

Tropical Agrobiological and Bioresource Management Doctoral Degree Board Meeting Report 27. 3. 2026

The following members of the Board were present.

Present members: **prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D.**
prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D.
RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D.
doc. Ing. Jaroslav Havlík, Ph.D.
doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D. (online)
Ing. Martin Kulma, Ph.D.
Ing. Jiban Kumar, Ph.D.
Ing. Olga Leuner, Ph.D. (online)
prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D.
doc. Ing. Zbyněk Polesný, Ph.D.
doc. Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D.
Ing. Iva Viehmannová, Ph.D.
doc. RNDr. David Honys, Ph.D.

Apologies: doc. Ing. Pavel Klouček, Ph.D.
prof. Mgr. Ing. Markéta Sedmíková, Ph.D.
prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc.
doc. Tersia Kokošková, Ph.D.
prof. Lukáš Kratochvíl, Ph.D.

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

Programme of TABM Doctoral Degree Board:

1. Opening (prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D.)
2. Information from the last Doctoral Degree Board meeting 21.11.2026 (prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D.)
3. Reports from the attestations of PhD students from February 2026 (by representatives of individual departments) and proposals for the withdrawal or reduction of doctoral scholarships based on students' annual assessments.
4. Approval of Individual Study Plans of first-year doctoral students (enrolled later)
5. Approval of Research proposals of first-year doctoral students
6. Approval of SDE and SFE examiners
7. Miscellaneous

1. Opening

The meeting was opened by the Chair prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D., who welcomed all participants and introduced the agenda.

2. Information from the Last Doctoral Degree Board Meeting 21.11.2026

The Chair presented a summary of the outcomes of the previous DDB meeting held on November 21, 2025, at which Individual Study Plans (ISPs) were approved, and new study regulations were discussed.

3. Reports from the attestations of PhD students from February 2026 (by representatives of individual departments) and proposals for the withdrawal or reduction of doctoral scholarships based on students' annual assessments

Department of Crop Science and Agroforestry (prof. Bohdan Lojka)

- 22 students evaluated; 13 continue without any issues, 9 continue with an admonition
- Most common issue: missing accepted publication (submitted but not accepted or rejected); in some cases, publications are not aligned with dissertation topics or the student is not the first author
- According to the new rules, failure to meet requirements will result in a reduction of the scholarship

Dutta Adrish – continuation with an admonition – 4th year, result: scholarship reduced to 8.000 CZK

Fišerová Barbora – continuation with an admonition – 2 days remaining of the standard study period, State Doctoral Exam (SDZ) completed in the meantime, extension of studies by one year approved

Gurav Nishanth Sanjay – continuation with an admonition – 4th year, State doctoral exam not completed, 71 days remaining, result: scholarship reduced to 8.000 CZK

Eden Fasika Haile – continuation with an admonition – 4th year, SDZ completed in the meantime, article still missing – government scholarship holder, scholarship not changed.

Jain Dhiraj Lakhichand – continuation with an admonition - 4th year, only 95 ECTS, 7 days of standard study period remaining, last scholarship reduced to 8.000 CZK.

Alagbe Olajumoke Ayomikun – continuation with an admonition - 3rd year – waiting for visa after interruption, literature review not submitted, result: scholarship reduced from 9.000 CZK to 8.000 CZK

Julia Werle – continuation with an admonition - 1st year, ISP currently being approved, not her fault, stipend not affected, not receiving stipend (not a first-time student)

Faltová Ingrid – continuation with an admonition - 1st year, ISP and Research Proposal not submitted, not receiving scholarship not affected, not receiving stipend (not a first-time student), result: termination of studies if the situation is not remedied by the next attestation

Department of Wildlife and Animal Sciences (prof. Pavla Hejcmanová)

(previously Department of Animal Science and Food Processing)

- Approximately 30 students evaluated (the highest number in the past year)

- Frequent interruptions due to pending publications
- Two students with admonition:

Kavanová Veronika - 4th year, manuscript submission not yet, result: scholarship reduced to 8.000 CZK

Matviienko Anastasiia – 3rd year (part-time), 6 obligations are still missing; no scholarship (as it is a part-time student)

Department of Food and BioResource Technology (prof. Jan Banout)

(previously Department of Sustainable Technologies)

- 1 student evaluated; continues without issues

Department of Economics and Development

- 1 student evaluated; Irene Franceline Mbouwe - 4th year, missing publication → unclear status regarding interruption or extension; further clarification is required

4. Approval of Individual Study Plans of first-year doctoral students (enrolled later)

The Board discussed the recognition of study obligations in the case of repeating students. Consultation with the legal department confirmed that obligations from previous studies may be recognized, provided they were completed within the last five years. These may include courses, publications, conference participation, and internships.

