



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 4/2024 held on May 7, 2024

Present: Pavel Jungwirth, Radek Cibulka, Jan Černý, Martin Dračínský, Michal Hocek, Pavel Majer, Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Petr Slavíček, Kvido Stříšovský

Guest: Jan Konvalinka, Jiří Cairola

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

1. *Information of the Director and Discussion*

- a) The Academy of Sciences awarded all three IOCB nominated young researchers (Jana Škerlová, Erik Andris, and Daniel Bím) O. Wichterle Award. Congratulations!
 - b) The 2024 budget was presented by J. Cairola and discussed by the Board. All questions were answered to the Board satisfaction.
 - c) The director informed about preparations for elections of the Academy President. Four candidates are considering running for the job. They will present their ideas and plans at IOCB on June 6, 10 am. The IOCB employees are welcome to participate.
 - d) The Director asked the Board members to think about suitable candidates for the Academy Council.
 - e) Selection of the IOCB most significant papers will be announced soon.
 - f) The on-site evaluation of research groups (September 18-20) is in preparation. Group leaders submitted their resumés that will be evaluated by independent reviewers.
 - g) Evaluation of institutes of AS CR is in preparation. The Board members are encouraged to suggest potential reviewers (outside the IAB).
 - h) Handling of grant proposals such as OPJAK by the Ministry of Education was discussed and the evaluations system was criticized. The director agreed on writing an open letter to the government that will bring up the issue and explain the problems. The board will support the letter.
2. *Updated Election Rules.* The Academy provided the institutes a template for updated election rules. The template was adapted to the IOCB situation, and a new set of rules has been approved by the Board unanimously. The rules concern elections of the IOCB Board, the Academy Assembly, and suggestions of candidates for the Academy President, members of the Academy Council, and the Scientific Council of the Academy.
3. *IOCB Retreat in Valeč.* The program has been finalized. P. Slavíček provided the topic of his lecture: "Ethics on Graphics".
4. *IOCB Yearbook.* Oldřich Hudeček (Communication Department) presented his idea on a new and modern IOCB yearbook. The booklet should be light for easy transport and each group will be identified with a QR code that will connect to the group website. In this way, the information will be fresh and updated with each group change.
5. *Date of the next meeting:*
June 4 at 9:00, director's meeting room. The first part will be a joint meeting with the Supervisory board.

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

May 10, 2024.