



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 1/2024 held on February 1st, 2024

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. Director's information.

- a) The Director informed about the PARC prize. It is a pharmaceutical research platform offering a post-graduate program that is based on collaboration between academic and industrial partners. The Parc is offering PhD topics for students who want to solve current and future challenges in pharmaceutical research. IOCB participates in this activity.
- b) The Board got information about the progress in establishing the IOCB Branch in Boston. A contract is close to signing.
- c) The director informed about organizational changes (specified under Director's Decrees on the internal website).
- d) The director informed about scouting travels abroad (Israel, Qatar, India). In Israel, establishing of a joint laboratory of the Weizmann Institute and IOCB is under preparation. A future cooperation between universities in Qatar and India were discussed.
- e) The internal newsletter Bond will be re-established (responsible V. Sedláčková).
- f) Meeting with the group leaders ("brainstorming") in Liblice, 25.-26.1. was successful. The Director will summarize suggestions and comments and send the summary to the Board for discussion at the next meeting. This type of brainstorming is very useful; it will take place once a year in late January.

2. *Changes in the law concerning scientific-research-institutions.* Several important changes limiting the competence of the Boards of institutes took place. J. Černý shared with the Board a lawyer's analysis of the changes. The Board will discuss it at the next meeting.

3. *Nominations for Praemium Academiae.* The award is meant for outstanding scientists within the Academy and represents a financial support for 5 years. The deadline is March 31. The director together with the Board chairman send nomination(s) to the Academy. Several candidates were discussed.

4. *IOCB retreat 2024 (May 27-31).* Martin Dračínský prepared the detailed program. Due to organization changes at IOCB, the program needed to be updated. The external Board members are invited to participate in the retreat.

5. *Calls for applications/nominations for awards.* Several calls are upcoming, the Director and The Board members reminded about the deadlines for Experientia Start-up grants and Experientia Postdoctoral stays abroad, Bader awards I and II, and the Neuron Prize.

6. *IOCB Prague Equal Opportunities*. The Board received the following written material from Blanka Collis (Equal Opportunities Officer) for information: "IOCB Prague Equal Opportunities In Numbers – Annual report November 2023".
7. *IOCB most significant papers published in 2023*. The Board discussed the slightly changed rules for this year's evaluation.
8. *Call for junior team leader in the field of computation chemistry*. The call should be prepared and published in spring; the interview with applicants should take place in September during the visit of IAB at IOCB.
6. *Date of the next meeting*:
Monday March 4 at 9:30.

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

February 5, 2024.