It was further noted that if a student fulfils all programme requirements, it is acceptable to complete the study programme within a shortened period (e.g. one year).

The following Individual Study Plans (ISPs) were discussed:

- **Julia Werle** – The study plan concentrates most obligations in the first two years. Some previously completed obligations were recognized; however, those exceeding the five-year limit must be repeated.
→ *Approved.*
- **Pavlo Fiialkovski** – The student is currently affected by the war situation in Ukraine (including limited access to electricity). Most previous obligations were recognized.
→ *Approved.*
- **Onyedika Emmanuel Okpala** – Most obligations are planned for the first year, with the State Final Examination scheduled for the second year. Some previously completed courses could not be recognized. The student is currently finalizing the dissertation and plans to complete the studies at the beginning of the second study year.
→ *Approved.*
- **Ergua Atinafe Tesfaye** – The ISP was submitted later due to delayed enrolment. Minor formal issues were identified: incorrect specification of the Scientific Seminar (should be at FTZ, not FANFR) and an overly extensive “brief description.”
→ *Not approved at this stage; to be approved later per rollam after corrections.*
- **Tehreem Mahmood** → *Approved.*

5. Approval of Research proposals for first-year doctoral students

The Board discussed and evaluated the submitted research proposals. Overall, the proposals were of satisfactory quality, and minor comments were addressed where applicable.

- **Andrej Skok** – minor comments addressed.
→ *Approved.*
- **Jakub Dvořák** – no objections.
→ *Approved.*
- **Anna Dvořáková** – no objections.
→ *Approved.*
- **Emmanuelah Lekete** – minor formatting differences, otherwise without issues.
→ *Approved.*
- **Jakub Abelard Pospíšil** – minor comments and formatting issues addressed.
→ *Approved.*
- **Anežka Malá** – minor revisions completed.
→ *Approved.*
- **Onyedika Emmanuel Okpala** – repeating student nearing completion of studies.
→ *Approved.*
- **Pavla Bryxová** – repeating student in the final stage of studies.
→ *Approved.*
- **Tehreem Mahmood** – clarification of research novelty provided.
→ *Approved.*
- **Arianna Vicari** – minor comments addressed.
→ *Approved.*
- **Juliana Walterová** – minor comments addressed.
→ *Approved.*
- **Julia Werle** – repeating student nearing completion.
→ *Approved.*

Additionally:

- **Ergua Atinafe Tesfaye** – proposal submitted later; to be evaluated and approved later, possibly *per rollam*; internal reviewer prof. Lojka.

6. Approval of new SDE and SFE examiners

Approved (subject to further approval by Scientific Board):

- Ing. Radim Kotrba, Ph.D.
- Ing. Martin Kulma, Ph.D.
- Julian Wong Soon
- Ing. Tomáš Kudera, Ph.D.

7. Miscellaneous

Request for co-supervisor recognition of Eden Fasika Haille

- Dr. Hewan Demissie Degu → **approved** as a co-supervisor

New dissertation topic (supervisor: Mgr Martina Komárková, Ph.D.)

- *Ungulates and Predators: Ecology, Behaviour and Welfare*
→ **approved**

External supervisor proposal

- Dr. Ing. Jitka Kyselová
→ Not approved at this stage; further clarification and internal discussion required

Discussion: Dissertation Format

The Board discussed the current guidelines for doctoral thesis formats (monograph vs. publication-based), highlighting the need for clearer instructions for students and greater flexibility in their application. Concerns were raised about combining published and unpublished results and about rigid structural requirements.

The issue of potential double publication (thesis vs. journal articles) was also noted, with responsibility placed on the author to comply with journal policies.

Rector's Directive – Information

Information by vice dean doc. Ing. Johana Rondevaldová, Ph.D. informed about upcoming rector's directive regarding doctoral boards.

8. Conclusion

The Chair thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Next meeting: Autumn 2026

In Prague, 27th March 2026



prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejmanová, Ph.D.
Chairperson of DDB TABM

