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## The national board of Science for Life Laboratory

### Minutes from board meeting no 67, January 22, 2024

#### Present members

Ylva Engström (SU) (chair), Martin Bergö (KI), Henrik Cederquist (SU), Mikael Lindström (KTH), Carina Mallard (GU), Katrine Riklund (UmU), Christoph Varenhorst (AstraZeneca)

#### Not present member

Lena Eliasson (LU), Mats Larhed (UU)

#### Other participants

Olli Kallioniemi (Director) (§§ 1-4), Mia Phillipson (Co-Director) (§§ 1-4), Annika J Jensen (Infrastructure Director) (§§ 1-4), Jenny Alfredsson (Head of Operations/OO) (§§ 1-4), Sandra Falck (Vice Head of Operations/OO) (§§ 1-4), Lars Johansson (OO, §§ 1-2), Andreas Muranyi Scheutz (§§ 1-4), Gunilla Westergren-Thorsson (§§ 1-4), Anna Höglund Rehn (OO, secretary)

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### 1. Meeting formalities

Ylva Engström welcomed all members and opened the meeting.

#### Decisions:

*The SciLifeLab board appointed Martin Bergö to approve the minutes of the meeting in addition to the chair.*

*The SciLifeLab board approved the minutes from meeting no. 66, November 8, 2023.*

*The SciLifeLab board approved the agenda.*

### 2. Cellular immunomonitoring unit – analysis report

VC-2023-0019

At the board meeting on April 12, 2023, Olli Kallioniemi informed about the concerns that good infrastructure practice in line with SciLifeLab's expectations for national infrastructure units (terms and conditions for funding) may have been disregarded at the Cellular Immunomonitoring (CI) unit. The board approved the suggestion of an independent analysis of the situation and mandated the chair to guide the process in between board meetings and to appoint an independent expert to perform the analysis.

The matter was brought up for the SciLifeLab International Advisory Board (IAB), and Dr. Sirpa Jalkanen, member of the IAB, was asked to carry out the analysis and together with Jan Ellenberg, chair of the IAB, issue a statement of the situation. The IAB was presented with an overview of the situation from the SciLifeLab

management side. The CI unit declined the opportunity for discussions and interview with the IAB but did provide a written response to the IAB. The board was provided with the SciLifeLab management's report, the CI Unit's response, and a statement from the IAB.

Olli Kallioniemi informed about the IAB analysis and suggestion for a decision. Discussion followed.

Decisions:

*The SciLifeLab board decided to formally terminate the role and funding of the national SciLifeLab Infrastructure Unit Cellular Immunomonitoring (CI) as of Feb 1, 2024.*

*The board decided to compensate for the costs that arise from the closing of the SciLifeLab national infrastructure services, a total of 2.8 MSEK (80% of the 2023 budget of the unit) over the next 12 months, directed to the host department of the CI unit (Department of Women's and Children's Health, KBH, at KI).*

*The SciLifeLab board decided not to include the Cellular Immunomonitoring unit into the international evaluation of the national infrastructure in 2024.*

### **3. Scientific Director for Stockholm University – new mandate period**

According to the 4-part agreement between Karolinska Institutet, KTH, Stockholm University, and Uppsala University, each party should nominate a Scientific Director. The mandate period for present Scientific Directors ends in December 2023 and all parties have been asked to nominate a Scientific Director for the period from January 1, 2024, until December 31, 2026.

At the board meeting on November 8, 2023, the nominations of Scientific Directors for Karolinska Institutet, KTH and Uppsala University were approved. Stockholm University has nominated Christos Samakovlis to continue as Scientific Director.

Decisions:

*The SciLifeLab board approved the nomination of Christos Samakovlis, Stockholm University as Scientific Directors for the period from January 1, 2024, until December 31, 2026.*

*To the minutes is noted that Ylva Engström has a recent publication with Christos Samakovlis, but that it is not considered a conflict of interest by the board in this assignment.*

**4. DDLS Research School – call for projects for academic PhD students and for industrial PhD students**  
VC-2023-0053

The DDLS Research School will start phase 2 during 2024. To find the best supervisors, projects, and research environments for the doctoral students, an open call for principal investigators (potential PhD student supervisors) to submit proposals for PhD research projects within the four DDLS research areas was suggested. At the meeting on November 8, 2023, the board approved the calls for PhD positions.

The national call for DDLS PhD student positions (“20+7 DDLS-funded PhD student slots”) is now closed and resulted in 244 eligible applications for the academic (227) and industrial (17) PhD positions that will be awarded to the supervisors across the 11 partner organizations.

Olli Kallioniemi informed about the call and the suggested reviewing process.

Decisions:

*The SciLifeLab board delegated to the chair of the board and the Director, after the international review is completed, to finalize a suggestion of DDLS PhD project funding that will be allocated. Evaluation and recommendation for funding is planned to be completed by the end of February and a recommendation for funding will be presented to the SciLifeLab board for a per capsulam decision.*

**5. Director for SciLifeLab – nomination**  
VC-2022-0060

The mandate for Olli Kallioniemi as Director for SciLifeLab ends June 30, 2024. In the regulation (Förordning om Nationellt centrum för livsvetenskaplig forskning SFS 2013:118), 3§, it is stated that the SciLifeLab board appoints the SciLifeLab Director.

At meeting no. 60, December 6, 2022, the board appointed a nomination committee and established tasks for the committee.

Ylva Engström informed about the reference-taking process and the ongoing recruitment negotiations.

**6. Other issues**

No other issues were raised.

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### Upcoming meetings

- Tuesday February 13, 2024, 8.30-12.00 via Zoom
  - Tuesday May 28, 2024, 10.00-17.00 in Uppsala
  - Tuesday September 17, 2024, 8.30-12.00 via Zoom
  - Thursday November 7, 2024, 10.00-17.00 in Solna
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Anna Höglund Rehn, secretary

Minutes approved by:

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