

## Notes from Scientific Council meeting

Date: 3.12.2021

Present: Astrid Holzer, Petr Kopáček, Miroslav Oborník, Alena Zíková

Online: Ivan Čepička, Vladimír Hampl, Petr Horák, Martin Kolísko

Guests: Julius Lukeš, Ondřej Hajdušek, Jan Perner, Dan Sojka,

Excused: Martin Kváč

- the Scientific Council (SC) discussed a proposal from the director of the Institute of Parasitology (IoP) regarding the leadership of the laboratory led by Dr. Petr Kopáček. Prof. Julius Lukeš proposes that the laboratory will be headed by Dr. Jan Perner and explained his motivation and expectations.
- SC supports the Director's decision that Dr. Jan Perner will be the new group leader. It is expected that this will lead to better communication between senior scientists, more efficient research, and increased scientific output.
- SC acknowledges the enormous contribution of Dr. Petr Kopáček in building a strong and respected laboratory and in training the next generation of scientists. Dr. Petr Kopáček will stay in the lab in the position of vice-head. He offered Dr. Jan Perner his full support and help.
- SC expects Dr. Jan Perner to return to the SC meeting in one year with a short presentation reflecting the events of the past year.
- SC offers its full support to Dr. Jan Perner, who can contact SC at any time if he feels the need.
- SC discussed a prestigious *Lumina Quaeruntur* grant awarded to Dr. Elisabeth Hehenberger, who is expected to establish her own independent lab by the funder. SC recommends that the director fully supports Elisabeth in her endeavor.
- SC nominated doc. Hassan Hashimi to serve on GACR Panel 303.
- SC discussed with Dr. Astrid Holzer, the group leader of the Fish Parasitology Lab, announcement of her planned move to Vienna (August 2022). SC will work closely with the Director and Dr. Astrid Holzer to find an excellent replacement for the head of this department.
- SC recalled the need to introduce formal research group evaluations (in addition to individual IoP researcher attestation) as a tool to support and shape research groups at the IoP.

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