

Board, Centre for Molecular Medicine Norway (NCMM)  
Oslo, 27 February 2020

## Notice of NCMM Board Meeting

Time: Friday 6 March 2020, 12:00  
Place: NCMM, Meeting room Nano (level D3)

Executive officer: Elisa Bjørgo

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

### **Case 11-20B Presentation by NCMM Group Leaders**

In the September meeting 2019 the Board decided to invite group leaders to present regularly at Board meetings where they will be given the opportunity to present e.g. key points regarding group leader issues.

Nikolina Sekulic and Emma Haapaniemi will come to discuss with the Board in the March 6 meeting

Proposed

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

### **Case 12-20B Approval of minutes from last Board meeting**

Draft minutes from the Board meeting on March 6 were available (Attachment 1).

Proposed

**Decision:** The minutes are approved.

### **Case 13-20O Reappointment of NCMM Associate Investigators**

The network of NCMM Associate and Young Associate Investigators currently consists of 33 researchers from all regions in Norway. The network was established in 2011 and there have been altogether four open calls for new associate and young associate investigators. NCMM has now entered the third 5-year period and plans to evaluate the network this spring.

NCMM on February 4 invited all current AIs/YAIs to apply for reappointment and asked those who want to stay in the network, to describe how they plan to contribute to an active and collaborative network (see Attachment 2). The application deadline to apply for reappointment was February 21.

Altogether, 22 AIs/YAIs applied for reappointment whereas 9 have either informed us that they will not apply for reappointment or have not responded to our invitation. Two YAI have relocated to the US and thereby automatically rotated out of the network (see overview in Attachment 3). NCMM group leaders have also provided some feedback (Attachment 4). The NCMM Director will give an update in the meeting.

NCMM asks the Board to discuss and possibly decide on reappointment.

NCMM is also planning to open a fifth call to identify new AIs/YAIs in 2020, and the call text will be ready for the next Board meeting in May. Clinicians will be encouraged to apply.

Proposed

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

**Case 14-200 Scientific and Strategic Plan for 2020-2024**

NCMM end of 2019 prepared a scientific and strategic plan, including milestones that address the recommendations and suggestions from the 2018 evaluation report (Attachment 5 and 6) and forwarded this to the RCN.

The RCN has recently confirmed that they are now finalizing the new contract that will be valid for the period 2020-2024.

Proposed

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

**Case 15-200 Continuation of NCMM - update**

As a national Centre, NCMM in coordination with its current owners aims to include the other Health Regions and universities with medical schools as owners of the Centre from 2021. NCMM has prepared one position paper addressed to the other health regions (Attachment 7) and one addressed to the other universities with medical schools (Attachment 8). The NCMM Director will also visit Tromsø, Bergen and Trondheim during the spring and hopes to be able to present the future plans to all health regions at a strategy meeting for the research health regions. The NCMM Director will give an update in the meeting.

Proposed

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

**Case 16-200 Recruitment of new NCMM group leader – update. Personnel case - Exempt information cf. §13 Offentlighetsloven.**

The first ranked candidate for the group leader position in precision medicine, Sebastian Waszak, in the beginning of February accepted his offer, and he will join NCMM already on March 15. Sebastian Waszak will head the Computational Oncology group at NCMM.

Proposed

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

**Case 17-200 Building plans in the Oslo Science Park and consequences for NCMM**

The Oslo Science Park end of January informed NCMM about their upcoming plans to both build some additional floors to building D as well as renovate the façade for this building. This will affect 50% of NCMM's rented space in the Oslo Science Park. The work is estimate to start already in April this year. NCMM has still not received a detailed plan for the construction work but Oslo Science Park has informed that the work will last for approx. 10 months. During this time, there will be periods with vibrations as well as periods where

ventilation and cooling will be stopped, and regular lab work will therefore not be possible in these areas while the building process is running.

NCMM has contacted the property department at UiO who is renting space for NCMM in the Oslo Science Park but the contract does not give us a mandate to veto the planned construction work. However, Oslo Science Park notified NCMM very late and it will not be possible for the Centre to evacuate all the lab activity and provide good alternative solutions in just some weeks. Hopefully, it will be possible to postpone the process but NCMM is also planning a worst case scenario. The NCMM Director will give an update in the meeting.

Proposed

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

**Case 18-200 Health, Safety and Environment – regular updates**

The Faculty of Medicine has requested that HSE matters should be included regularly at Board meetings. The annual HSE report to the Faculty will be submitted within March 1 and is included here (Attachment 9). In addition, an overview of deviations in 2019 is included (Attachment 10) as previously requested by the Board. CAO Ingrid Kjelsvik will give an update in the meeting.

**Case 19 Miscellaneous**

Sincerely,

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Chair NCMM Board

Janna Saarela  
Director NCMM