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FTA Scientific Board
Meeting Report

10 December 2021

The Meeting of the FTA Scientific Board took place on 10 December 2021.
The following members of the Board were present. The meeting took place in a hybrid form partly in person and partly online via MS Teams

The Chair: prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme

FTA Members Present (8):	FTA Members Present online (3):
prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. doc. Miroslava Bavorová doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D. prof. Dr. Ing. Eloy Fernández Cusimamani prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D. prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D. prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc. prof. Mgr. Ing. Markéta Sedmíková, Ph.D.	prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D. prof. Dr. Ing. František Kumhála prof. PhDr. Michal Ložňák, Ph.D.
External Members Present (3):	External Members Present online (3):
doc. Ing. Jan Chyský, CSc. prof. Dr. RNDr. Oldřich Lapčík doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, CSc.	prof. RNDr. Dr. Daniel Frynta, Ph.D. doc. Ing. Vilém Jarský, Ph.D. doc. RNDr. Josef Novotný, CSc.

Apologies (3):

prof. RNDr. Vojtěch Novotný, CSc
Ing. Kateřina Černý Pixová, Ph.D.
doc. RNDr. Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Ph.D.

Guest Attendees (1):

Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.

Secretary:

Mgr. Martina Gregorová

Minute Taker:

Ing. Ingrid Faltová

Agenda of FTA Scientific Board:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Reflection on Previous SB Meeting
3. Introducing strategic plan FTA 2021
4. Commencement of the professorship procedure of doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, PhD
5. Approval of new members of Doctoral Degree Board
6. Miscellaneous

Ad 1) Opening

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman, opened the Scientific Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Ad 2) Reflection on Previous SB Meeting

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman, informed the audience of the content of the last SB meeting (8 October 2021): Successful habilitation procedure of Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. and appointment of Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. as supervisor for doctoral study programmes SRD, TABM and ATS.

Ad 3) Introducing strategic plan FTA 2021

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman, presented FTA's strategic plan for 2021. This plan consists of areas of activity arranged according to the Ministry of Education's guidelines. In particular, the following points were highlighted and discussed:

- Internationalization of the FTZ
- Training of pedagogical skills of academic staff
- Increasing the number of academic staff
- Creating tools for evaluating the quality of education and improving the quality of teaching
- Establishment of research teams within all departments of FTZ
- Implementation of educational programs (Researchers Night, Week of Science,...)
- Organizing the Tropentag conference
- FTA participation in the implementation of international research projects
- Reconstruction of the BG FTA greenhouse

The board's members voiced several comments that were integrated in the final text that would be sent to the university's rectorate.

Ad 4) Initiation of the professorship nomination procedure of doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotnik, PhD

An application for the commencement of the procedure for professorship of doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotnik, PhD was submitted to the Scientific Board. Furthermore, a proposal for the composition of the commission was presented: **Chairman:** prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D. - FTZ, ČZU in Prague; **Members:** prof. RNDr. Miroslav Barták, C.Sc. - FAPPZ, ČZU in Prague; prof. RNDr. Ivan Čepička, Ph.D. - Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague; prof. RNDr. Vojtěch Novotný, Ph.D. - EntÚ BC CAS in České Budějovice; prof. Ing. Vladimír Košťál, C.Sc. – EntÚ BC AV ČR in České Budějovice.

The Scientific Board voted to initiate professorship procedure and the composition of the commission: 18 members in favour, 0 members against, 0 abstentions.

Conclusion: The Scientific Board approved the commission's composition, and the request to initiate the professorship procedure of doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotnik, PhD.

Ad 5) Approval of new members of Doctoral Degree Board

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman, briefly introduced doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. and doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D. The Scientific Council voted on the proposal to nominate (1) doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. as new member of Doctoral Degree Board SRD, and (2) doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador as new member of Doctoral Degree Board TABM, ATS: 17 members in favour, 0 members against, 1 abstentions.

Conclusion: The Scientific Board approved doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. as a new member of Doctoral Degree Board SRD and doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador as a new member of Doctoral Degree Board ATS, TABM.

Ad 6) Miscellaneous

Proposal for the appointment of new supervisors of FTA doctoral programs:

Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. introduced Mgr. Martina Komárková, Ph.D. and Dr. Drini Imami. Both candidates provided a presentation on their current research and pedagogical activities. The committee examined all submitted documents and assessed their scientific and pedagogical qualities. Subsequently, there was a public vote on the proposal of new supervisors with the following results:

Mgr. Martina Komárková, Ph.D.: 18 members in favour, 0 members against, 0 abstentions.

Dr. Drini Imami: 18 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions.

Proposal for the final statement of the FTA Scientific Board:

FTA Scientific Board adopted the following resolution at its meeting on 10 December 2021:

- The Scientific Board approved the commission composition, and the request to initiate the professorship procedure of doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, PhD.
- The Scientific Board approved doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. and doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador as new members of Doctoral Degree Board SRD and TABM/ATS, respectively.
- Mgr. Martina Komárková, Ph.D and Drini Imami were voted as supervisors for the following doctoral study programmes: Sustainable Rural Development, Tropical Agrobiolology and Bioresource Management, Agriculture in Tropics and Subtropics.

FTA Scientific Board agrees with the final statement: 18 agreed, 0 abstained, 0 against

Result: The final statement of FTA's Scientific Board meeting of December 10, 2021, was approved.

The Scientific Board agreed on the next date of meeting on 8 April 2022.

The Chairman thanked all members present and closed the meeting of the Scientific Board.

prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme

The Chairman of FTA, CZU Prague Scientific Board