



BOARD MEETING 2/2012

11 April 2012

MINUTES

Title: Meeting of the Board of FIMM 2/2012
Time: Wednesday, 11 April 2012, at 13.00—14.50
Place: FIMM Meeting Room D307a, Biomedicum Helsinki 2U (3rd floor),
Tukholmankatu 8, Helsinki

Chair:

Vice Rector, Professor Kimmo Kontula, University of Helsinki

Members (Deputy Members:)

Dean, Professor Risto Renkonen, Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki; arrived in item 5.3
Research Director, Professor Anna-Elina Lehesjoki, Neuroscience Center, University of Helsinki
Professor Kimmo Porkka, Institute of Clinical Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki; being disqualified in the matter, Professor Porkka did not participate in the discussion of item 4
Professor Annamari Ranki, Institute of Clinical Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki; present in item 4
Chief Research Officer, Professor Lasse Viinikka, HUS
Senior Scientist, Head of Public Health Genomics Unit Anu Jalanko, THL; being disqualified in the matter, Dr Jalanko did not participate in the discussion of item 4
Vice President, Professor, R&D Biotechnology Anu Kaukovirta-Norja, VTT; arrived in item 4
CEO Pekka Mattila, Desentum Oy
IT Designer Anne Leinonen, FIMM Technology Centre

Permanent Expert:

Director, Professor Olli A. Jänne, Biomedicum Helsinki, University of Helsinki

Experts:

Financial Manager Marja Medina, FIMM
Head of Development Kimmo Pitkänen, FIMM

Presenters:

Head of Personnel Management Jaana Sirkiä, Human Resources and Legal Affairs,
University of Helsinki; item 4
Director, Professor Olli Kallioniemi, FIMM; being disqualified in the matter, Professor Kallioniemi did not participate in the discussion of item 4

Secretary:

Administrative Manager Reetta Niemelä, FIMM

Meeting of the Board of FIMM 2/2012

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1 Opening of the meeting and presence of a quorum

Proposal: It was proposed that a quorum be present when the Chair of the meeting as well as at least half of the other members are present (FIMM regulations 5 §).

Decision: It was recorded that a quorum was present.

2 Approval of the agenda

Proposal: It was proposed that the agenda be approved.

Decision: As proposed.

3 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Proposal: It was proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 February 2012 is approved (Annex 1).

Decision: As proposed.

4 Decision on proposal for appointment of the Director of FIMM 2012—2017 (presenter: Sirkiä)

The current five-year term of the Director of FIMM, Professor Olli Kallioniemi will end on 30 November 2012. At its meeting on 6 February 2012 the Board nominated the Chair of the Board, Vice Rector, Professor Kimmo Kontula and the Vice Chair of the Board, Research Director, Professor Anna-Elina Lehesjoki to prepare a proposal to Board. The proposal is in Annex 2 (Annexes 2a—2e are annexes mentioned in the proposal). Professors Kimmo Kontula and Anna-Elina Lehesjoki suggest that the Board proposes to the Rector of the University of Helsinki that the position of the Director of FIMM will be filled by invitation and Olli Kallioniemi, MD, PhD, will be appointed Director of FIMM for another five-year period from 1 December 2012 to 30 November 2017.

According to the Regulations of FIMM (4 §), the Board proposes to the Rector of the University of Helsinki the appointment of the Director of the Institute.

Proposal: It is suggested that the Board decides to propose to the Rector of the University of Helsinki that the position of the Director of FIMM will be filled by invitation and Olli Kallioniemi, MD, PhD, will be appointed Director for another five-year period from 1 December 2012 to 30 November 2017.

Decision: As proposed.

