

Board, Centre for Molecular Medicine Norway (NCMM)  
Oslo, 11 June 2019

## Notice of NCMM Board Meeting

Time: Wednesday 19 June, 12:00  
Place: NCMM, Meeting room Nano (level D3)

Executive officer: Elisa Bjørgo

Agenda (O = information item, D = discussion item B = decision item)

### **Case 21-19O Approval of minutes from last Board meeting**

Draft minutes from the Board meeting on April 29 was available (Attachment 1).

Proposed

**Decision:** The minutes are approved.

### **Case 22-19B Call for new NCMM group leader**

NCMM is in process of starting the recruitment of a new research group that will be placed in the NCMM Translational Research department. The SAB has previously recommended that NCMM in future group leader recruitments consolidate the Centre's profile rather than investing in completely new areas. Furthermore, the evaluation report from 2018 recommends NCMM to establish a clear theme based research structure and expand the recruitment strategy to attract also clinician scientists.

NCMM plans to recruit 3 new group leaders over the next three years and the Director aims to strengthen synergies within the Centre and build a community where more people at the Centre benefit from each other. The NCMM Director has discussed the first upcoming call with Institute Heads at both the MED and MN Faculties as well as with the Research Director at OUH to identify future needs and plans to recruit a group leader with experience in and a research program focusing on precision medicine and individualized diagnostics and therapy in areas such as genetic and rare diseases and/or individualized cancer therapy.

The Board in the last meeting supported the focus on synergy and the planned process to recruit a new research group in the field of precision medicine. The final call text is enclosed (Attachment 2) and NCMM plans to open the call end of June with an application deadline in the beginning of September.

NCMM follows EMBL's recommendations for selecting group leaders and also asks the Board to appoint an international selection committee (see Attachment 3).

Proposed

**Decision:** The call text for recruitment of a new research group in the field of precision medicine is approved according to discussions in the meeting. The suggested international Selection Committee is appointed.

**Case 23-190 Group leader evaluation – update. Personnel case Exempt information cf. §13 Offentlighetsloven**

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Proposed

**Decision:** The Board takes note of the briefing.

**Case 24-190 Strategy discussion on continuation of NCMM – update**

The Board already in the spring 2017 started a strategy discussion regarding the continuation of the Centre for a third 5-year period. As a national Centre, NCMM in coordination with its current owners wishes to explore the possibility of including all four Health Regions and all four universities with medical schools as owners in the Centre for the upcoming five-year period.

The NCMM Director visited Bergen in March and met both the Research Dean at UiB as well as representatives from Helse Bergen. End of May the NCMM Director was invited to the national Dean meeting at Lillehammer to present the Centre there. Furthermore, the Centre Director on June 4 had a meeting with UiO vice rector. The Director will give an update in the meeting.

It is critical to secure continued funding from the health region sector beyond 2019 and NCMM and the Board need to decide on a strategy very soon.

Proposed

**Decision:** The Board takes note of the briefing.

**Case 25-190 Health, Safety and Environment – regular updates**

The Faculty of Medicine has requested that HSE should be included at Board meetings. The annual HSE report that was submitted to the Faculty in March is attached (Attachment 4). CAO Ingrid Kjelsvik will give a short update on HSE matters in the meeting.

Proposed

**Decision:** The Board takes note of the briefing.

**Case 26-190 NCMM Board members**

NCMM Board member Philippe Collas, representing UiO/MED, stepped down in January. Deputy member Hilde Nilsen has attended the Board meetings but the Faculty should appoint a new member or new deputy member as soon as possible.

The Chair of the Board has discussed the matter with Dean Ivar Gladhaug and possible candidates have been contacted. An update will be given in the meeting.

Proposed

**Decision:** The Board takes note of the briefing.

**Case 27-190 EATRIS – status update**

NCMM is coordinating the Norwegian participation in EATRIS, the European infrastructure for translational medicine. The membership has since 2016 been financed by UiO, UiB, NTNU, UiT and all the four health regions. Since March 2018 an EATRIS coordinator, Laetitia Abdou Garonne, has been hired to encourage the involvement of Norwegian experts and infrastructures in EATRIS platforms, and to help facilitate Norwegian participation and applications in EU-funding in translational medicine.

NCMM and the EATRIS coordinator are planning to organize the first national EATRIS Norway meeting in October this fall, aiming to let researchers, advisers and the steering committee members of EATRIS Norway meet and network. Hopefully, this will grow into an annual event. The event will take place at Gardermoen and it will also be possible to meet the EATRIS Coordination and Support (C&S) team from Amsterdam to learn about latest developments and joint projects.

Proposed

**Decision:** The Board takes note of the briefing.

**Case 28-190 Board meetings in the fall 2019**

To decide on dates for the Board meetings in the fall 2018, a doodle with potential dates will be distributed before the summer vacation starts. Outlook invitations will be sent as soon as possible for the decided dates.

**Case 29 Miscellaneous**

Sincerely,

Jens Petter Berg  
Chair NCMM Board

Janna Saarela  
Director NCMM