**Minutes of the meeting to establish the society**

**"Czech Biophysical Association" from 23.6.2022**

**Present**: E. Bártová, S. Kozubek, J. Lazar, J. Kozelka, M. Kubala, M. Hof, D. Lazar, J. Krejčí, H. Polášková, L. Stixová, H. Křivánková

At the beginning, the director of the institute, E. Bártová, informed those present about the process of establishing the association, the reasons for its establishment and other circumstances. The association represents a continuation of the Committee for Biophysics, which ensured cooperation with the worldwide organization IUPAB, to which the Czech Academy of Sciences paid contributions. CAS no longer provides these payments, and therefore it is necessary to find a way to maintain the “Czech biophysical society” and its cooperation with IUPAB. The association should ensure organized activity in the field of biophysics and continuity with IUPAB, including the payment of a contribution. There was extensive discussion about this activity.

1. The question of whether to stay in IUPAB (ie pay dues) or leave IUPAB was discussed. All those present agreed that it is appropriate to stay in this important international society (IUPAB organizes a global congress every 3 years, attended by approx. 2-3 thousand scientists, issues hundreds of scholarships for students, supports the organization of workshops at various levels, supports targeted research (task forces), including structural biology, big data systems and education in biophysics).
2. In addition, it was suggested that the association should also be a member of EBSA, where 2 euro per person is paid. Agreement was also expressed with this proposal.
3. With regard to the need for funding membership in IUPAB, it was decided that the association will approach the President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic with a request for a subsidy of approx. 20,000. CZK per year, which would largely cover the contribution to IUPAB. Other possibilities were also discussed, e.g. approaching possible sponsors, organizing conferences or workshops, etc.
4. H. Polášková suggested that she organize a symposium on the topic of "DNA Replication" and invite other young scientists from various institutions of the Czech Republic in related fields to the organization. This proposal was unanimously supported by the association and the management of the BFÚ. Participation in conferences, symposia and workshops for members of the association will be greatly discounted.
5. The participants of the meeting agreed to approach prominent scientists from biophysical fields in their area and offer them membership in the association (R. Vácha, P. Jungwirth, and others). In order to make the association more attractive, J. Lazar will draw up a draft resolution of the members of the association, in which it will be emphasized that in the future it is expected that the management of the association will change regularly (chairman, treasurer, etc.). The resolution was drawn up on 24/06/2022 in the following wording:

"The Czech Biophysical Association, z.s., hereby resolves its interest in the widest possible membership base from among academic and university workplaces dealing with various areas of biophysical research. The association declares its efforts to gain new members, but also its intention to provide representation in its elected bodies to representatives of various institutions and biophysical areas. The association expresses its willingness to modify its statutes in order to achieve the goal of creating a lively, inclusive biophysics community, supporting the development of students and giving significant space to the activity of young scientists."

1. The director of the BFÚ of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, E. Bártová, will address prof. Trnková with the aim that the association could participate in the organization of her conference, where the E. Paleček prize is awarded.
2. Legislative matters concerning the association will be resolved (membership of legal entities, mechanism for replacing the association's management, etc.)
3. At the end of the year, an online meeting will take place where members will get acquainted with the results of the management and the status of the resolution of other registration points.
4. At the end of the meeting, a lecture by M. Hof was given on the topic: "Protein hydration and dynamics seen by fluorescence: studies on haloalkane-dehalogenases" followed by a discussion

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