
Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 5/2023 held on May 11, 2023

Present: Pavel Jungwirth, Michal Hocek, Radek Cibulka, Martin Dračinský, Pavel Majer, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Petr Slaviček

Excused: Jan Černý, Kvido Strišovský

Guests: Jan Konvalinka

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

1. *IOCB Invited Lectures.* Irena Stará sent a list of potential speakers proposed by the IOCB researchers. The Board made a selection and the Board secretary will send the updated list to I. Stará. The Board also selected potential speakers for the Dana Hocková seminars and Detlef Schröder seminars. The Board seeks an organizer of the later seminar series, a follower of L. Rulíšek, the current organizer.
2. *Information from the Learned Society of the Czech Republic.* A panel discussion "Gender and equality in science" took place on March 21. M. Hocek as organizer gave information about the event and the topic was discussed in the Board. Although IOCB provides exceptional opportunities to parents of small children, there is still problem to attract women to apply for group leader positions. P. Řezáčová and M. Hocek volunteered to structure the discussion about possible solutions on one of the next Board meetings for discussion.
3. *IOCB Internal Grants.* The board approved the latest version sent by V. Palečková. The documents are thus finalized.
4. *Director's information.*
 - a) Possible foundation of IOCB Branch Boston is still "in statu nascendi". The legislation both in Czechia and USA is being studied. The idea would be a laboratory oriented towards translational research. The topic will be further discussed at next meetings.
 - b) Technical problems
 - i) Leakage in the walls of building B and negotiation with the construction company Chládek and Tintěra to repair it within the guarantee agreement.
 - ii) The cause of the smell coming from the wastewater purification plant was located. The problem needs a technical solution (building of separate chambers). The estimate cost is 1M CZK.
5. *IOCB 70. Anniversary.* Final program has been announced. About 70 guests were invited to the IOCB Meeting on May 31. Editors of Chemické Listy offered to publish a special issue dedicated to IOCB. The Director and the Board leave the decision on each speaker if she/he would like to publish the meeting contribution in Chemické Listy (or in Vesmír).

6. *Dream Chemistry Award*. P. Jungwirth calls for nominations. The nominees should be promising scientist early in their career (within 7 years of PhD graduation) not employed by IOCB or the Polish partner organization.
7. *IOCB Archive*. The Board visited the paper archive in the souterrain of building D. The documents there are from different years, some of them rather old. They are not well sorted there, some organization and catalogization of the material would be appreciated.

The Board set dates of the next meetings:

June 27 at 14:00

August 8 at 11:00, followed by a traditional joint lunch with administration at 12:30.

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

May 18, 2023.