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## Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 3/2024 held on April 4, 2024

*Present:* Pavel Jungwirth, Radek Cibulka, Martin Dračínský, Pavel Majer, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Kvido Stříšovský

*Excused:* Michal Hocek, Jan Černý, Petr Slaviček

*Guest:* Jan Konvalinka, Jiří Polman

*Secretary:* Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

### 1. *Information of the Director and Discussion*

- a) Following the brainstorming meeting in Liblice (January 2024), the Director in consultation with the Board prepares a “to do list”. The Board also reminds about the deadline for applications for the IOCB intramural grants (May 1<sup>st</sup>).
- b) Group of Proteomics: a call has been opened, 15 applications arrived, out of them 6 applicants have been invited for interviews.
- c) Acute lack of lab and office space: there will be evaluation of several junior groups in September 2024 and senior groups in 2025. The problem of a sufficient space for groups that will be promoted after the evaluation exists and will need to be solved following to the evaluation results.
- d) J. Kaleta suggested establishing of an “IOCB PhD Scholarship” to fund shorter stays (2-6 months) of visiting PhD students at IOCB. The Board is in favour of the idea and suggests the applications to be handled by the IOCB Postdoc and Sabbatical Committee.
- e) A new law concerning PhD studies is in preparation and it's potential consequences have been discussed. A suggestion of a “zero year” of PhD studies that would be supported by IOCB was discussed.
- f) Quantitative evaluation of the group performance was discussed. Most Board members agreed on continuation of this evaluation, potentially with a lower awarded sum for the groups.
- g) The institute is in favour of supporting conferences and workshops, preferentially smaller events, to be held at IOCB.
- h) IOCB Boston: the institute received the donation that will cover the leasing contract for the laboratories in Boston. The Deed of gift has been signed and the lease contract is to be signed soon.

2. *Dream Biology Award.* Tomáš Pluskal suggested establishing of a biological alternative to Dream Chemistry Award. The idea was accepted by the Board, T. Pluskal will cooperate with D. Sabatini, P. Jungwirth and B. Fričová on the details.

3. *Monitoring of the Progress of PhD Students.* It would be useful to unify monitoring of the progress in PhD studies and see the scientific level of their work. However, the new law in preparation may give some new guidelines for this activity. The Board will discuss this issue on one of the future meetings once the new law is passed.

4. *Updated Election Rules.* The Academy sent a document as a template for updated election rules. It will be a base for future elections at the institute and in the Academy including election of a new President of ASCR. The secretary will prepare changes for the next board meeting where the document will be discussed and approved.
5. *Call for a new junior group in theoretical chemistry.* P. Jungwirth will prepare a text for the call. The interviews will take place during the IAB meeting in September.
6. *Date of the next meeting:*  
**May 7 at 10:00, director's meeting room.**

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

April 11, 2024.