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## Minutes Board Meeting MultiPark 2013-09-17, 13.00 – 15.30

- Present: Sten-Magnus Aquilonius  
Håkan Billig  
Hjálmar Bjartmarz  
Lars Dahlin (by phone)  
Gunnar Gouras  
Susanne Iwarsson (Chair)  
Helena Jernström (invited for presentation, until § 7)  
Thure Johansson (invited department office representative)  
Roger Olsson  
Emma Roybon (meeting secretary)  
Martina Svensson  
Maria Swanberg (invited for presentation, until § 6a)  
Leif Östergaard
- Absent: Elisabet Londos  
Björn Hellqvist

### § 1. Meeting starts

Susanne Iwarsson welcomes everyone and opens the meeting.

### § 2. Designation of "Justeringsperson"

Leif Östergaard is assigned together with the Chair of the Board to approve the minutes.

### § 3. Approval of the agenda

The content of the agenda is approved.

### § 4. Minutes from the latest board meetings

Susanne Iwarsson makes a comment referring back to point 6 from the board meeting in April regarding top recruitment. A council has been formed at the Faculty of Medicine with the assignment to suggest possible recruits. Susanne has suggested Angela Cenci Nilsson and Jan Lexell to be part of this council. The Board approves the minutes from the two latest board meetings.

### § 5. Delegated decisions (enclosure 1)

The Travel Grants and Other Strategic Grants that have been approved by the coordinator/assistant coordinator are summarized in the two tables in Enclosure 1.

### § 6. Information

#### a. MultiPark Biobank

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Maria Swanberg gives an update on the developments of the biobank. The first application for ethical permission was not approved, but a decision is expected soon on a revised application. A research nurse will start working with the planning of the data collection later this fall, and recruitment of patients in Lund and Malmö will start in January 2014. The biobank will use less funds than budgeted this year, 422 KSEK, and the remaining amount granted - 2,254 KSEK - will be used during 2014.

**b. The HSC facility & future plans: The Forum Medicum Project**

Susanne Iwarsson gives an account of the plans of moving the Health Sciences Centre to the BMC/University Hospital area. Forum Medicum is the working name for this project. Part of the Forum Medicum is to establish a novel, national infrastructure - the "Forum Medicum Exercise & Reality Lab". In a couple of weeks, Susanne will travel to Toronto along with Ingemar Carlstedt, Chair of the Board of BMC, Anna Maria Drake, Vice Dean, Steven Schmidt, Scientific Coordinator at CASE, and a representative from Akademiska Hus, in order to visit the largest rehabilitation lab in the world, the IDAPT.

**c. Major collaborative research funding applications (in progress & submitted)**

For the purpose of building the "Forum Medicum Exercise & Reality Lab", an infrastructure planning application has been submitted to the Swedish Research Council. Also, a proposal was submitted to the Swedish Research Council for a national graduate school on ageing and health. In the spring, a proposal on ageing with neurodegenerative diseases, based on the clinical and health science research activities within MultiPark, was submitted to Forte. Decisions on funding are expected in November 2013.

**d. Professorship in clinical neuroscience (update)**

Per Odin is officially in place as professor in neuroscience. He is working 50 % as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. A formal complaint has been submitted by Håkan Widner, and this process could take approximately one year.

**e. Annual retreat**

Emma Roybon gives an update on the program of the joint retreat between BAGADILICO and MultiPark, which will take place on October 23 - 24 in Barsebäck.

**f. Annual report and evaluation (update)**

Emma Roybon gives a report from the annual meeting arranged by the Swedish Research Council. Informally, it was stated that we can count on continued funding until the evaluation has been completed. The self-evaluation instructions for the Strategic Research Areas will be sent out during the spring of 2014 and the funding authorities will compile the evaluations and arrange for hearings during the fall of 2014. They will submit a compiled report to the government in May 2015. The evaluation will focus both on the excellence of the research in the environment, and the added value the funding has provided - as well as how the investment of Strategic Research Areas has been handled by the universities.

