
The national board of Science for Life Laboratory

Minutes from board meeting no 41, 6 February 2020 (Solna)

Present members

Carl-Henrik Heldin (UU)(chair), Fredrik Elinder (LiU), Anders Gustafsson (KI), Anders Karlhede (SU), Göran Landberg (GU), Lotta Ljungqvist (GE Nordic), Katrine Riklund (UmU), Stellan Sandler (UU), Mathias Uhlén (KTH)

Other participants

Olli Kallioniemi (Director)(§§ 1-10), Siv Andersson (Co-Director), Annika Jenmalm Jensen (Infrastructure Director)(absent § 12b), Gunilla Westergren-Thorsson (NSC), Göran Sandberg (Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation)(§§ 1-4), Ylva Engström (SU) (§ 9), Johan Rung (Data Centre)(§§ 1-5), Jenny Alfredsson (Acting Head of operations), Anna Höglund Rehn (secretary)

1. Meeting formalities

Carl-Henrik Heldin opened the meeting.

The items ‘DDD platform steering group – new member’ and ‘Infrastructure Director - prolongation of appointment’ were added to the agenda.

Decisions:

The SciLifeLab board approved the minutes from meeting no 39, with an amendment in appendix C Definition of SciLifeLab group leader: “For this, the inclusion criteria, as well as the responsibilities and benefits for a group leader need to be clarified and harmonized across the two nodes in Uppsala and Stockholm, but also for allowing scientists at the other universities in Sweden to ~~join the SciLifeLab community~~ become SciLifeLab group leader.”

The SciLifeLab board approved the minutes from meeting no 40.

The SciLifeLab board appointed Anders Gustafsson to approve the minutes of the meeting, in addition to the chair.

2. Update from the Director

Olli Kallioniemi presented the quarterly update from SciLifeLab.

3. Director's decisions 2019

'Delegationsordning för SciLifeLab' regulates the decision rights for the SciLifeLab board and how these can be delegated. Olli Kallioniemi informed about delegated decisions 2019.

Decision:

- *The SciLifeLab board noted the information to the minutes.*

4. Data-driven life science research

4a. Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation initiative

Göran Sandberg, Executive Director, Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation, informed about plans for data-driven life science support in the future.

4b. SciLifeLab strategy

Olli Kallioniemi informed about the SciLifeLab strategy and plans for data-driven life science (DDLS).

5. Data Centre update

SciLifeLab Data Centre works to provide IT- and data service solutions for the SciLifeLab technology platforms and for central operations/management, to enable stronger impact of generated data. Johan Rung, Head of the Data Centre, gave an update on recent developments and future plans.

Decision:

- *The SciLifeLab board noted the information to the minutes.*

6. SciLifeLab Annual report 2019

VC-2020-0003

Jenny Alfredsson presented some figures from the draft SciLifeLab Annual report 2019.

Decision:

- *The SciLifeLab Board approved the annual report for SciLifeLab 2019, with some minor adjustments, to be presented to the KTH board for final approval.*

7. Roadmap 2020-2030

VC-2019-0027

SciLifeLab future plans, including the emerging Roadmap 2020-2030 document, have been discussed with the board several times, such as before and after the IAB meeting in March 2019, in preparation for the national hearing in Sep 2019 and the research proposition in Oct 2019. We have also had open information and discussion meetings

organized for the SciLifeLab staff. Input has been received and taken into account both from the external stakeholders as well as the internal community.

Olli Kallioniemi informed about the plans for how to finalize, publish and share the SciLifeLab Roadmap 2020-2030. Plans for the future updating process of the SciLifeLab Roadmap 2020-2030 will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Decision:

- With some comments on adjustments the SciLifeLab board approved the Roadmap 2020-2030 for publication and active sharing to the national research community.

8. Vice Platform Director Diagnostics Development (DD)
VC-2020-0010

According to the SciLifeLab Arbetsordning the SciLifeLab board appoints the Platform Management. The vice Platform Director at the DD platform has resigned and Lucia Cavelier, Uppsala University, is nominated as a new vice Platform Director.

Annika Jenmalm Jensen informed about the issue.

Decision:

- The SciLifeLab board appointed Lucia Cavelier as Vice Platform Director for the Diagnostics Development Platform from February 6, 2020, for a period until December 31, 2020.

9. Campus Solna Director assignment
VC-2019-0047

At the board meeting in November 2019 the SciLifeLab board approved the appointment of a Campus Solna föreståndare/Director for a period of 3 years, at an approximate level of 60 % of an employment. The SciLifeLab board also gave the Campus Solna action group the task to act as a recruitment committee for this appointment.

