
Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences



FTA Scientific Board Meeting Report

3rd November 2023

The meeting of the FTA Scientific Board took place on the 3rd November, 2023

Chairman: prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme

Members:

Present: doc. Miroslava Bavorová
prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D.
prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D.
prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D.
prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D.
prof. PhDr. Michal Lošťák, Ph.D.
doc. Ing. Vilém Jarský, Ph.D.
prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc.
prof. Dr. Ing. Eloy Fernández Cusimamani
prof. Dr. Ing. František Kumhála
prof. Mgr. Ing. Markéta Sedmíková, Ph.D.

Apologies: doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D.
Ing. Kateřina Černý Pixová, Ph.D.

External members:

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Present: doc. RNDr. Josef Novotný, Ph.D.
doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, CSc.
doc. Ing. Jan Chyský, CSc.
prof. RNDr. Dr. Oldřich Lapčík

Apologies: prof. RNDr. Vojtěch Novotný, CSc.
prof. RNDr. Daniel Frynta, Ph.D.
doc. RNDr. Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Ph.D.

Guests: doc. RNDr. Jan Votýpka, Ph.D. (online)
prof. Dr. Manfred Wiedmann (online)
RNDr. Boris Klempa, DrSc. (online)
Mgr. Barbora Černá Bolfíková, Ph.D.

Secretary: Ing. Vendula Ludvíková, Ph.D.

Minute taker: Ing. Barbora Motýlová

FTA Scientific Board 03. 11. 2023 programme:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Information from the previous FTA Scientific Board meeting
3. Overview of faculty scientific activity
4. Approval of a new member for state doctoral exams (doc. RNDr. Mgr. Miroslav Horák, Ph.D.)
5. Habilitation procedure of RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D.
6. Miscellaneous

1) Opening of the Meeting

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman greeted everyone and opened the Scientific Board meeting.

2) Information from the previous FTA Scientific Board meeting

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman, briefly informed the audience about the content of the last FTA Scientific Board meeting (4th of November 2022).

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3) Overview of faculty scientific activity

Prof. Patrick Van Damme briefly summarized the most important activities of the faculty (number of projects, number of grant funds, number of publications registered in the Web of Science and in Scopus databases, and the distribution of publications by quartile and decile). In terms of published articles, the Faculty focuses more on quality rather than quantity (decreasing the publications in Q3 and Q4 and increasing mostly D1, Q1 and Q2 publications).

4) Approval of a new member for state doctoral exams

Doc. RNDr. Mgr. Miroslav Horák, Ph.D. was proposed as a new member for state doctoral exams.

Result: 14 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions.
(2 members were not present, they came later)

Result: Doc. RNDr. Mgr. Miroslav Horák, Ph.D. was approved as a new member for state doctoral exams.

5) Habilitation procedure of RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D.

Members of the habilitation committee: prof. RNDr. Jan Kopecký, CSc., prof. MVDr. David Modrý, Ph.D., doc. RNDr. Jan Votýpka, Ph.D., doc. RNDr. Ivo Rudolf, Ph.D., and prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D. as chairman.

Opponents: prof. Dr. Manfred Wiedmann, RNDr. Boris Klempa, DrSc., prof. Dr. Arthur Gruber, Ph.D.

Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. introduced RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D., and his achievements in pedagogical and scientific activities.

Prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D., introduced the habilitation committee as well as the opponents, discussing both the committee's activities and the whole habilitation process.

The habilitation committee evaluated RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D., as a candidate who met all the criteria (even significantly exceeding the requirements) and recommended him for habilitation.

Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. proposed prof. Dr. Ing. Eloy Fernández Cusimamani and doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, CSc. as scrutators.

Approval of scrutators:

Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 1 abstention.

Result : prof. Dr. Ing. Eloy Fernández Cusimamani and doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, CSc. as scrutators.

RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D. presented his presentation focused on Arthropod-borne pathogens at the human-animal interface: A One Health approach. After presentation, RNDr. Boris Klempa and DrSc. prof. Dr. Manfred Wiedmann read their statements and asked questions. Prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D read the statement of the last opponent – prof. Dr. Arthur Gruber, Ph.D. All opponents were satisfied and had positive statements. This was followed by a discussion. RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D. was asked questions related to impact of meadow management on ticks, ticks diversity in Europe, and if fire can be an effective way in meadow management to get rid of ticks. Also, there was a short discussion on how this relates to the tropics. Jiří answered that we live in a global world and mentioned migratory birds flying every year from north to south pole, so they cross the equator twice a year. It was discussed if wouldn't be better name for this field of study wouldn't be "Global agriculture and ecology".

In the discussion participated: prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme, doc. Miroslava Bavorová, prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D., doc. RNDr. Josef Novotný, Ph.D., prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc.

Later RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D. presented his pedagogical lecture focused on SARS-CoV – 2 in animals. followed by discussion and questions. Questions were related to vaccines, the distribution of viruses worldwide, symptoms of infected animals, and farming systems.

In the discussion participated: prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc., prof. PhDr. Michal Lošťák, Ph.D., doc. Ing. Vilém Jarský, Ph.D., prof. Mgr. Ing. Markéta Sedmíková, Ph.D.

After discussion, there was secret voting.

Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions, 1 invalid

Result: The Scientific Board approved RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D. as an associate professor- doc. at the FTA, CZU Prague.

6) Conclusion

Prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme summarised the meeting and asked for the last final voting statement - if everyone agree with the results of all previous voting and summarization.

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Prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme concluded that:

- habilitation procedure of RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D. was successful
- a new member for state doctoral exams was approved

Result: 16 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions.

Prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme thanked all for participation.

prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme
The Chairman of FTA, CZU Prague Scientific Board

