

Board, Centre for Molecular Medicine Norway (NCMM)  
Oslo 17 August 2022

## Notice of NCMM Board Meeting

Time: Wednesday 24 August 2022, 12:00-15:00  
Place: Room Aqua, Forskningsparken

Executive Officer: Ingrid Kjelsvik

Agenda: (O = information item, D = discussion item B = decision item)

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### Case 23-22B Approval of minutes from last Board meeting

Draft minutes from the Board meeting on 15 June were available.

Proposed

**Decision:** The minutes are approved.

### Case 24-22B Recruitment of Assistant Director – update

The former Assistant Director left NCMM in the fall 2021 and how to best fill this function in the future, has been discussed in previous Board meetings. With three computational research groups currently at NCMM, it will benefit the Centre to hire an Assistant Director / senior PI with computational biology expertise. This would help strengthen NCMM's strategy and give further opportunities for both national and international collaboration. NCMM presents a call text to the Board for feedback, and will describe a more detailed time line for this recruitment process in the meeting.

Proposed

**Decision:** The Board approves the presented call text and timeline.

### Case 25-22B Upcoming Group Leader evaluation. Exempt information cf. §13

#### Offentlighetsloven (Personnel case)

Group leader \*\*\*\*\* joined NCMM 1 October 2018 and is approaching the fourth year in their first 5-year period. Criteria for the assessment for renewal in function as group leader at NCMM have previously been prepared as well as a procedure for the renewal process that was last dealt with by the Board in June 2019 (Case 23-19B). The procedure includes individual external evaluation of 4-6 experts in the field, followed by an assessment of the evaluations and the group's progress by the SAB. The next SAB visit is scheduled for 28 February – 1 March 2023. The NCMM Director will after this process promote a recommendation to the Board. In the beginning of May, \*\*\*\*\* was invited to apply for renewal of her function as group leader by 1 November 2022. They were also given the opportunity to suggest scientific experts for the evaluation process as well as list experts they would prefer excluded from an expert list within 15 June.

NCMM asked the Board for additional international suggestions for scientific experts that NCMM can ask to contribute in the evaluation process of \*\*\*\*\* (computational biology & systems medicine). The Director has asked the SAB for suggestions, and presents a list of suggested experts.

Proposed

**Decision:** The Board approves the list of experts for the Director to select from once the application from \*\*\*\*\* is submitted.

**Case 26-220 Strategy discussion on continuation of NCMM beyond 2024**

NCMM currently is in its third 5-year funding period and receives core funding annually from UiO, RCN and HSØ until the end of 2024. The RCN has communicated that they will not be able to fund NCMM beyond 2024. NCMM on April 8 had a meeting with the rectorate at UiO to discuss the future of the Centre as well as renewal of the Nordic EMBL Partnership agreement (2023-2032). In general, UiO is positive about supporting NCMM, but future commitments are still to be discussed in more detail. The rectorate in the meeting mentioned a need for an evaluation of NCMM before any decisions are being made, and The Director will update the Board in the meeting about the latest developments.

Proposed

**Decision:** The Board took note of the briefing.

**Case 27-220 Miscellaneous**

Sincerely,

Jens Petter Berg  
Chair NCMM Board

Janna Saarela  
NCMM Director