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## § 7. Lund University Neuroscience Graduate School: Current status and strategies for the future

Study Coordinator Helena Jernström gives an update on the activities of the LU Neuroscience Graduate School. There are approximately 73 PhD students and 48 postdocs affiliated with the graduate school. Besides the bi-weekly seminars, this fall there are FACS courses arranged with the Stem Cell Center, and also a course on scientific illustration techniques (organized by T. Björklund). Courses in translational study design and also chemistry had to be cancelled due to a low number of applicants, and this is a challenge for the graduate school and MultiPark. The course on translational study design will be postponed to 2014, and then given in another format. A course in statistics, which is mandatory for PhD students, will also be given next year, and T. Björklund has agreed to give the course on scientific illustration techniques again in 2014. MultiPark's innovation officer, L. Gisselsson, is also planning a course in biobusiness in February 2014, together with Exodiab and LTH.

## § 8. Decision on funding for Davide Tampellini/Gunnar Gouras

Gunnar Gouras has a conflict of interest, and therefore he does not take part in the discussion or decision.

Since the funding for a two-year co-worker (D. Tampellini) was part of the start-up package when Gunnar Gouras was recruited, *it is decided* to let him keep the funds of 340 000 SEK to pay the salary for another co-worker, even if Tampellini left his position earlier than anticipated.

## § 9. Budget issues

Emma Roybon gives an update on the results of the budget at mid-year, and also the forecast for December 2013. The forecast at this point shows a surplus of 423 KSEK. Leif Östergaard suggests that there should be funds allocated to give incentives for scientists for collaborative efforts to realize ideas.

The Board *assigns* to the management team to prepare a budget proposal for 2014, based on the principles presented and discussed.

## § 10. New strategic plan for MultiPark

The Board *approved* on the time schedule of the working plan for the strategic plan; i.e. there will be a workshop at the annual retreat when the strategic plan will be discussed and the translational groups will give an update. Discussion will continue at the board meeting in November, and the Board will be presented with a draft of the plan at the first meeting in 2014. The new strategic plan should be ratified at a board meeting in May 2014.

*It is decided* by the Board to redefine the goal and aims of MultiPark for the process of developing the new strategic plan. The redefined goals and aims are the following:

*In a ten-year perspective, the principal goal is to create a program that improves body function and structure, as well as activity, participation and life satisfaction, in people with PD and related conditions. In order to reach this goal, we aim to:*

1. Perform pioneering transplantation trials using stem cells
2. Perform clinical trials using gene-transfer based therapy



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3. Develop new pharmacological approaches (including small molecules) for disease-modifying and/or symptomatic therapies
4. Perform leading translational research on cognitive dysfunction and other non-motor symptoms
5. Develop and implement accurate tools (e.g. biomarkers, outcome measures, and bio-imaging) for diagnostic purposes and estimation of the outcome of treatments
6. Develop, test and evaluate the effects of new health promoting interventions

**§ 11. Other issues**

The Board would like there to be research presentations also at the next board meeting.

**§ 12. End of meeting**



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Chairman

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Enclosure 1

Travel Grants

Applicant	Max amount (SEK)	Kind of activity	Approved by	Group affiliation	Date
Björg Thordardottir	7 000	AT-forum, Stockholm, Sweden, April 24-25, 2013	G Gouras	S Iwarsson	2013-04-04
Shong Lau	15 000	"New Avenues for Brain Repair: Programming and Reprogramming the CNS" & International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISCCR) annual meeting, Boston, MA, June 9-15, 2013	G Gouras	M Parmar	2013-04-30
Ilknur Özen	15 000	International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISCCR) annual meeting, Boston, MA, June 11-16, 2013	G Gouras	G Paul-Visse	2013-04-30
Irem Nasir	14 961	Annual symposium of Protein Society, Boston, MA, July 20-23, 2013	G Gouras	Sara Linse	2013-04-30
Mehdi Djelloul	Not granted	"New Avenues for Brain Repair: Programming and Reprogramming the CNS" & International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISCCR) annual meeting, Boston, MA, June 12-15, 2013	G Gouras	L Roybon	2013-04-13
Andreas Heuer	15 000	Training course in microelectrode, Nicholasville, KY, USA, May 17-19, 2013 Application arrived before the course, decision after course	G Gouras	M Parmar	2013-05-27
Miriana Quattromani	7 000	Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology, Laboratory for Neurobiology for a 2-weeks visit in June this year to participate in their joint experiments on visualization of matrix metalloproteinases in the rat brain, Warshaw, Polen, June, 2013	G Gouras	T Wieloch	2013-05-31