Ylva Engström gave an update from the recruitment committee.

Decision:

- The SciLifeLab board thanked the recruitment committee for their thorough work and asked them to come back with a recommendation of a candidate, and decided to call for an extra board meeting to make a decision regarding the Campus Solna föreståndare/Director position.

10. International infrastructure evaluation
VC-2019-0034

10a. Update on process

Annika Jenmalm Jensen gave an update on the overall plans and the time line for the international infrastructure evaluation.

Decision:

- *The SciLifeLab board approved the plans but noted that the time line needs to be adjusted.*

10b. Evaluators – appointment

Members for the International Evaluation Committee (IEC) are to be appointed. The panel meeting will take place at SciLifeLab in Solna on April 20-22, 2020.

Annika Jenmalm Jensen presented the suggested committee members:

Geert Van Minnebruggen, Head of Core Facilities, VIB, Belgium

Rolf Apweiler, Director of EMBL-EBI, Cambridgeshire, UK

Ellen Berg, CSO, DiscoverX (Eurofins), USA

Justin Bryans, Executive Director of Drug Discovery at LifeArc, UK

Rainer Pepperkok, Director of Scientific Core Facilities and Scientific Services, EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany

Janna Saarela, Director of the Centre for Molecular Medicine Norway (NCMM), Norway

Michael Sattler, Technical University of Munich, Germany

Hanno Steen, Director of the Proteomics Center, Associate Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School, USA

Clare Turnbull, Professor of Medical Genomics, Queen Mary University of London, UK

Decision:

- *The SciLifeLab board decided to appoint Geert Van Minnebruggen, Rolf Apweiler, Ellen Berg, Justin Bryans, Rainer Pepperkok, Janna Saarela, Michael Sattler, Hanno Steen and Clare Turnbull as members of the International Infrastructure Evaluation Committee.*

- *The SciLifeLab board decided to appoint Geert Van Minnebruggen as chair of the evaluation committee.*

11. Assessment committee recommendations
VC-2019-0037

The chair has informed the SciLifeLab board earlier about an irregularity between the regulation for SciLifeLab (SFS 2013:118) and the SciLifeLab Arbetsordning. At a meeting on December 3, 2019, the board decided to appoint an assessment committee

with Carl-Henrik Heldin, Fredrik Elinder, Anders Gustafsson, Anders Karlhede, Stellan Sandler and Mathias Uhlén as members.

Carl-Henrik Heldin informed about the assessment committee's work and recommendations.

Decision:

- The SciLifeLab board decided to recommend that the contract for the SciLifeLab Director is extended for 3 years.

- The SciLifeLab board decided to ask the Rector for KTH to request either a reinterpretation or an amendment of "Förordning (2103:118) om Nationellt centrum för livsvetenskaplig forskning" to make it possible to extend the initial contract for the Director with a maximum of 3 additional years.

12. Other issues

12a. DDD platform steering group – new member

Annika Jenmalm Jensen informed that Charlotte Edenius has resigned from the Drug Discovery and Development (DDD) platform steering group. The DDD platform management suggests that Outi Vaarala is approved as a new industry member in the DDD platform steering group.

Decision:

- The SciLifeLab board decided to approve Outi Vaarala as member in the DDD platform steering group (mandate period until December 31, 2020).

12b. Infrastructure Director - prolongation of appointment

VC-2019-0011

At the board meeting on February 8, 2019, the board appointed Annika Jenmalm Jensen as Infrastructure Director until June 30, 2020. At the meeting on September 25, 2019, the board decided to expand the percentage of effort for the Infrastructure Director to 100% until June 30, 2020.

For the continuity of the process with the international infrastructure evaluation Olli Kallioniemi suggested that the appointment of Annika Jenmalm Jensen is prolonged until December 31, 2020.

Annika Jenmalm Jensen left the room during this point.

Decision:

- The SciLifeLab board decided to prolong the appointment of Annika Jenmalm Jensen until December 31, 2020, with a percentage of 100%.

- The SciLifeLab board decided to discuss the process for the upcoming appointments

of Co-Director and Infrastructure Director at the next meeting.

Upcoming meetings

- Monday May 25, 11.00-17.00 in Uppsala (dinner afterwards)
- Wednesday September 23, 10.00-15.00 in Solna
- Tuesday November 10, 10.00-15.00 in Solna.

Anna Höglund Rehn, secretary

Minutes approved by:

Carl-Henrik Heldin

Anders Gustafsson