

Board, Centre for Molecular Medicine Norway (NCMM)
Oslo, 20 January 2021

Notice of NCMM Board Meeting

Time: Wednesday 27 January 2021, 12:00
Place: Zoom

Executive officer: Elisa Bjørgo

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

Case 1-21B Appointment of new NCMM Board

According to the mandate, the NCMM Board should have six members. The Chair of the Board should have both a UiO and hospital affiliation. UiO in addition appoints two members, one member from MED and one from MN. In addition, HSØ appoints two members and a national representative is appointed by the medical deans in Norway. The mandate for the Board is enclosed (Attachment 1)

On 16 December 2020, the Faculty Board at the Medical Faculty approved the appointment of the following Board for NCMM in the period 2021-2025:

UiO: Jens Petter Berg (Chair, reappointed)
Hilde L. Nilsen (MED, reappointed)
Arne Klungland (MN, newly appointed)

HSØ: Øystein Krüger (reappointed)
Bente Halvorsen (reappointed)

National representative: Ola Myklebost (newly appointed)

Deputy members: Arnaldo Frigessi (UiO, reappointed), Torunn Berge (HSØ, reappointed) and Magne Børset (NTNU, newly appointed).

Proposed

Decision: The Board constitutes itself.

Case 2-21B Approval of minutes from last Board meeting

Draft minutes from the Board meeting on December 2 were available (Attachment 2).

Proposed

Decision: The minutes are approved.

Case 3-21O Scientific Advisory Board – upcoming visit

Due to the ongoing pandemic and travel restrictions, the next SAB meeting will be a fully online event. The meeting will take place on March 22-24 and a draft program for three full days is enclosed (Attachment 3).

Three research groups are up for evaluation, and the SAB will get live presentations and discuss with these three group leaders during the meeting. A presentation by and discussions with the group leader up for the next

evaluation has also been scheduled. For the remaining seven research groups, short presentations focusing on future research plans will be pre-recorded and made available to the SAB before their visit. Furthermore, a meeting with the NCMM Board members has been scheduled for the afternoon March 23.

The evaluation material, written material from 8 other research groups as well as pre-recorded presentations will be made available to the SAB at least three weeks before the meeting.

Proposed

Decision: The Board takes note of the briefing.

Case 4-210 Group leader evaluations - update

Three group leaders are in their final year of their first 5-year period at NCMM. In June, they were invited to apply for renewal of their function as group leaders, and all submitted their dossiers in the beginning of December 2020.

Altogether, 13 scientific experts have confirmed to assess the dossiers, and NCMM is now in the process of collecting these letters of assessment within February 1. The group leaders will in February be given the opportunity to write a short update to their dossiers as well as comment on the assessment letters. The complete evaluation material will next be made available to the Scientific Advisory Board, who together with the NCMM Director will prepare a recommendation to the Board after the SAB meeting. Their final reports will be presented in the next Board meeting.

Proposed

Decision: The Board takes note of the briefing.

Case 5-21D NCMM Recruitment strategy

Two NCMM research groups are in their final year at NCMM, and the Centre plans to open 1-2 new group leader positions in 2021. The challenges NCMM is experiencing with the ongoing move and a reduction in available space as well as the uncertainties with the building process of the new life science building and expected delays there, will have to be taken into consideration when planning for new research groups at NCMM. The NCMM Director will give an update in the meeting.

NCMM invites the Board to discuss how the Centre can keep momentum despite reduced space and uncertainties for when NCMM can move into the new LS building.

Proposed

Decision: To be decided in the meeting.

Case 6-21O Building plans in the Oslo Science Park - update

NCMM is in the process of moving out of 50% of the Centre's rented space in the Oslo Science Park. NCMM was in the spring notified that a building

process would start in February 2021 and that an evacuation would be necessary.

Two research groups have now moved over to house E and one group is moving into newly renovated areas at IBV end of January. In addition, all staff with offices in house D has moved to house E and C. The NCMM Director will give a short update in the meeting.

Proposed

Decision: The Board takes note of the briefing.

Case 7-210 Life Science Building – update

In August, UiO was informed that the government would not compensate Statsbygg's cost overruns in connection with the Life Science Building. During the fall 2020 different scenarios have therefore been discussed to be able to continue the project. Recently, the government decided to proceed with the partnership alternative, which means that parts of OUH's research activities will be localized in the Life Science Building. Details are not in place yet but OUH will move into the western part of the building and also into the areas planned for NCMM. The Chair of the Board and the NCMM Director will give a short update in the meeting.

Proposed

Decision: The Board takes note of the briefing.

Case 8 Miscellaneous

Sincerely,

Jens Petter Berg
Chair NCMM Board

Janna Saarela
Director NCMM