5 Announcements

- 5.1 The call for FIMM National Network for Molecular Medicine (NNMM) is now open and the deadline for applications is on 30 April 2012. The call text (Annex 3) is available at http://www.fimm.fi/en/open_positions/. The call text was published in Suomen Lääkärilehti on 9 March 2012. The current members of the NNMM as well as FIMM group leaders have been informed and asked to distribute the announcement to their networks. In addition, the announcement has been circulated on Meilahti Campus by University and HUS PR Officers.
- 5.2 Joint PhD student call with the Nordic EMBL Partnership closed on 17 February 2012. FIMM received altogether 219 applications. Based on the applications 12 candidates were invited in a videoconference interview and six candidates in on-site interviews to FIMM on 23—24 April 2012.
- HIIT (Helsinki Institute for Information Technology; joint research institute of Aalto University and University of Helsinki) will participate in the evaluation process and is also willing to participate in training and funding bioinformatically oriented students. This initiative has been discussed with FIMM and HIIT representatives and opportunities in collaboration in research training activities have been identified, e.g. student rotations both at FIMM and HIIT. This collaboration may lead to PhD thesis jointly supervised by FIMM and HIIT researchers.
- 5.3 Olli Kallioniemi was invited to an expert consultation by the Committee for Education and Culture of the Parliament of Finland concerning the proposed Biobank Act (*HE 86/2011 (biopankkilaki) kutsu asiantuntijakuulemiseen sivistysvaliokuntaan*). The expert consultation took place on 14 February 2012. The statement of the Committee for Education and Culture of the Parliament is in Annex 4.
- 5.4 The Minister of Health and Social Services has appointed an expert group to discuss and plan the establishment of a national cancer center to Finland. The term of the expert group is from 15 February 2012 to 31 December 2012 (Annex 5).
- 5.5 Negotiations on the future of the Biocenter Finland (BF) funding after the ongoing three year (2010—2012) period are underway with the Ministry of Education and Culture. An update on the situation was given at the Board meeting.
- 5.6 Rector of the University of Helsinki nominated in October 2011 a Reform Committee to prepare a proposal on how the resources of the University could be used more rationally by reorganising the activities. The deadline had been extended and the report “The Reform Committee’s Proposals for the Reorganisation of Operations at the University of Helsinki” was published on 10 April 2012, the report is available at <http://www.helsinki.fi/ajankohtaista/uutisarkisto/4-2012/10-16-59-33.html>. The faculties and independent institutes have been asked to give their opinion on the report by 25 May 2012.
- 5.7 Report of the International Evaluation of Research and Doctoral Training of the University of Helsinki will be published on 7 May 2012 at 9.15—11.00, University Main Building.
- 5.8 Tekes had two new project types in the call with the deadline in the end of February 2012:
- A) strategic research openings
 - B) new knowledge and business from research ideas

Tekes received altogether 400 applications to these two calls. In total 100 M€ of Tekes funding is requested for strategic research openings on the basis of 300 applications. Unfortunately rejection per cent is expected to be nearly 95 due to a massive demand. Close to 100 applications were received for the call new knowledge and business from research ideas with a total funding request next to 40 M€. The rejection per cent is expected to be high in these applications as well. Decisions on applications will be made by the end of May.

Altogether 19 applications were sent from the University of Helsinki for the A-category and 11 in the B-category. FIMM prepared a plan on genomes and health as a grand challenge initia-

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tive/strategic research opening (category A). In addition, three applications from FIMM were sent to the category B new knowledge and business from research ideas.

The University of Helsinki has proposed how to prioritize and process Tekes applications from the University in the upcoming Tekes calls (Annex 6).

- 5.9** The Consortium Agreement of the Biomedinfra Project (BBMRI, EATRIS, ELIXIR) on the national collaboration has been signed in March and early April 2012 by representatives of the University of Helsinki, CSC and THL.
- 5.10** Dissertation at FIMM: Annu Näkki, 23 March 2012: Search for Susceptibility Genes in Osteoarthritis (<https://helda.helsinki.fi/handle/10138/30205>), Group Saarela.
- 5.11** The new Director of Administration of the University of Helsinki Esa Hämäläinen has been invited to visit FIMM on 9 May 2012.
- 5.12** The Chancellor of the University of Helsinki, Professor Ilkka Niiniluoto has been invited to visit FIMM on 28 May 2012. The intention is also to continue discussion started in January 2011 on the FIMM national initiative on personalized diagnostics and care. The goal of the initiative is planned to be to demonstrate the potential of deep molecular level understanding of disease in the care of individual patients. It also aims at clarifying the obstacles of and identifying the solutions to applying the new approach in national health care and clinical practice.
- 5.13** New appointments at FIMM:

FIMM Research Groups:

- Petteri Hintsanen, Postdoctoral Researcher, 1.3.2012—28.2.2013, Group Aittokallio
- Sawan Jha, Research Assistant, 5.3.2012—31.8.2012, Group Wennerberg

Projects:

- Päivi Laiho, Head of Laboratory, 25 %, 1.2.2012—31.12.2013, Biomedinfra/BBMRI
- Aija Kyttälä, Senior Researcher, 25 %, 1.3.2012 - 31.12.2013, Biomedinfra/BBMRI
- Marika Karjalainen, Laboratory Analyst, 5.3.2012—31.12.2012, Systems Microscopy

- Ida Lindenschmidt, Senior Laboratory Technician, 12.3.2012—31.12.2012, BF-Drug Discovery
- Swapnil Potdar, Bioinformatician, 15.3.2012—31.12.2012, BF-Genome-Wide Methods

6 Financial statement of FIMM 2011 (presenter: Kallioniemi)

Financial statement of FIMM 2011 is in Annex 7. The balance (including total income and total expenses both of basic funding and external funding) shows 269 782 euros surplus.

Proposal: It was suggested that the Board approves financial statement of FIMM of 2011 in Annex 7.

Decision: As proposed.

7 Approval of the FIMM Annual Report 2011 (presenter: Kallioniemi)

The final draft of the FIMM Annual Report 2011 is in Annex 8. According to the Regulations of FIMM (4 §), the Board approves the Annual Report of the Institute. It is suggested that the Board discusses the content of the Report. When necessary, modifications will be made based on the comments received from the Board.

The finalisation of the layout has been started with the printing house and it is expected that the printed version of the Report is available in early May.

