Board Meeting MultiPark, Åke Nordén Room, BMC
Board Minutes
2016-03-14, 13.38 – 15.40

Present:
Pia Berntsson (meeting secretary)
David Brooks (13.05-15.25)
Karina Fog
Gunnar Gouras (Chair)
Caroline Graff
Oskar Hansson
Johan Jakobsson (adjunct member)
Michael Jewett
Susanna Lindvall (adjunct member)
Roger Olsson
Ingemar Petersson (-15.00)
Per Svenningsson

Absent:
Arne Lindgren
Martina Svensson

§1. Meeting starts
Gunnar Gouras opens the meeting. Johan Jakobsson (Coordinator of BAGADILICO) and Susanna Lindvall (vice-president of European Parkinson's Disease Association (EPDA)) have been invited as adjunct members for this board meeting. The adjunct members have no right to vote.

§2. Declaration of conflict of interest
No conflict of interest was declared.
Individual internal board members could be considered to have conflict of interest for some applicants in the Open Call 2016 (§9), but since the external board members reviewed and decided upon whom to grant, no declaration of conflict was made.

§3. Designation of the "Justeringsperson"
Roger Olsson is assigned together with the Chair to approve the minutes.

§4. Approval of the agenda
The Board approves the agenda.

§5. Minutes from latest Board meeting (December 1st, enclosure 1)
The Board approves the board minutes from the latest board meeting (December 1st 2015).

§6. Delegated decisions (enclosure 2)
The Travel Grants that have been approved since the last board meeting by
the Coordinator and Vice Coordinator are summarized in the table in Enclosure 2.

§7. Information – update from the management
   a) Center formation process (enclosure 3)
   A discussion about the creation of a Centre for Neurodegenerative Diseases has been initiated at several levels with the Faculty of Medicine, the vice chancellor’s office and Region Skåne. Discussions in the environment have been taking place with the steering group members. Information about the present centres originating from other Strategic Research Areas (SRAs) – NanoLund and Metabolic centre/ExoDiab – and their creation was presented at the January 29 MultiPark steering group meeting this year by the coordinators of these SRAs. The Faculty of Medicine has been given green light to pursue an application for a centre for neurodegenerative diseases. New criteria for formation of centres will be launched in May and should include Faculty of Medicine and Region Skåne as health care representative. However, no specific funding for centres is ear-marked at this time. The next step will be to meet with the heads of the Neurology clinic, Memory clinic, Neurosurgery clinic and the section of Neuroradiology.
   The centres is intended to create a more permanent structure, which could coordinate infrastructure, education and innovation, and to facilitate collaboration. It was mentioned that the structure for leadership and branding was important. If one should try to attract donations then it is important to have a strong programme for this purpose. The centre also hopes in time to bring researcher groups physically closer together, such as starting with clustering of research groups at, for example, floor 11 in the buildings A and B. It is also important to identify the participants of the proposal for a centre which should be MultiPark, BAGADILICO and different heads of the clinics. MultiPark management has initiated a list of potential members of the centre and one should ask the identified persons if they want to participate.

b) Innovation update
   New composition of the innovation group - Tomas Deierborg (Chair), Tomas Björklund, Thomas Laurell, Gunnar Gouras, Lars Grundemar (pending). Tadeusz Wieloch will be senior advisor. Efforts to bring in female members was attempted but a female faculty member considered for chair unfortunately asked not to join.
   It was suggested during the board meeting to contact and connect with Innovation Skåne – Jonas Gallon (deputy CEO) and Anders Dellson (CEO, Business Advisor) – new since July 2015. – Suggestion for a lunch meeting to discuss collaboration.

§8. Reporting
   a) Technical platforms 2015 (enclosure 4)
   Pia Berntsson informed about the technical platforms funded by MultiPark and their reported usage during 2015. Organizing and streamlining MultiPark infrastructures remains a major unfinished mission of the MultiPark management.
b) Supported research 2015 (enclosure 5)
The board approved the submitted reports.

c) Economic report 2015 (enclosure 6)
Pia Berntsson informed about the economic outcome for 2015.

§9. Open Call 2016 – decision
It was decided to grant funding to Tomas Björklund, Tomas Deierborg, Andreas Heuer and Andreas Pushmann (350,000 SEK per person) based on the recommendations by the external MultiPark board members, who reviewed the applications. One board member raised the question regarding gender and if any consideration had been made. The management acknowledges the importance of gender equality in our environment and commented that in general MP does well in this area. However, the rankings obtained by the external board members as reviewers (which included 2 women and 2 men), combined with the selection criteria of scientific excellence of the applicant as the main determinant, made an adjustment of the top 4 applicants difficult. Members of the board, other than the 4 external members, left the room during a discussion by the external members on the selection.

§10. Other issues
It was decided to allow Per Odin to transfer his start-up package from 2015 (800,000 SEK). For start-up grants, transfers of any unused funding should only be applicable from one year to next year. Maria Swanberg (Coordinator MultiPark Biobank) gave a presentation and an update about the current status of the MultiPark Biobank prior to the board meeting. Susanna Lindvall brought to the attention of the board the fact that 2017 represents the 200th anniversary of the first report of Parkinson’s disease by Dr. James Parkinson – the famous essay “Shaking Palsy” was published in 1817. Patient organisations in the UK will arrange an event in connection with this occasion. It was suggested to co-organize some event(s) with other universities e.g. Karolinska Insitutet and patient organization(s) during 2017. Lund University will also celebrate its 350 years anniversary during 2017 and “the Amazing Brain week” will be organized during one week in September 2017.

§11. End of meeting
The Chair declared the end of the meeting

Gunnar Gouras

Pia Berntsson

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Roger Olsson
**Delegated decisions, Enclosure 2**

**Travel Grants**

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<td>Myelinating co-culture training at Neuron Glia Biology in Health and Disease Group - Research Institute for Medicines, University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal, January 4-22, 2016.</td>
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<td>Shorena Janelidze</td>
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<td>14th International Athens/Springfield Symposium on Advances in Alzheimer Therapy, Athens, Greece, March 8-12, 2016</td>
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<td>Tim Fieblinger</td>
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<td>Oxana Klementieva</td>
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<td>Visit Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (host: Dr. Hans Bechtel); learn a brand new experimental technique: Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM) coupled with Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), Berkeley, USA, January 25-31, 2016</td>
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