

**Minutes Board Meeting MultiPark
2012-05-02, 10.00-12.00**

Present: Pia Berntsson
Oskar Hansson
Susanne Iwarsson
Zuzanna Kurowska
Cecilia Lundberg
Karl Obrant (arrived at the end of the meeting)
Per Odin
Roger Olsson
Emma Roybon

Absent: Hjalmar Bjartmarz
Anders Björklund
Elisabet Londos
Jens Schouenborg

§1. Opening of the Meeting

Susanne Iwarsson, chair of the meeting, welcomed everybody and opened the meeting. She noted that three board members were absent, without previous notification. This left the board with insufficient decision capacity in the case present members would have a conflict of interest for upcoming decisions.

§2. Introduction of Karl Obrant, new member of the board (Faculty management representative)

Since Karl Obrant was not present, this introduction was not effectuated.

§3. Election of "Justeringsperson"

Cecilia Lundberg was assigned as "Justeringsperson".

§4. Approval of the agenda

The content of the agenda was approved, and three points were added to §14, Other issues;

- a) Application from Maria H Nilsson for funding;
- b) Activity Grants as a funding mechanism;
- c) Principal discussion on the needs of competence development for technical staff.

§5. Delegated decisions (enclosure 1)

The travel grants that have been approved by the coordinator/assistant coordinator are summarized in the table in the upper half of the page in enclosure 1.

§6. Decisions *per capsulam* (enclosure 2)

As summarized in the table in enclosure 2, the application for postdoc support from Oskar Hansson was approved.

§7. Information

- a) Update on recruitments



Emma Roybon has been working on the advertisement for the position as professor in clinical neuroscience and the announcement should be out shortly.

The professor within the Chemical Node should soon be appointed.

On the administrative side, Emma Roybon is now working 50% for MultiPark, and Pia Berntsson is working 25%. Emma Roybon has the main responsibility, and Pia Berntsson will give support, and also take responsibility for travel grants. Jens Persson's position is coming to an end and if the position should be prolonged it needs to be advertised. If Jens Persson applies, the position becomes permanent and if MultiPark will not get funding after 2014, then the position would become the responsibility of the Department of Experimental Sciences. It has already been decided that MultiPark wants to keep Jens employed, and the process for advertisement is in progress.

b) Biobank working group (enclosure 3)

Susanne Iwarsson has decided to, based on discussions in open meetings, form a working group to investigate the needs, procedures and funding required to establish a neuroscience biobank at LU, led by Oskar Hansson. The group includes Per Odin, Lennart Minthon, Ulf Malmqvist and Maria Swanberg. A short report to the MultiPark Steering Group is expected by mid-August, 2012. In discussions it is stated that a brain bank cannot be established at LU; it has to be developed in collaboration with an existing brain bank elsewhere.

c) SFO Call from the Vice Chancellor

After repeated queries from SFO coordinators regarding the use of the 5% of the SFO funding kept at university level, the Vice Chancellor's office launched a call for proposals on how to use SEK 2 million during 2012. Currently, there are two suggestions of joint proposals being communicated amongst the SFO coordinators. One is for information, education and support to grant writing, the other was initiated by Roger Olsson on behalf of MultiPark and involves molecule screening in collaboration with other SFOs such as BioCare, Exodiab and Stem Therapy, and also other networks such as MoreLife, Create Health and Bagadilico.

Discussions with the Vice Chancellor has been initiated, requesting better communication on these issues.

§8 Decision on specific eligibility criteria for travel grants.

It was *decided* that those eligible to apply for a travel grant should be either PhD students or postdocs/equivalent (up to 5 years after PhD defense), in PIs' or affiliated partners' research groups.

§9. MultiPark Graduate School for the period 2012 – 2014:

a) Decision on how to name the Graduate School

It was *decided* that from now on, the graduate school should be named *Lund University Neuroscience Graduate School* (under the management of MultiPark). This is a strategic decision, paving the way for supporting neuroscience at LU in the broadest sense, for the future.

b) Approval of the strategic plan

Susanne Iwarsson suggests that after amendments of the strategic plan, the decision to approve it will be delegated to her. That is, the name of the graduate school has to be amended according to the decision in §9a, leading also to some other changes of the text. Oskar Hansson mentions that it should be clear that there is collaboration with other initiatives, such as with the Summer Research School for the development of a MD/PhD track.

c) Decision on the establishment of a Working Committee for the Graduate School

The Board approves of the establishment of a Working Committee for the Graduate School. The group should represent the width of the neuroscience area and include representatives from Bagadilico, someone at postdoc level and a PhD student. It is *decided* that the group should consist of 3 – 4 representatives and one PhD student. Zuzanna Kurowska will notify Susanne Iwarsson and Emma Roybon of who will be the student representative. The decision on who will be part of the Committee is delegated to Susanne Iwarsson.

d) Decision on the assignment as study director for 2013 – 2014

It was *decided* that the assignment should be advertised, and that 30% is a reasonable level of the assignment.

