



Minutes of the IOCB Board Meeting No. 2/2025 held on March 11, 2025

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

Excused: Radek Cibulka

Guests: Jan Konvalinka

Secretary: Irena Valterová

1. *IOCB Goals and Organization.* The Board considers updating this document for the period 2026-2030 as a key task of this year. An extended discussion was focused on comments, additions, modifications, updates, more precise formulations. The board members agreed on reformulating selected parts (K. Stříšovský, P. Řezáčová), more people will get involved (M. Fusek, P. Ben-Ari, M. Šafner, V. Palečková) to help with selected parts. P. Jungwirth will collect all suggestions and incorporate them into an updated version of the document. The draft should be ready before summer to give time to group leaders and the IAB for reading and commenting it before the IAB on-site visit in September.

2. *IOCB Tech and i&i Prague.* The director informed the Board about changes in the management of IOCB Tech and i&i Prague. M. Fusek will retire from the position of the IOCB Tech director, IOCB Tech will be led by Milan Prášil. i&i Prague will be led by David Stíbal, the current vice-director. M. Prášil will be invited to the board meeting in April.

3. *Awards.* The closest internal deadline for nominations on Wichterle Award is March 15. Since there will not be another Board meeting in March, the members will vote for the nominees per rollam.

4. *Cooperation with Taiwan.* The director and several group leaders visited Taiwan in March. They visited two institutions, Academia Sinica and the National Taiwan University (NTU). Cooperation in several fields has been discussed, and some specific topics of interest have been identified already. Researchers from Taiwan are highly interested in cooperation. They will come to visit IOCB in 2026.

5. *Campus Albertov.* This is a project involving three faculties – Faculty of Science, First Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics. The goal of the project is to improve the interaction between individual disciplines. The project is financially supported by the National Restoration Plan. IOCB is involved in preparation of an application for TEAMING project together with the Faculty of Science and the Weizman Institute.

6. *New Junior Group in Theoretical Chemistry.* Negotiation with Fabio Lolicato continues; he will give a presentation at IOCB entitled "Lipid Sorting and Protein Oligomerization as Key Triggers of Membrane Pore Formation" on March 17.

7. *Election of the Academic Board and CAS Scientific Board.* Iva Pichová and Michal Hocek are IOCB candidates for the Academic Board and the CAS Scientific Board, respectively. The director will meet with the Academic Assembly members on Friday March 14.

8. *Actual situation in the USA.* Issues concerning Trump's administration attacks on research funding and academic freedom have been discussed including possible consequences for the IOCB Boston.

9. *Evaluation of the CAS Institutes.* The first phase (bibliometric data) has a deadline of March 20. The second phase (narrative materials of research groups and IOCB as a whole, including IOCB Board) has a deadline of June 20. The exact dates of the on-site visit in September-October is not yet known.

10. *Next Meetings:* The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 13:00 in the director's boardroom. The date of a possible meeting in May has not been set. A joint meeting with the supervisory board will be held on June 12 at 9:30 in Thunovská 16.

Minutes taken by I. Valterová

March 13, 2025.