Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 6/2024 held on August 20, 2024

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

Excused: Radek Cibulka

Guest: Jan Konvalinka

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

1. *OP JAK Research Environment*. P. Řezáčová informed about intent to apply for projects within a call "OP JAK Research Environment" (Call No. 02_23_026). The aim is to develop capacities, knowledge and skills for strategic management of R&D. The maximum budget per project is 70 mil. CZK and the maximum duration is 5 years. The deadline for submitting proposals is December 16. A more detailed information will be sent to the Board members. The contact person is Petra Ben-Ari. Board members have been asked to study the material and express their willingness to help with some parts of the project.

2. *Policy of Research Data Management at IOCB*. P. Řezáčová presented a document "IOCB Research Data Management Policy" and summarized data management activities at IOCB. The IOCB has a working group on data management (led by J. Vondrášek). Data coordinator cooperates with representatives of different research areas and prepares an electronic laboratory notebook for each area. A data steward position will be created to establish data management guidelines and to organise training for staff. The Board endorsed the material.

3. *Survey among PhD Students*. P. Řezáčová informed about the output of survey organized among PhD students. Over 60% of the students responded to questions about their satisfaction at IOCB, problems they face, general environment at IOCB, working conditions, etc. The survey will serve as a valuable material for the IOCB management. Probably the most pressing issue raised in the survey was a duration of the PhD studies and a call of students for mentors independent form their PhD advisors. The Board discussed this issue in detail. Suggested to monitor and discus the length of PhD studies in individual groups. The Board also supported the idea of a mentoring program specifically for PhD students. This program should offer dedicated mentors who can provide guidance and support, helping student to navigate through their studies. Pavlína, Michal and Pavel J. will help with preparation of guidelines and materials on the side of the Board. Director will raise this issue at the next meeting of group leaders. The mentoring program could be introduce until the end of year 2024.

4. *Call for Computational Junior Group Leader*. Six applicants have been invited for an interview to be held on September 20. The IAB will be present. Board members are

encouraged to listen to their presentations, talk to them and give their opinions to the Director.

5. *Updated IOCB Rules of Organization.* The document was received from M. Matoušek beforehand. However, the material turned out to be premature. Therefore, it was not exhaustively discussed at the meeting. Members of the Board are invited to send their comments by e-mail to the Secretary who will collect them, summarise them and send them to M. Matoušek and the Director.

6. *Date of the next meeting:* The next Board meeting will take place at 14:00 in the Director's meeting room on October 10.

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

August 23, 2024.