

## Tropical Agrobiological and Bioresource Management Doctoral Degree Board Meeting Report

**25. 3. 2022**

Meeting of the TABM Doctoral Degree Board took place on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 on-line via MS Teams. The following members of the Board were present.

Present members (9):            **prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D.**  
  prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D.  
  doc. Ing. Jaroslav Havlík, Ph.D.  
  doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D.  
  doc. Ing. Pavel Klouček, Ph.D.  
  prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D.  
  Ing. Olga Leuner, Ph.D.  
  prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D.  
  prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc.  
Apologies (3):                    doc. RNDr. David Honys, Ph.D.  
  doc. RNDr. Jan Pluháček, Ph.D.  
  prof. Mgr. Ing. Markéta Sedmíková, Ph.D.  
Guests (1):                        Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.  
Secretary, Minute taker:        Mgr. Martina Gregorová  
  Ing. Ingrid Faltová

### **Agenda of 25<sup>th</sup> March TABM Doctoral Degree Board Meeting:**

1. Opening of the Meeting (P. Hejčmanová)
2. Reflection on Doctoral Degree Board activities and previous meeting (P. Hejčmanová)
3. Information from attestations of PhD students –February 2022 (Heads of individual departments)
4. Approval of methodologies of the 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD students (P. Hejčmanová)
5. Miscellaneous

#### **ad 1. Opening**

The Chairwoman prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D., opened the TABM Doctoral Degree Board meeting by greeting all members.

#### **ad 2. Reflection on DDB Previous meeting**

- Overview of DDB members, pointing out the ratio between plant/crop specialists to animal specialists as 7:4, plus Vice-Dean for Science and Research. One member, namely J. Pluháček recently resigned. We need therefore to address new DDB members to join, specifically animal science expertise. P. Hejčmanová have already invited 6 external experts, and two agreed. Their nomination and CV will be presented to Scientific Degree Board for approval. The idea is to get

more external members (2 are minimum according to rules) and to balance ratio of experts in “plant”: “animal” domains.

- First round of admission procedures ran the 15<sup>th</sup> March: 12 applicants, out of them 10 were accepted, and they must undergo visa application. Next round will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- In February, a report about TAMB has been requested in regard to accreditation. The current TABM study programme has been accredited in 2019 and only two study years are running, there report has been therefore short. Once approved by FTA Vice-Dean responsible for accreditation (J. Hejkrlik) and Rectorate administration, the report will be available to the DDB.
- Information from previous Doctoral Degree board (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021): approval of individual study plans (ISP): all ISPs of students from the 1<sup>st</sup> year were approved – few of them later, per rollam, once amended according to comments of DDB.
- Overview of students: 10 in the 1<sup>st</sup> year, 13 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (2 interrupted studies), 23 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year (5 interrupted studies), and 29 in the 4<sup>th</sup> year (9 interrupted studies, 2 accomplished in March 2022).

### **ad 3. Information from attestations of PhD students**

Prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D., Department of Crop Sciences and Agroforestry: attestations took place 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2021 and concerned 39 students, 17 students – are recommended to continue their studies, 22 students – recommended to continue with an admonition.

Doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D., Department of Animal Science and Food Processing, attestations took place on 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 and concerned 28 students, 11 students – recommended to continue, 9 students – recommended to continue with an admonition, 9 students recommended to interrupt studies

Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D., Department of Sustainable Technologies: attestations took place on 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2021 and concerned one student – recommended to continue studies.

- Important comment: most of “admonitions” were due to publication issues. Students are not able to submit their manuscripts according to required schedule, i.e. by the 5<sup>th</sup> attestation. DDB agreed to stick on this requirement as it is an official pressure to advance.
- Another issue why students get an admonition is not fulfilling the ISP correctly in the point of “accepted publications” when ISP is envisaged unrealistically, i.e. too ambitious in number of accepted publications at precise given time.

### **ad 4. Approval of methodologies of the first year PhD students**

**Alagbe Olajumoke** – approved

**Bhattacharya Soham** – approved

**Celina Seyma** – approved

**Consolacion Jerico** – approved

**Gurav Nishanth Sanjay** – approved

**Chinheya Irikidzai Prosper** – approved

**Koryťáková Marie** – approved

**Munir Hajra** – approved

**Šichová Petra** – approved

Tajammul Ayesha – approved

#### ad 5. Miscellaneous

##### a) Approving of Doctoral Defense committee

The doctoral degree board agreed that the DDB chairman will have an authority to approve the committee for doctoral defense. There was also reminder that all members of committees for doctoral exam state and defense should be approved by Scientific Board. List of currently approved members is available on Teams.

##### b) Students' requests

Student Ing. Naji Sulaiman is requesting change of the state doctoral exams' subjects **from** Vegetation and ecology of the Central Asia and Caucasus, Economic botany of Central Asia and Caucasus, Research methods in Ethnobotany **to** Vegetation and Ecology of the Mediterranean, Economic Botany of the Middle East, Research methods in Ethnobotany.


##### c) Diverse information

- Department of Animal Science (KCHZPT) informs about decision on length of doctoral defense: changed from 20 min to 45-60 min of presentation of PhD candidate of his/her work.
- J. Banout (Vice-Dean for research): there will be changes in PhD studies at national level in scholarship (should be 1.5 times higher than minimal wage in Czech republic), State Doctoral Exams might be cancelled in PhD study programmes, and PhD candidates should be relieved of the obligation to teach. There has been no information when those changes would come to effect.

#### Conclusion

The chairwoman prof. Pavla Hejcmanová thanked to all the present members and closed the meeting of Doctoral Degree Board.

In Prague, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

  
prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D.  
Chairperson of DDB TABM