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Rana Soyulu	Not granted	Gordon CAG Triplet Disorders Conference and Seminar, Waterville Valley Resort, Waterville Valley, NH June 23-28, 2013	G Gouras	Å Petersén	2013-05-29
Beata Lindholm	15 000	World Parkinson Congress 2013, Montreal, Canada, September 30 – October 4, 2013	G Gouras	O Hansson	2013-05-28
Xiaoting Yang	7 000	Course in protein-protein interactions (5 ECTS) Spetses, Greece, September 16-26, 2013	G Gouras	S Linse	2013-05-28
Risto Cukalevski	7 000	Summer School, Island of Spetses, Greece, Topic: Protein interactions, assemblies and human disease, September 16-26, 2013	G Gouras	S Linse	2013-07-10
Patrick Aldrin Kirk	15 000	Society for Neuroscience Conference, San Diego, USA, November 8-13, 2013	G Gouras	T Björklund	2013-07-10
Marcus Davidsson	15 000	Society for Neuroscience Conference, San Diego, USA, November 8-14, 2013	G Gouras	T Björklund	2013-07-10
Stina Bladh	15 000	3rd World Parkinson Congress, Montreal, Canada, September 30 – October 5, 2013	G Gouras	J Lexell	2013-07-10
Björg Thordardottir	15 000	3rd World Parkinson Congress, Montreal, Canada, October 1-4, 2013	G Gouras	S Iwarsson	2013-07-10
Malin Åkerblom	15 000	Conference "Chromatin: Structure and function", arranged by Abcam Grand on Cayman Islands, November 9-16, 2013	G Gouras	J Jakobsson	2013-07-10
Hanna Iderberg	12 000	3rd World Parkinson Congress, Montreal, Canada, September 30 - October 5, 2013	G Gouras	A Cenci	2013-07-10
Veronica Francardo	15 000	Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting (SFN) 2013, San Diego, California, USA, November 9-13, 2013	G Gouras	A Cenci	2013-07-10
Josephine	15 000	Conference 'Chromatin:	G Gouras	J Jakobsson	2013-07-10

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Daniella Rylander	7 000	NECTAR Conference "The International Symposia on Neural Transplantation", Cardiff, UK, September 3-6, 2013	G Gouras	M Parmar	2013-07-10
Rebecca Petri	15 000	Conference 'Chromatin: structure and function', Grand Cayman Islands, USA, November 11-14, 2013	G Gouras	J Jakobsson	2013-08-12
Luis Quintino	7 000	NECTAR Conference "The International Symposia on Neural Transplantation", Cardiff, UK, September 3-6, 2013	G Gouras	C Lundberg	2013-08-12
Antonio Boza Serrano	15 000	Scientific Meeting , Grand Rapids, USA, September 17-21, 2013	G Gouras	T Deierborg	2013-08-12
Tim Fieblinger	7 000	ESF-FENS "The Brain Conferences - The Neurobiology of Synapses and their Dysfunction", Stresa, Italy, October 13-17, 2013	G Gouras	A Cenci	2013-08-12
Nicole Reichenbach	14 580	Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting (SFN) 2013, San Diego, California, USA, November 7-8, 2013	G Gouras	P Brundin	2013-09-09
Cristina Alcacer	15 000	Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting (SFN) 2013, San Diego, California, USA, November 9-12, 2013	G Gouras	A Cenci	2013-09-09
Liana Fashing	15 000	Conference 'Chromatin: structure and function', Grand Cayman Islands, USA, November 7-17, 2013	G Gouras	J Jakobsson	2013-09-09

### Other Strategic Grants

Name	Amount (SEK)	Kind of activity	Approved by	Date
Angela Cenci Nilsson	200 000	Innovation grant	Tadeusz Wieloch	2013-02-13
Deniz Kirik	200 000	Innovation grant	Tadeusz Wieloch	2013-07-08

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