
Czech University of Life Sciences Prague
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FTA Scientific Board
Meeting Report

22nd of November 2024

The Meeting of the FTA Scientific Board took place on November 22nd, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in room 401 in FTA building, campus CZU Prague.

FTA members: prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme
prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D.
doc. Ing. Miroslava Bavorová, Ph.D.
doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D.
prof. Dr. Ing. Eloy Fernández Cusimamani
prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D.
doc. Ing. Vilém Jarský, Ph.D.
prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D.
prof. Dr. Ing. František Kumhála
prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D.
doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D.

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

Apologies: Ing. Kateřina Černý Pixová, Ph.D.
prof. PhDr. Michal Lošťák, Ph.D.
prof. Mgr. Ing. Markéta Sedmíková, Ph.D.
prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc.
prof. RNDr. Vojtěch Novotný, CSc.
prof. RNDr. Daniel Frynta, Ph.D.
doc. RNDr. Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Ph.D.

Guests: Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.
Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.
doc. Ing. Pavel Klouček, Ph.D.
Prof. PharmDr. Karel Šmejkal, Ph.D.
Prof. Ing. Lucie Cahlíková, Ph.D.
Doc. Ing. Jaroslav Havlík, Ph.D.
Doc. Ing. Jarmila Neugebauerová, Ph.D.
Prof. Ing. Lukáš Kalous, Ph.D.
Prof. Dr. Ing. Petr Maděra
Doc. Ing. Miroslav Hájek, Ph.D.
Doc. Mgr. Miroslav Syrovátka, Ph.D.
Prof. Dr. Drini Imami
RNDr. Petr Kotlík, Ph.D.
Ing. Charles Ogbu, Ph.D.

Ing. Jiří Hejkrlík, Ph.D.
Doc. Ing. Zbyněk Polesný, Ph.D.
Ing. Jana Mazancová, Ph.D.
Ing. Rammah Zwan
Ing. Stacy Hammond Ph.D.
Ing. Tereza Pilařová Ph.D.
Ayat Ullah, Dr.
Ing. Namdev Upadhyay
Rembulan Yosephine, M.A.
Zsófia Kutilová
Ing. Radim Kotrba Ph.D.
Ing. Iva Viehmannová, Ph.D.
Ing. Olga Leuner, Ph.D.
Doc. Tersia Kokošková Ph.D.
Ing. Ibrahim Kindah
Litia Lutangu Andrew, Ph.D.
Jimoh Kazeem Akanni
Ing. Jan Staš
Mgr. Ilona Marková
Jumpah Emmanuel Tetteh

Guests online:

Secretary: Ing. Vendula Ludvíková, Ph. D.
Minute taker: Ing. Barbora Motýlová

Programme:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Information from the previous FTA Scientific Board meeting
3. Habilitation of Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.
4. Habilitation of Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.
5. Approval of new supervisor for doctoral study programme
6. Approvals of new state doctoral committee members
7. Miscellaneous

1. Opening of the Meeting

Prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme welcomed Scientific Board members and introduced new member doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D.

2. Information from the previous FTA Scientific Board meeting

Prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme provided a summary of the last Scientific Board meeting. Key outcomes included the approval of **doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D.** as a new member of the Scientific Board as Vice-Dean for Science, Research, and Doctoral Studies.

The meeting also featured the presentation of the **Annual Report 2023** and the **Strategic Action Plan 2024**.

Additionally, the board approved:

- Four new supervisors for the doctoral study program.
- Five new members of the FTA Doctoral Degree Boards.
- Two new members for the State Doctoral Exam Committee.

