



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 7/2024 held on October 29, 2024

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

Guest: Jan Konvalinka

Secretary: Irena Valterová

The program of the meeting was approved unanimously.

1. *Evaluation of junior and senior groups*

The Director reported on the evaluations that took place at the IOCB in September in the presence of the IAB. The results are communicated first to the evaluated group leaders and then to the IOCB public. The Director is also planning certain organisational changes in the categories of Research Service, Targeted Research and Core Facilities.

2. *Call for Computational Junior Group Leader*

Six candidates were interviewed in September in the presence of the IAB. The Director will open with one of the candidates negotiations concerning potential future position at IOCB.

3. *On-site visit at IOCB Boston*

The Director attended the official opening of the IOCB Boston laboratories in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The opening was attended by many of the world's top scientists and other dignitaries. The successful start of the IOCB branch in Boston gives the opportunity to open 2-3 more group leader positions at this location in the near future. It will be necessary to attract more grant donors for the maintenance and development of the branch.

4. *Election of the President of CAS*

Several candidates presented their visions to the IOCB public. The institute did not officially endorse any of the candidates.

5. *Evaluation of the CAS institutes in 2025*

The timetable has been announced by the leadership of CAS. The on-site evaluation visits at IOCB should take place between 26 September and 17 October. Petra Ben Ari and Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová are responsible for the technical organization of the evaluation at IOCB.

6. *Rules for financing repair and maintenance of instruments*

The Methodological Board proposed rules for financing repair and maintenance of instruments and asked the IOCB Board for advice. Recommendation of the Board is that basic equipment should be paid for fully by the IOCB, including repairs. Concerning other instruments maintenance, financial participation by the group(s) involved is strongly encouraged.

7. *Dream Chemistry Award 2024*

DCA 2024 will take place on 2-3 December in Warsaw. DCA 2025 will be organized again at IOCB.

8. *Awards and Prizes - mechanisms of nominations/applications*

The Board recommended that the nominations and applications would be collected in the

secretariat at the address uochb@uochb.cas.cz. The secretaries will redirect to the Board nominations where the recommendation (and/or preselection) by the Board is requested or advised.

9. *Date of the next meeting:*

December 17 at 9:30, joint meeting with the IOCB Supervisory Board, in Thunovská 16.

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

November 3, 2024.