Proposal: It was suggested that the Board approves the content of the Annual Report 2011 in Annex 8.

Decision: As proposed.

8 Decision on the composition of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of FIMM 2012—2017
(presenter: Kallioniemi)

According to the Regulations of FIMM (7 §) the Board appoints to the Scientific Advisory Board a minimum of six and a maximum of ten internationally recognised experts in the Institute's fields of research and technological activities. The Board shall appoint a Chair from among the members of the Scientific Advisory Board. The Scientific Advisory Board shall select a vice chair from among its members. The term of the Scientific Advisory Board is five years.

The duties of the Scientific Advisory Board are as follows (Regulations of FIMM 7 §):

1. To assess the Institute's activities and quality of research and to provide the Board with recommendations on these matters;
2. To formulate initiatives and to provide statements on the direction of research;
3. To provide a statement on the activities and extensions to the terms of the research groups;
4. To issue statements on the qualifications of applicants for the positions of director and research director.

At its meeting in November 2011 the Board stated that five of the six current SAB members who have confirmed that they are available — Professors Cornelia van Duijn, Carl-Henrik Heldin, Edison Liu, Nadia Rosenthal and Kai Simons — will be invited to the SAB for another term. In addition, two—three new members will be invited.

At its meeting in February the Board decided that a detailed profile of five experts/new member candidates will be made (Annex 9) and that the SAB of FIMM 2012-2017 will be appointed at the meeting on 11 April 2012.

- Proposal:**
1. It is suggested that the Board appoints Professor Kai Simons, Max-Planck-Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics (Germany) the Chair of the SAB and the following experts members of the SAB for the five-year period from 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2017:
Professor Cornelia van Duijn, Erasmus University Medical Center (the Netherlands)
Professor Carl-Henrik Heldin, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Uppsala University (Sweden)
Professor Edison Liu, The Jackson Laboratory (USA)
Professor Nadia Rosenthal, EMBL Monterotondo (Italy) and EMBL Australia Partnership Laboratory (Australia)
 2. It is suggested that two—three new members will be appointed for the five-year period from 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2017.

- Decision:**
1. As proposed.
 2. Professor Clara D. Bloomfield, College of Medicine, James Cancer Hospital (USA), Professor Sören Brunak University of Copenhagen and Technical University of Denmark (Denmark) and Professor Jeremy Nicholson, Imperial College in London (UK) will be invited to the SAB of FIMM.

9 Discussion on the future plans and preparation of the Target Programme of FIMM for 2013—2016

The Board of the University of Helsinki approved in January 2012 the strategy of the University for 2013—2016. Printed version of the document is enclosed to this Agenda and it is also available at http://www.helsinki.fi/strategia/pdf/HY_strategia_2013-2016_www.pdf.

Faculties and independent institutes shall prepare their own strategies (Target Programmes) for 2013—2016 by October 2012. The strategic objectives of faculties and independent institutes should be derived from those of the University (the strategy map of the University on page 9 in the strategy). The faculties and independent institutes have been asked to prepare their first strategy maps by the end of April and the first drafts of the Target Programmes by the end of June 2012.

FIMM Future Day was organised on 2 March as a kick-off seminar to start discussion with FIMM staff and the preparation of the FIMM Target Programme. Aim of the seminar was to involve FIMM staff in the discussion from the very beginning. The discussion was very interesting and based on the key initiatives in the presentations of the group works, six broad thematic areas were identified that need to be planned further, e.g. FIMM profile, visibility and outreach; researcher training and careers; translation and innovation. The process will proceed as follows:

- May 15: Another meeting with FIMM staff will be arranged and more refined plans for the six themes will be presented by working groups composing of staff members.
- May 23: Rector's Seminar for directors and administrators of independent institutes.
- May 29—30: Further discussions at FIMM Scientific Retreat.
- June 6: Strategy Seminar of the Board of FIMM.
- June—September: writing of the Target Programme based on the discussions mentioned above.
- September 27: Board meeting and approval of the Programme.
- October 8: Submission deadline for the Programme.
- October—November: Negotiation with the Rector of Programme, including budget.

The Board discussed the proposal made by the Reform Committee (item 5.6) concerning the Meilahti Campus, i.e. the proposal that relationships and overlap between the University's three biocentres (Institute of Biotechnology, Biocentrum Helsinki and FIMM), independent institutes and research programmes will be reviewed after the assessment of University research. The Board will follow the discussion and give its opinion when needed.

10 Other business

There was no other business.

11 Dates of the next meetings

- Meeting and Annual Strategy Seminar, Wednesday 6 June 2012 at 13.00—19.00, place to be confirmed later (discussion on the future plans and FIMM Target Programme 2013—2017)

Suggested dates for meetings in autumn term 2012:

- 27 September at 13.00—15.00 (approval of the FIMM Target Programme 2013—2016, submission deadline 8 October)
- November, date to be confirmed at the June meeting.

12 Closing of the meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 14.50

Helsinki, 6 June 2012

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Chair, Board of FIMM

Olli Kallioniemi
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Director of FIMM
Presenter

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