Finally, the board commenced habilitation procedures for **Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.**, and **Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.**

3. Habilitation Procedure of Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.

Doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. introduced Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D., and passed the floor to the chairman of the habilitation committee, **Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D.**

Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. (FTZ, ČZU v Praze) introduced the rest of the habilitation committee:

- **doc. Ing. Pavel Klouček, Ph.D.** (FAPPZ, ČZU v Praze)
- **prof. Dr. RNDr. Oldřich Lapčík** (VŠCHT, Praha)
- **prof. PharmDr. Karel Šmejkal, Ph.D.** (Farmaceutická fakulta, MUNI v Brně)
- **prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc.** (Ústav organické chemie a biochemie AV ČR/UJEP Ústí nad Labem)

He also introduced the opponents:

- **prof. Ing. Lucie Cahlíková, Ph.D.** (Farmaceutická fakulta, UK v Hradci Králové)
- **doc. Ing. Jaroslav Havlík, Ph.D.** (FAPPZ, ČZU v Praze)
- **doc. Ing. Jarmila Neugebauerová, Ph.D.** (Ústav zelinářství a květinářství, Zahradnická fakulta, MENDELU v Brně)

Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D., as the chairman of the habilitation committee, described the habilitation process and introduced the candidate's achievements in pedagogical and scientific activities. The habilitation committee concluded that **Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.**, met all the criteria and recommended her for habilitation.

Two scrutators were proposed:

- **Internal:** Doc. Ing. Miroslava Bavorová, Ph.D.
- **External:** Doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, CSc.

Voting Results:

- In favor: 14
- Abstentions: 0
- Against: 0

Result: scrutators were approved

Presentation of Habilitation Thesis:

Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D. presented her research on the topic "*Tropical fruits and vegetables as potential sources of biologically active compounds and micronutrients*".

Opponent Reviews:

- **prof. Ing. Lucie Cahlíková, Ph.D.:** Summarized her review, asked questions, and Johana responded effectively.
- **doc. Ing. Jaroslav Havlík, Ph.D.:** Summarized his review, provided comments, and asked questions, which Johana addressed.
- **doc. Ing. Jarmila Neugebauerová, Ph.D.:** Summarized her review and asked questions, which Johana answered.

Discussion:

There were no questions.

Pedagogical Lecture: Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D. gave a pedagogical lecture called: "*Potential of neglected and underutilized crops for improvement of nutrition security and agricultural sustainability*" She also provided a tasting of tropical fruit.

Discussion:

During the discussion, questions focused on why these crops are underutilized. A question related to methodology, specifically supercritical extraction, was also raised.

Participants in the discussion: doc. Ing. Jaroslav Havlík, Ph.D., doc. Ing. Zbyněk Polesný, Ph.D., prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D., doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D.

Secret Voting on the appointment of Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D. as Associate Professor (doc.):

Number of members of FTA SB: 22

Present members according to attendance list: 15

Voting Results:

- positive: 14
- adverse: 0
- abstained: 0
- Not valid: 1

Result: The Scientific Board approved Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D., as an associate professor (doc.) at the Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague.

4. Habilitation Procedure of Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.

Doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. introduced Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D., and passed the floor to the chairman of the habilitation committee, **prof. Ing. Lukáš Kalous, Ph.D.**

Prof. Ing. Lukáš Kalous, Ph.D. (FAPPZ, ČZU v Praze) introduced the other members of the habilitation committee:

- **doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, Ph.D.** (Přírodovědecká fakulta, UPOL, Olomouc)
- **prof. Dr. Ing. Petr Maděra** (Lesnická a dřevařská fakulta, MENDELU v Brně)
- **prof. RNDr. Josef Novotný, Ph.D.** (Přírodovědecká fakulta, UK v Praze)
- **doc. Ing. Miroslav Hájek, Ph.D.** (Katedra lesnických technologií a staveb, FLD, ČZU v Praze)

He also introduced the opponents:

- **doc. Mgr. Miroslav Syrovátka, Ph.D.** (Přírodovědecká fakulta, UPOL, Olomouc)

- **prof. Dr. Drini Imami** (Agriculture University of Tirana, Albania / University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf, Germany)
- **doc. Ing. Miroslav Hájek, Ph.D.** (Katedra lesnických technologií a staveb, FLD, ČZU v Praze)

Prof. Ing. Lukáš Kalous, Ph.D., as the chairman of the habilitation committee, described the habilitation process and introduced the candidate's achievements in pedagogical and scientific activities. The habilitation committee concluded that **Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.**, met all the criteria and recommended him for habilitation.

