PhD studentships according to the upcoming new university rules.* This issue was postponed for the next meeting when more information will be available.
4. *Internal Payroll Directive.* Effective from 1 January 2023, a new IOCB Internal Payroll Directive is in place. By this directive, the wage rates have increased by 15 %. The Board approved the document per rollam on December 29, 2022. Financial limits for the core funding of salaries of IOCB groups will be increased accordingly, with details being specified in due course, and no time limit on this change.
5. *Investments – IOCB equipment.* The IOCB Board discussed the material sent by the Methodical board (MB). The material was very well prepared by the MB. The IOCB board agrees with conclusions of MB. Specific instruments discussed:
 - a) Scanning electron microscope (I. Starý group). An equivalent instrument is available at the Institute of Physics (Doc. Pavel Jelínek). Furthermore, it is an investment primarily for a single IOCB group. The decision on this investment has been postponed by one year, the Board may reconsider it provided a clear information on the location of the instrument, operating personnel as well as interest of other IOCB groups in this instrument is submitted in the next round.
 - b) Mass spectrometer (V. Kašíčka group). This is a repeated request, which has been now reconsidered in the light of relocation of the group. MB suggests reducing the prize by buying the instrument in a simpler configuration.

- c) Vacuum evaporator + vacuum pump (J. Michl group). MB suggests reducing to a single piece and to pay it from the IOCB budget as basic laboratory equipment. IOCB Board agrees.
- d) Portable Raman spectrometer (P. Šimek). MB recommends first testing its suitability or look for a cheaper solution of the problem of unidentified waste. IOCB Board agrees and suggests borrowing such instrument from UCT for testing.
- e) Antivibration table (J. Kaleta group). The IOCB Board discussed the investment connected with eliminating negative effects of the construction of the CryEM lab and approves it with that it will likely find use also after the construction is finished.

6. *Information of the Director.*

- a) The IAB discussed the possibility of employing David Sabatini as a group leader. Members of the IAB were either supportive or not against and D. Sabatini will come to Prague in January to negotiate the Director's offer.
- b) Some mistakes appeared in the tender for Cryo-EM. Therefore, the tender will be cancelled and a new one will be opened soon. It delays the process of building the laboratories slightly.
- c) The Director needs to select 3 most significant IOCB papers for the Academy and asked the Board for advice.
- d) Information on the Scientific Meeting at the occasion of 70. Anniversary of IOCB, May 31, 2023. The organization committee invites speakers, some have already confirmed.
- e) In connection with the 70th anniversary of IOCB a question arises where the photo- and documentary archive of IOCB is. PR department will be contacted (responsible I. Valterová).

Next Board meeting will take place on February 9, 2023 at 10 AM. Other meetings are generally planned for every second Thursday in each month at 10 AM.

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

January 8, 2023