
Czech University of Life Sciences Prague
Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences



FTA Scientific Board
Meeting Report

4th of November 2022

The Meeting of the FTA Scientific Board took place on November 4, 2022.

The following members of the Board were present. The meeting took place in a hybrid form partly in person and partly online via MS Teams

The Chair: prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme

FTA Members Present (6):	FTA Members Present online (3):
prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. doc. Miroslava Bavorová prof. Dr. Ing. Eloy Fernández Cusimamani prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D. prof. Dr. Ing. František Kumhála prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc.	prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D. (do 11:30) doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D. prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D.
External Members Present (3):	External Members Present online (3):
doc. Ing. Jan Chyský, CSc. prof. Dr. RNDr. Oldřich Lapčík doc. Ing. Vilém Jarský, Ph.D.	prof. PhDr. Michal Lošťák, Ph.D. (od 11:30) doc. RNDr. Josef Novotný, CSc. prof. Mgr. Ing. Markéta Sedmíková, Ph.D.

Apologies (5):

prof. RNDr. Dr. Daniel Frynta, Ph.D.
prof. RNDr. Vojtěch Novotný, CSc
doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, CSc.
Kateřina Černý Pixová, Ph.D. Ing.
doc. RNDr. Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Ph.D.

Guest Attendees (1):	Guest Attendees online (1):
Ing. Vladimír Verner, Ph.D.	prof. RNDr. Miroslav Barták, CSc.
Secretary: Mgr. Martina Gregorová	Minute Taker: Ing. Ingrid Faltová

Agenda of FTA Scientific Board:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Reflection on Previous SB Meeting
3. Update of the Strategic plan of the faculty
4. Approval of new combined MSc study programme "Tropical Agroecology"
5. Professorship procedure of doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, Ph.D.
6. Approval of new members of FTA Doctoral Degree Boards
7. Miscellaneous

Ad 1) Opening of the Meeting

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman, opened the Scientific Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Ad 2) Reflection on Previous SB Meeting

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman, informed the audience of the content of the last SB meeting (4th of April 2022): successful completion of habilitation procedure of Ing. Klára Urbanová, Ph.D.; approval of new members of Doctoral Degree Board.

Ad 3) Update of the Strategic plan of the faculty

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman, presented FTA's updated Strategic plan focused on areas of activity arranged according to the Ministry of Education's guidelines. In particular, the following points were highlighted and discussed:

- increasing number of students and academic staff
- internationalization of FTA
- training in pedagogical skills of academic staff
- overview of projects and budgets
- implementation of educational programs (Researchers Night, Science Week...)
- FTA participation in the implementation of international research projects.

Ad 4) Approval of new combined MSc study programme "Tropical Agroecology"

Doc. Tersia Needham, Ph.D., presented new combined study programme "Tropical Agroecology."

Subsequently, there was a public voting on the approval of the study programme with the result: 15 members in favour, 0 members against, 0 abstentions.

Ad 5) Professorship procedure of doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, Ph.D.

Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. briefly introduced doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, Ph.D.

Doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, Ph.D., presented a lecture on the concept of scientific and pedagogical work in the field of Tropical Agriculture and Ecology titled: “How do termites relate to their environments?” Prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D., chairman of the professorship committee, presented the committee’s report.

The Commission, which was composed of five members, studied all submitted documents of the candidate according to Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Higher Education and assessed his scientific and pedagogical qualities. In addition, supporting opinions on the appointment were provided by four professors in the field. In conclusion, doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, Ph.D., clearly fulfils all the requirements under Section 74 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education. The vote of the committee was as follows: 5 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. proposed doc. Miroslava Bavorová and prof. Dr. Ing. Eloy Fernández Cusimamani as scrutineers: 13 members in favour, 0 members against, 2 abstentions. The Scientific Board (total number of SB members 21, present 15) voted to nominate doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, Ph.D., by title professor with the following result: 14 members in favour, 0 member against, 1 abstention.

Conclusion: The Scientific Board thus nominated doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, Ph.D., as professor at the FTA, CZU Prague.

Ad 6) Approval of members of FTA Doctoral Degree Boards

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the Chairman, briefly introduced doc. Tersia Needham, Ph.D. and RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D. Subsequently, there was a public vote on the proposal of new members of TABM, ATS DDBs with the result: 15 members in favour, 0 member against, 0 abstentions.

Ad 7) Miscellaneous

Scientific Board approved the new examiner, doc. Dr. Yelizaveta Chernysh, for the state doctoral examinations for SRD and ATS study programmes with the result: 15 members in favour, 0 member against, 0 abstentions.

Scientific Board approved the new supervisor, Ing. Jiří Hejrlík, Ph.D. for doctoral study programmes SRD, ATS.: 15 members in favour, 0 member against, 0 abstentions.

Proposal for the final statement of the FTA Scientific Board:

FTA Scientific Board adopted the following resolution at its meeting on 4th November 2022:

- the Scientific Board approved the new combined MSc study programme “Tropical Agroecology”
- doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, Ph.D. was appointed in the position of a professor by the Scientific Board FTA, CZU Prague

- the Scientific Board approved doc. Tersia Needham and RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D., as new members of Doctoral Degree Board TABM/ATS, respectively.
- the Scientific Board approved the new examiner, doc. Dr. Yelizaveta Chernysh, for the state doctoral examinations for SRD and ATS study programmes.
- Scientific Board approved the new supervisor, Ing. Jiří Hejrlík, Ph.D. for doctoral study programmes SRD, ATS.

Result: The final statement of FTA's Scientific Board meeting of November 4th, 2022, was approved with 15 members in favour, 0 member against, 0 abstentions.

The Chairman thanked all members present and closed the meeting of the Scientific Board.

prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme

The Chairman of FTA, CZU Prague Scientific Board