§10. Decision on the four 50% clinical research appointments

There was no *quorum* to make a decision on this issue, so there will be an extra board meeting within a couple of weeks, chaired by Cecilia Lundberg with Zuzanna Kurowska as the “justeringsperson”, in order to decide on the clinical research appointments.

§11. Information and discussion on budget 2012 – 2014

a. Decision on budget principles for 2012-2014

b. Decision on specific revisions of budget 2012

It was decided to approve of the principle of allocating 8 MSEK for technical platforms, whereof 2 MSEK will be allocated for a biobank, 5 MSEK for infrastructure, and 1 MSEK will be kept as a buffer for other infrastructure investments. It should be explicitly stated in a forthcoming open call that one can apply for co-funding for equipment as well as for salaries for specialized technical staff, and that the applicant needs to show how staff will be funded after 2014. Roger Olsson has the responsibility for development of the call.

It was *decided* to approve of the principle of allocating 4 MSEK to co-funding of salaries for PhD students and postdoctoral staff. The database for PhD projects will be utilized for the application for PhD students with a deadline around August 20th, 2012. In the call for co-funding of salaries for postdocs, it should be clear that the applicants have to use the funds until 2013-12-31.

The decision on the final writing of the calls with particular attention to the criteria for when the funds should be spent is delegated to Susanne Iwarsson. The decision

on how to distribute the 4 MSEK between the two calls will be made when the applications have been submitted. A process for internal review of the applications will be put into effect.

§12. Discussion on principles for evaluation of specific budget posts

This discussion will be postponed to the next Board Meeting.

§13. Board meetings, fall 2012 (in September & November).

The board meetings will be held on September 17th at 10.00-12.00 and on November 26th, at 08.30-10.30 (note the change in time).

§ 14. Other issues

a) Application from Maria H Nilsson for funding;

Susanne Iwarsson brings up the issue that if both the coordinator and the vice coordinator have a conflict of interest, who can the decision be delegated to? It was *decided* that the decision power could be delegated to someone else in the Steering Committee. Consequently, Roger Olsson was delegated to make a decision on the application from Maria H Nilsson.

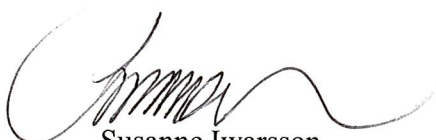
b) Activity Grants as a funding mechanism;

It was *decided* to keep this funding mechanism and to call it “*Other Strategic Grants*”. The decision power is delegated to the coordinator for applications below 20 000 SEK. This type of funding should be published on the website, with examples of what could be applied for.

c) Principal discussion on the needs of courses for technical staff

It was *decided* that technical staff can apply for Other Strategic Grants to attend courses etc., in order to further develop their competence.

§15. End of meeting

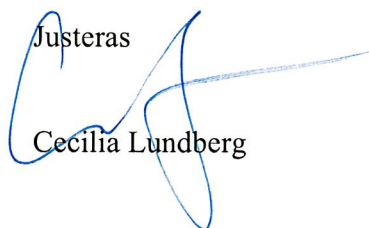


Susanne Iwarsson
Chairman



Emma Roybon

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Cecilia Lundberg

Enclosure 1

Delegated decisions

Travel grants

Applicant	Max amount (SEK)	Kind of activity	Approved by	Date
Shane Grealish	7 000	FENS Forum of Neuroscience in Barcelona, July 14 th – 18 th 2012	S Iwarsson	2012-02-28
Nolwen Rey	7 000	Synucleinopathies course at the Neuroscience School of Advanced Studies in Sienna, Italy, April 13 th – 23 rd , 2012	S Iwarsson	2012-03-07
Trevor Tyson	7 000	Synucleinopathies course at the Neuroscience School of Advanced Studies in Sienna, Italy, April 13 th – 23 rd , 2012	S Iwarsson	2012-03-14
Sebastian Palmqvist	15 000	Alzheimer Association International Conference (AAIC), Vancouver 2012	S Iwarsson	2012-03-14
Reena Prity Murmu	7 000	FENS Forum of Neuroscience in Barcelona, July 14 th – 16 th 2012	S Iwarsson	2012-03-22

