

## Minutes from NCMM Board Meeting

Time: Wednesday 7 February 2024, 12:00-15:00

Place: Room Kilo, Forskningsparken

Executive officer: Ingrid Kjelsvik

	Present	Absent
Professor Jens Petter Berg (UiO/OUS), Chair	X	
Professor Melinka Butenko (UiO), member	X	
Professor Hilde Nilsen (UiO), member	X	
Director Research & Diagnostics Lars Eikvar (HSØ), member		X
Professor Magne Børset (NTNU), national deputy member	X	
Dr. Torunn Berge (HSØ), member	X	
Professor Ola Myklebost (UiB), national member		X
Senior Adviser Randi Vad (HSØ), deputy member	X	
Professor Arnaldo Frigessi (UiO), deputy member		X
Group leader Anthony Mathelier (NCMM), Associate Director	X	
Professor Janna Saarela (NCMM), Director	X	

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

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### Case 1-24B Approval of minutes from last Board meeting

Draft minutes from the Board meeting on 29 November were available

**Decision:** The minutes were approved.

### Case 2-24B Closing the group for Structural Biology and Chromatin

NCMM has as its main purpose to recruit internationally outstanding early career researchers to non-tenured positions, and function as an incubator contributing to the establishment and development of new research groups, according to the EMBL-model. The research group for Structural Biology and Chromatin was established when the Biotechnology Centre in Oslo recruited \*\*\*\*\*, who started in January 2016.

The group for Structural Biology and Chromatin was evaluated in 2020/ 2021, and continued for another four-year period by decision of the Board in April 2021 (Case 11-21B). To make room for new emerging scientific fields and new technologies, the group for Structural Biology and Chromatin will need to rotate to a more permanent environment after 5+4 years.

**Decision:** The strategic initiative, the group for Structural Biology and Chromatin, will close from January 2025, according to NCMMs mandate and conditions.

### Case 3-24O NCMM financial report 2023

An overview of NCMM finances, as well as the management assessment, for 2023 was enclosed. CAO, Ingrid Kjelsvik gave an update in the meeting. The Board requested a more detailed overview over NCMMs application based external funding to highlight this better.

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

**Case 4-240 ARK 2024 – work environment process**

UiO has decided that the whole university shall go through the ARK process regularly, every three years, starting in February 2024. The ARK survey was sent out to all staff at NCMM on February 12, with follow-up discussions in the individual groups planned for later in the spring. ARK is designed by and for the higher education sector, and the process is coordinated by NTNU. HSE Coordinator Sissel Eikvar gave a presentation.

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

**Case 5-240 Annual HSE report**

The UiO report on HSE was submitted on January 29, 2024. HSE Coordinator Sissel Eikvar gave a presentation in the meeting.

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

**Case 6-240 Personnel case. Exempt information cf. §13 Offentlighetsloven**

NCMM was informed of a serious work environment issue in August 2022. The case has been handled at UiO level, and decisions have been made. The NCMM Director gave a brief update in the meeting.

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

**Case 7-240 Strategy discussion on continuation of NCMM beyond 2024 - update**

UiO has appointed a working group, with the task to provide a proposal for structure and scientific profile of NCMM beyond 2024, when the funding from The Research Council of Norway (RCN) ends. The working group was asked to make a proposal so that UiO can decide on the future of the Centre in spring 2024. The Director gave an update in the meeting.

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

**Case 8-240 National role of NCMM – ESFRI memberships**

NCMM is coordinating the Norwegian participation in two ESFRI-RIs: EATRIS and EU-OPENSSCREEN. The EATRIS membership was in the period 2016-2021 covered by UiO, UiB, NTNU, UiT and the four Regional Health Authorities together. At the end of 2020, the Regional Health Authorities, UiT and NTNU decided not to continue their contribution to EATRIS. The future of this membership for Norway is uncertain. The Director gave an update in the meeting.

NOR-OPENSSCREEN is the Norwegian participant in EU-OPENSSCREEN and the membership for the first five years (2018-2022) was covered by an RCN infrastructure grant. From 2023, the membership was split between the national nodes in Nor-Openscreen, and from 2024 Norway has stepped down to an observer status in the infrastructure. The future membership is now up for discussion, and the NCMM Director gave an update in the meeting.

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

**Case 9-240 Joint postdoc call - update**

NCMM opened a call for a joint Postdoctoral Program in Molecular Life Science, aimed at fostering new collaborations between NCMM group leaders and scientific partners from the Oslo area. Applications were evaluated for scientific feasibility by a committee including external expert, and funding decision were made in the board meeting on November 29, 2023 (Case 42-23B). The Director gave a status update in the meeting.

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

**Case 10-240 Miscellaneous**

No cases to report.

Sincerely,

Jens Petter Berg  
Chair NCMM Board

Janna Saarela  
NCMM Director