



### MultiPark board meeting 2021-02-17, 13:00-14:35 Via Zoom Minutes

Present:

Arne Lindgren
Oskar Hansson
Angela Cenci Nilsson
Jesper Petersson
Katrin Mani
Hans Basun
Eva Ekblad
Laura Torres Garcia
Diana Jerman (meeting secretary)

Absent:

David Gisselsson Nord Roger Olsson Marta Ramos

- §1. Meeting starts presentation of board members
  The new MultiPark coordinator Angela Cenci Nilsson, and the board members presented themselves.
- §2. Designation of minute reviewer (justeringsperson)

  Hans Basun was assigned, together with the chairperson, to approve the minutes.
- §3. Approval of the agenda
  The board approved the agenda.
- §4. Declaration of conflict of interest
  No conflict of interest
- §5. Approval of minutes from the previous board meeting 2020.12.15
  The board approved the minutes from the previous board meeting on 15
  December 2020.
- §6. Approval of delegated decisions

  The board approved the delegated decisions that are summarized in appendix 2.

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#### §7. Budget 2020 follow-up

The follow-up budget for 2020 was presented by the coordinator. There is a surplus of approximately 11 800 000 SEK. The board stressed that it is important to spend the surplus and not save too much funds into the next year. It was suggested that the surplus could be used on calls for PhD-student salaries, temporary support for young investigators who need to fund their own positions, and infrastructures. The board suggested that these new forms of support should be discussed in the Steering group. Also suggested was to potentially set aside funds for the future salary and start-up package for Neuroimaging senior lecturer Laura Wisse (2022-2023). The Head of department will be consulted on this specific point.

# §8. Request for amendment of 2021 budget: application for support of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) bioinformatician salary

The board *approved* the application to support 50% salary for a NGS bioinformatician during 2021, with the amount of 489 900 SEK including overhead costs.

### §9. Revise the membership regulation

The board **approved** the revised regulations for membership, provided that a sentence regarding how the new member is confirmed is added to the text below; "The new member will be confirmed by a majority vote in the Steering group".

## Senior researchers and group leaders who wish to be involved in the activities of MultiPark

can apply for membership. The requirement for membership is active research in the field of neurodegenerative diseases, in accordance with MultiPark's strategic plan. The period of membership is 3 years, renewable upon request (via e-mail to the Multipark office). To be elected, the prospective member must be a professor, associate professor, senior lecturer or associate senior lecturer. Nominations are put forward by members of MultiPark. To apply for membership, the researcher should submit a short letter to the Coordinator, expressing one's interest to be involved in the activities of Multipark and giving the names of two Multipark senior researchers as a reference (references are not requested in case of membership renewal). In the letter, the applicant should also state which of the Multipark working groups she/he wishes to be affiliated to. The letter should be sent to the Coordinator via email, attaching a short CV that includes (selected) publications from the past 10 years.

The request will be processed at the next meeting of the steering group.

The coordinator reviews MultiPark's members regarding their activity at least every three years. Research team leaders are to annually submit a list of staff in their research teams. A compilation is carried out by MultiPark.

New memberships will always start in January the following year.

A formal application form should be drafted, and posted on the website.

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The board recommended that an application form should be prepared also for the new member category "associate members".

The coordinator raised the question whether it would be good for Multipark to also admit honorary members based on a nomination procedure. Honorary membership would be granted to particularly meritorious professionals having previous or current collaborative relationships but no direct activity within Multipark. The decision regarding this suggestion was postponed.

§10. Discuss on the procedure to revise the 7 translational working groups

More information is needed for the board to be able to have an input. The Working groups should submit reports on what they have accomplished during 2015-2020 containing:

- 1) Activity/publications
- 2) List of members
- 3) State future visions and plans

The reports will also serve as basis for the discussion on how to revise the Working groups and will provide material to prepare for a possible upcoming SRA evaluation.

§11. Discuss on the procedure to appoint a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)

The Board stressed that it is important that the SAB members have a broader view on what is best for the whole MultiPark, in addition to being an expert in a given area. This point should be discussed further in the Steering group on March 4.

§12. Other issues

No other issues

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Chairperson, Coordinator MultiPark

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Board member.

Vice-coordinator MultiPark

Diana Jerman Meeting secretary