
Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 2/2023 held on February 9, 2023

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

Excused: Jan Černý, Pavel Majer, Kvido Stříšovský

Guests: Jan Konvalinka, Veronika Palečková

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

1. *Nomination for the Medal of the Academy of Sciences.* The Director proposed to nominate Prof. Martin Fusek for the Honorary Medal “*De scientia et humanitate optime meritis*”. This medal was established by the Czech Academy of Sciences in 1995 to recognise eminent Czech as well as foreign scientists for their meritorious contributions in the area of science and humanitarian ideas. The Board supported the proposal unanimously.
2. *Information on the brainstorming event.* The Director started organizing meeting to discuss ideas on future development and focus of the science at IOCB. The first one took place in Liblice Castle on Feb. 2-3, other similar events will follow. A larger-scale meeting of group leaders with the Director and the IOCB Board is planned, too.
3. *IOCB Internal Grants.* Existing internal grants (IOCB Bridging grant, IOCB Bridge Y, and IOCB Intramural Grant Program) were revisited (P. Maloy Řezáčová, V. Palečková). Suggestions for changes of the grant rules were discussed. P. Řezáčová and V. Palečková will summarize the comments, prepare a new version of the rules, and send the document to the Board members as a material for further discussion and approval during next Board meeting.
4. *Junior Star Grant Program of the Czech Science Foundation.* Internal rules for submission of proposals for GA CR JUNIOR STAR projects 2024 proposed by director were discussed. Only junior group leaders approved by the International Advisory Board in open international selection procedure may submit a JUN STAR project proposal to IOCB Prague as the host institution
5. *Additional Investment.* The Methodological Board (MB) obtained a request of P. Cígler and K. Šašková for funding a substantial price increase in their planned instrument (investment list 2023). The Director informed the Board that he plans to approve it and at the same time will ask for the equipment to be bought by the future investor returning thus the spent financial means to the Institute.
6. *Financing of PhD studentships.* R. Cibulka gave an update on anticipated changes in the law for financing of PhD students. So far, the Parliament did not pass any final version of this law, thus, the Board asked R. Cibulka to follow the development and give another update at the next meeting.

7. *Jobs Catalogue of IOCB*. Effective 1 February 2023, an updated IOCB Jobs Catalogue has been approved provided the typing errors will be corrected in the document.
8. *Proposal – Applied Science Lectures*. The board considered a suggestion by Radim Nencka to invite applied science researchers or leaders from the industry to give lectures at IOCB (2-3 lectures per year, similarly as Novartis Lecture Series organized earlier at UCT Prague). The previous IOCB Board planned to start with such lectures, but it did not materialize due to the covid pandemic. The first speaker was supposed to be Nils Jakob Vest Hansen, PhD, CEO, Vipergen ApS, Denmark. The Board recommended to re-invite Dr. Hansen and test whether there is sufficient interest for such lectures at the institute (a “pilot project”). The Board asks R. Nencka to be responsible for organization of these lectures and establish them to lecture series provided there is positive feedback from the IOCB researchers.
9. *Information on the Meeting at the occasion of 70. Anniversary of IOCB, May 31, 2023*. Speakers in the historical section have confirmed 15-minutes presentation (P. Štrop, M. Lebl, P. Kočovský, I. Valterová, M. Krečmerová, M. Dračinský, and J. Cvačka). Three external speakers accepted the invitation (Tomáš Cihlář, Petra Schwille, Marek Basler). More speakers will be invited selected from younger group leaders at IOCB.
10. *IOCB Archive*. Part of the photo- and documentary archive (newer material) is in the Communications office (D. Brinzanik). Older photos are owned by former or current employees (K. Stránský, D. Šaman, M. Hoskovec, Z. Havlas). These employees will be asked to loan the material to be digitized and archived (I. Valterová).
11. *Significant IOCB publications in 2022*. The Board will ask the Director about the deadlines for submission and evaluation.

The Board set dates of the next meetings in spring 2023 (dates will be added into common IOCB calendar):

March 16 at 14:30

April 6 at 14:30

May 11 at 14:30

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

February 14, 2023