Two scrutators were proposed:

- **Doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D.**
- **Doc. Ing. Jan Chyský, CSc.**

Voting Results:

- In favor: 12
- Abstentions: 2
- Against: 0

Result: scrutators were approved

Presentation of Habilitation Thesis:

Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D. thanked the committee for considering his work and the attendees for their presence. He presented his research titled: *Linking Agrobiodiversity-Sensitive Value Chains with Farming Systems Sustainability: Empowering the Poor to Manage Risks.*

Opponent Reviews:

- **doc. Mgr. Miroslav Syrovátka, Ph.D.:** Summarized his review, asked questions, which Vladimír responded.
- **prof. Dr. Drini Imami:** Summarized his review, asked questions, which were addressed.
- **doc. Ing. Miroslav Hájek, Ph.D.:** Summarized his review, asked questions, which were answered.

Discussion:

There was discussed what is poverty and how to define it.

Participants in the discussion: prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D.

Pedagogical Lecture: Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D. gave a pedagogical lecture on the topic: *“Poverty Alleviation Strategies”*

Discussion:

During the discussion, participants raised questions about potential best practices to address the challenges highlighted in the lecture, including approaches to tackle poverty and promote sustainability. There was also a focus on the role of microfinancing and niche commodities, particularly in enabling farmers to set their own prices and achieve economic stability. Another topic of interest was the impact of tourism on wildlife populations, specifically Cambodia's increasing demand for tarantulas and its effect on their declining numbers.

Participants in the discussion: prof. Ing. Jan Lojka, Ph.D., prof. Dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme, doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D.

Secret Voting on the appointment of Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D. as Associate Professor (doc.):

Number of members of FTA SB: 22

Present members according to attendance list: 14

Voting Results:

- positive: 14
- adverse: 0
- abstained: 0
- Not valid: 0

Result: The Scientific Board approved Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D., as an associate professor (doc.) at the Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague.

5. Approval of a New Supervisor for Doctoral Study Programmes

Doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D., briefly introduced the candidate for a new supervisor position in the doctoral study programmes TABM and ATS – RNDr. Petr Kotlík, Ph.D.

RNDr. Petr Kotlík, Ph.D., provided a brief self-introduction.

Discussion:

A discussion followed regarding, how his experience could be related to topics in the tropics and subtropics.

Participants in the discussion: RNDr. Petr Kotlík, Ph.D., Prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D.

Voting:

- In favor: 14
- Against: 0
- Abstentions: 0

Result: RNDr. Petr Kotlík, Ph.D., was approved as a supervisor for the doctoral study programmes TABM and ATS.

6. Approval of New State Doctoral Committee Members

Five candidates, previously approved by the Doctoral Degree Boards on **14.11.** and **15.11.**, were presented for approval:

- **Dr. Helet Lambrechts** (for TABM and ATS)
- **RNDr. Jan Robovský, Ph.D.** (for TABM and ATS)
- **Doc. RNDr. Michal Vinkler, Ph.D.** (for TABM and ATS)
- **Ing. Radka Šárová, Ph.D.** (for TABM and ATS)
- **Dr. Viktoriia Chubur** (for SRD and ATS)

Voting:

- In favor: 14
- Against: 0
- Abstentions: 0

Result: All five candidates were approved as members of the State Doctoral Committees.

7. Miscellaneous

No topics were discussed under Miscellaneous.

Conclusion:

Prof. dr.ir. Patrick Van Damme concluded the meeting:

Habilitation Approvals:

- **Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D.** approved as an associate professor (doc.).
- **Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.** approved as an associate professor (doc.).

New Doctoral Supervisor:

- **RNDr. Petr Kotlík, Ph.D.** was approved as a new supervisor for the doctoral study programmes (TABM and ATS).

State Doctoral Committee Members:

Five new members were approved for the State Doctoral Committee:

- Dr. Helet Lambrechts
- RNDr. Jan Robovský, Ph.D.
- Doc. RNDr. Michal Vinkler, Ph.D.
- Ing. Radka Šárová, Ph.D.
- Dr. Viktoriia Chubur

Voting:

- In favor: 14
- Against: 0
- Abstentions: 0

Result: All members agreed with the conclusion of the meeting

Next Meeting: Scheduled for April 2025.

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