

Board, Centre for Molecular Medicine Norway (NCMM)  
Oslo, 20 October 2021

## Notice of NCMM Board Meeting

Time: Wednesday 27 October 2021, 12:00 – 14:30  
Place: Room Aqua, Oslo Science Park

Executive officer: Elisa Bjørgo

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

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### **Case 34-21B Approval of minutes from last Board meeting**

Draft minutes from the Board meeting on September 10 were available (Attachment 1).

Proposed

**Decision:** The minutes are approved.

### **Case 35-21O Recruitment of new NCMM group leaders – update**

NCMM is in the process of recruiting 2-3 new group leaders within the field of precision medicine. The call was published in June, and when the call closed on September 15, 59 applications had been received. The Evaluation Committee reviewed all of the candidates individually. Their accomplishments, potential to develop and sustain vibrant research programs and compatibility with the scope of NCMM and the current research at the Centre will be assessed. In a meeting on October 26, the Committee will discuss and rank the candidates and decide on who to invite for interviews. The interviews will take place here in Oslo on November 22-23. The NCMM Director will give an update in the meeting.

Proposed

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

### **Case 36-21O NCMM Associate Investigator seed-funding**

The NCMM Director has previously been authorized to allocate some strategic funds annually and the Centre also has a budget allocation for national activities every year. A call for seed funding of new collaborative projects opened in June. The application deadline was 31 August and NCMM received altogether 20 applications. The total amount of funding applied is almost twice the amount earmarked for this. The NCMM Director together with NCMM group leader Sandra Lopez-Aviles and Prof. Lars Eide (OUH/UiO) have evaluated the applications.

In the September meeting, the Board suggested that in addition to the scientific quality, selection criteria such as the national aspect as well as to consider which applications involve clinicians should be included. An overview of applications and a suggestion of allocations are enclosed (Attachment 2). The Director will give an update in the meeting.

Proposed

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

**Case 37-21D Future assistant director role**

NCMM would like to invite the Board to discuss how to best fill the assistant director role in the future. Initial discussions have already taken place with the NCMM SAB. During these discussions, several areas for prioritized tasks were identified: facilitating connections with hospitals/clinicians, contribute in strategic discussions and help with coordination / networking in relation to the upcoming move to the new Life Science building as well as bringing in some novel expertise and technology. The NCMM Director will also discuss the matter with the group leaders in their strategy seminar on November 1.

Proposed

**Decision:** To be decided in the meeting.

**Case 38-21O Overview of NCMM's finances**

An overview of the NCMM accounts after the second 4-month period in 2021 compared to the NCMM prognosis at the end of the year is enclosed (Attachment 3). CAO Ingrid Kjelsvik will give an update in the meeting.

Proposed

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

**Case 39-21O Life Science Building - update**

Parts of OUH's research activities will be localized in the Life Science Building, and as a result of less space for UiO activities, cuts and internal moves, NCMM is currently in the process of planning lab areas in the eastern tower of the building as well as an additional area in field 8, level 4. The Chair of the Board and the NCMM Director will give an update in the meeting.

Proposed

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

**Case 40-21O Next SAB visit**

The NCMM Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) has six members, and Richard Treisman is the chair. The next SAB visit has been scheduled for September 26-27 2022, where three groups will be up for evaluation. The groups up for evaluation will be invited to apply for an extension in January 2022.

Proposed

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

**Case 41 Miscellaneous**

Sincerely,

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Chair NCMM Board

Janna Saarela  
Director NCMM