Activity grants

Applicant	Max amount (SEK)	Kind of activity	Approved by	Date
Oskar Hansson	10 000	Research visit of Dr. Alexander Santos to Lund during March 11-15, 2012	S Iwarsson	2012-03-14
Angela Cenci Nilsson	7000	Research visit of Dr. Carrie Jones to Lund on June 1 st 2012	S Iwarsson	2012-04-18
Tadeusz Wieloch	3600	Research visit of Dr. Marie Carlén to Lund on April 19 th 2012	S Iwarsson	2012-02-22
Tadeusz Wieloch	1500 USD	Research visit of Dr. Mehrdad Shamloo to Lund	S Iwarsson	2012-01-26
Per Odin	20 000	Research visit of Dr. Elena Moro to Lund on March 21 st 2012	S Iwarsson	2012-01-31

Innovation grants

Applicant	Max amount (SEK)	Kind of activity	Approved by	Date
Laurent Roybon	200 000	Stem cells as tool to study the neurological disorders	MultiPark Innovation Group	2012-03-20

Enclosure 2

Decisions *per capsulam*

Postdoc support

Applicant	Granted	Referees	Approved by	Date
Oskar Hansson (Edina Silajdzic)	50 % 12 months 320 000 SEK	Roger Ölsson and Jia-Yi Li	The board	2012-03-19

Enclosure 3

Utredning av möjligheten att upprättande av biobank samt hjärnbank i MultiParks regi

Det finns ett stort behov av en biobank för material från patienter med Parkinsons sjukdom och relaterade tillstånd. Enligt den ursprungliga SFO-ansökan ska MultiPark upprätta en biobank för prover innehållande DNA, plasma och CSF samt en hjärnbank. I utvärderingen av ansökan betonades vikten av utveckling av markörer. Granskarna skrev "*Importantly the applicants intend to identify new biomarkers, not only to detect the early onset of*



disease and its subsequent progress, but to monitor the efficacy of therapeutic strategies in clinical trials.” En sådan satsning skulle underlätta translationell forskning i och med att experimentella forskare kan samarbeta med kliniska verksamma forskare för att svara på frågor direkt relaterade till människor drabbade av Parkinsons sjukdom.

En biobank skulle kunna hjälpa till att:

- 1) Utveckla biomarkörer för tidig och säker diagnostik av Parkinson sjukdom
- 2) Utveckla biomarkörer för att identifiera olika undergrupper av Parkinsons sjukdom som har olika prognos och som har nytta av olika typer av terapier
- 3) Utveckla metoder för att mäta relevanta effekter av nya terapier för att lättare avgöra vilka nya substanser som fungerar och vilka doser som krävs hos människor
- 4) Ökad förståelse för de underliggande sjukdomsmekanismerna hos människor. Många myndigheter, inklusive U S Food and Drug Administration, anser att dagens djurmodeller inte reflekterar Parkinsons och Alzheimers sjukdomar på ett helt adekvat sett och att försök i dessa modeller inte kan förutsäga en effekt hos drabbade människor. Studier på material från drabbade individer skulle kunna öka vår förståelse för patogenesen och därmed eventuellt identifiera nya relevanta ”drug targets”

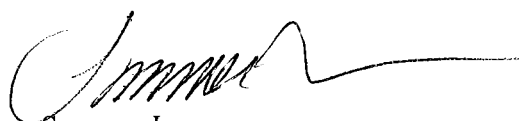
Hittills har MultiPark inte haft möjlighet att satsa på dessa områden, som troligtvis kommer vara viktiga i samband med den kommande utvärderingen av de strategiska forskningsområdena (2014-2015). Mot bakgrund av ovanstående tillsätts nu en arbetsgrupp med följande uppdrag:

- Utredda förutsättningarna för att upprätta en biobank och en hjärnbank för det strategiska forskningsområdet i neurovetenskap vid Lunds universitet. Möjligheter till samverkan och synergieffekter med andra initiativ i denna riktning ska särskilt beaktas, såväl regionalt, nationellt som internationellt.
- Presentera ett konkret förslag till hur en biobank och eventuellt en hjärnbank skulle kunna etableras, inklusive förslag till finansiering.

Arbetsgruppen består av docent Oskar Hansson (ordförande), adj. professor Per Odin, professor Lennart Minthon, forskarassistent Maria Swanberg och Docent Ulf Malmqvist.

Uppdraget ska sammanfattas i en kortfattad skriftlig rapport till MultiParks styrgrupp, senast 2012-08-15.

Lund 2012-04-03



Susanne Iwarsson
Professor, koordinator