
Czech University of Life Sciences Prague
Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences



FTA Scientific Board
Meeting Report
26th of April 2024

The meeting of the FTA Scientific Board took place on April 26, 2024

Chairman: prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme

Members:

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

Apologies: prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D.

External members:

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Present: prof. RNDr. Dr. Oldřich Lapčík
doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, CSc.

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

Guests: Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.
Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.
Mgr. Barbora Černá Bolfíková, Ph.D.
doc. Ing. Ondřej Dvouletý, Ph.D.
prof. Ing. Lukáš Kalous, Ph.D.

Secretary: Ing. Vendula Ludvíková, Ph.D.

Minute taker: Ing. Barbora Motýlová

FTA Scientific Board 26. 04. 2024 programme:

- Opening of the Meeting
- Information from the previous FTA Scientific Board meeting
- FTA Annual Report 2023
- Commencement of the habilitation procedure of Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.
- Commencement of the habilitation procedure of Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.
- Approval of committees for Bachelor and Master state examinations and defences
- Approval of new supervisors for doctoral study programme
- Approval of new members of FTA Doctoral Degree Boards
- Approval of doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. as a new member of FTA Scientific Board
- 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 (3rd of November 2023). He talked about targets that were mostly met, and he mentioned approval of the habilitation procedure of RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D.

3) FTA Annual Report 2023 and Strategic Action Plan 2024

The scientific board had the opportunity to review the printed Annual Reports for the year 2023, and they were briefly introduced to the contents. Prof. Patrick Van Damme presented Strategic Action Plan 2024. Presentation was divided into Strategic Areas (SA). SA1 is focused on high-quality and competent graduates, pedagogical competencies of teachers, quality assurance, reflection of the requirements of the labour market, and international dimension of education. Topics like updating the curricula, accreditation of double (multiple) degree (Tropical Farming System), full online study programme, and numbers of ingoing and outgoing students and academics were mentioned. The aim of SA2 aim is to expand flexible forms of education for students, to have an appropriate and accessible form of educational activities, and to support lifelong learning. The objectives of SA3 are to be attractive to high-quality applicants and motivate students to complete their studies on

time and continue their independent scientific career. SA4 focus on excellent science and popularization of FTA R&D activities and outputs. SA5 aims to improve strategic management in FTA through regular monitoring and evaluation of its activities. The topic of SA6 is sustainability.

He also mentioned that it is needed to increase and also maintain teachers with CAE English certificates in 2024.

After presenting the FTA annual report and strategic plan, there was a discussion. The relevance of the high number of students publishing and participating in international opportunities was discussed, particularly in light of the fact that students who did not complete their studies were not accounted for. Additionally, there was mention of a potential lack of awareness among students regarding post-doctoral positions. Questions were raised about the European university of life sciences program, wherein students study at multiple universities across Europe. While this project is currently underway, there is still a need to evaluate the legal framework.

4) Commencement of the habilitation procedure of Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.

Prof. dr. ir. Patrick van Damme introduced Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D. and she had a short presentation about her work. She is fulfilling the criteria.

Proposed members of the committee were doc. Ing. Pavel Klouček, Ph.D., prof. Dr. RNDr. Oldřich Lapčík, prof. PharmDr. Karel Šmejkal, Ph.D., prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, Ph.D. and prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. as chairman.

Approval of the habilitation committee of Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.:

- Result: 14 members in favor, 1 members against, 0 abstention

5) Commencement of the habilitation procedure of Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.

Prof. dr. ir. Patrick van Damme introduced Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D. and he had a short presentation about his work. He is fulfilling the criteria.

Proposed members of the committee were doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, Ph.D, prof. Dr. Ing. Petr Maděra, prof. RNDr. Josef Novotný, Ph.D., doc. Ing. Miroslav Hájek, Ph.D. and prof. Ing. Lukáš Kalous, Ph.D. as chairman.

Approval of the habilitation committee of Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.

- Result: 14 members in favor, 1 members against, 0 abstention

6) Approval of committees for Bachelor and Master state examinations and defences

Committees for Bachelor and Master state examinations and defences were proposed.

- Result: 14 members in favor, 0 members against, 1 abstention

7) Approval of new supervisors for doctoral study programme

- a) Doc. Ing. Ondřej Dvouletý, Ph.D., MSc. was proposed as the new supervisor for SRD DSP.

He introduced and presented himself. He mentioned that he is from the Prague University of Economics and Business (VŠE) and that he also have some experience with research from tropical countries.

- Result: 14 members in favor, 0 members against, 1 abstention

- b) Doc. Ing. Jan Těšitel, CSc. was proposed as the new supervisor for SRD DSP. He introduced and presented himself. He mentioned that in his research he is mostly focused on adaptation, environment, and also water supply.

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

- c) Doc. Ing. Jindřich Špička Ph.D. was proposed as the new supervisor for SRD DSP. He was introduced by Miroslava Bavorová.

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

d) RNDr. Irena Schneiderová, Ph.D. was proposed as the new supervisor for TABM and ATS DSP. She couldn't join the meeting, so the presentation of herself was done by Ing. Barbora Černá Bolfíková.

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

8) Approval of new members of FTA Doctoral Degree Boards

a) doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. for TABM and ATS DDB

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

b) Ing. Iva Viehmannová, Ph.D. for TABM and ATS DDB

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

c) Ing. Jiban Kumar, Ph.D. for TABM and ATS DDB

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

d) doc. Ing. Zbyněk Polesný, Ph.D. for TABM and ATS DDB

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

e) doc. Ing. Ondřej Dvouletý, Ph.D for SRD DDB

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

9) Approval of doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. as a new member of FTA Scientific Board

Doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. was proposed as a new member of FTA Scientific Board

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

10) Miscellaneous

Doc. Mgr. Pavel Munclinger, Ph.D. and doc. RNDr. David Hořák, Ph.D. were proposed as new members of the committee for doctoral state exams of ATS and TABM DSP.

- Result: 15 members in favor, 0 members against, 0 abstentions

Most of the things were already discussed during the meeting.

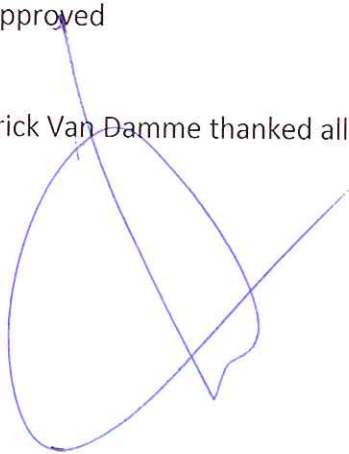
Conclusion

Prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme summarized meeting and concluded that

- habilitation committees of Johana Rondevaldová and Vladimír Verner were approved
- committees for Bachelor and Master state examinations and defences were approved
- new supervisors for doctoral study programmes were approved
- New DDB members were approved
- Hynek Roubík as a member of FTA Scientific Board was approved
- Pavel Muclinger and David Hořák as members of ATS and TABM doctoral state exams were approved

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



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