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## Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 8/2023 held on September 20, 2023

*Present:* Pavel Jungwirth, Michal Hocek, Radek Cibulka, Jan Černý, Martin Dračínský, Pavel Majer, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Petr Slaviček, Kvido Strišovský

*Guest:* Jan Konvalinka

*Secretary:* Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

1. *IOCB retreat 2024.* The retreat is planned for May 27.-31. 2024. The Board will prepare the program. There should be ~30 min slots for scientific groups and besides, there will be time dedicated to SWOT teams, IOCB Tech and i&i Prague. A preliminary program should be ready by the end of 2023.
2. *Director's information.*
  - a) Evaluation of scientific groups took place on September 6-8 with IAB members present. The next on-site visit of IAB is planned for September 18.-20., 2024. The Board suggested to plan for a call for a junior group leader in computational chemistry for the same date and the Director agreed with this idea.
  - b) The office of the Czech President plans to organize a series of scientific lectures for the public entitled "Science at the Castle". Jan Konvalinka was invited to become a member of the organizing committee.
  - c) Information on basic laboratory equipment (BLE) defined by Methodological Board and approved by IOCB Board will be publicized.
  - d) A joint laboratory IOCB and ICT Prague headed by Dr. Stela De Alemida Gonzales is planned to be established in January 2024.
  - e) Research core facility Electron microscopy embedded within group of Dr. Pichová will be established in January 2024.
3. *Dream Chemistry Award.* 2023 is the 10th year of DCA. The contest will take place at IOCB on December 4-5. The Selection Committee (including all Board members) will select out of the applications 5 best "dreamers" who will be invited for the finals together with 3 former DCA winners. All IOCB scientists are warmly welcome to attend.
4. *70th Anniversary of IOCB.* The second phase of celebrations will take place on November 8. The lectures will be in Czech, the same speakers of historical lectures are invited as in May. Additionally, Prof. Martin Franc (Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences), author of the book "History of IOCB AS CR" published in 2013 will give a talk about the IOCB history.
5. *Dates of future meetings:*
  - October 11 at 10:00
  - November 7 at 10:00

December 7. at 13:00 in the restaurant Thunovská 181/16 (tentative date, planned as a joint meeting with the Supervisory Board)

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

September 28, 2023.