



Protocol General Assembly

November 9, 2020

Agenda

1. Welcome notes by Wiebke Möbius (MPI of Experimental Medicine) and Tobias Moser (Speaker of the Cluster of Excellence "Multiscale Bioimaging")
2. Report of the spokesperson Tobias Rasse (MPI of Heart and Lung Research): Structure, vision and the aims of MPBI network
3. Talk by Douglas Richardson (Harvard Center for Biological Imaging, Harvard University): "Leasing versus buying scientific instruments for academic core facilities"

Internal Part

Introductory round of the participants

1. Report by Elisa D'Este, speaker of workgroup 1
2. Report of spokesperson Tobias Rasse on the Scientific Advisory board and the Max Planck Research Courses
3. Report by Gabriele Malengo, speaker of workgroup 3
4. Report by Wiebke Möbius on promoting equal opportunity within MaxBI
5. Christian Kukat, financial officer: Motions, statute changes and open discussion

Topic 1: At 14:30 Wiebke Möbius, deputy spokesperson, opened the assembly which was held virtually instead of the originally planned meeting in presence in Göttingen and welcomed the participants. Tobias Moser was also welcoming the participants and appreciated the establishment of the Max Planck BioImaging network of core units (MaxBI).

Topic 2: Tobias Rasse, spokesperson, reported on the establishment of MaxBI and explained the structure, the vision and aims of the newly founded network.

Topic 3: Douglas Richardson provided insight into the rationale, the development and the outcome of an imaging core unit model using leasing of equipment instead of purchasing

Internal Part:

Topic 1: After the participants briefly introduced themselves Elisa D'Este, speaker of Workgroup "Events, Internal Communications & Public Relations" reported on the aims and activities of this workgroup. Difficulties to foster collaboration, training and networking during a world-wide pandemic were evident, so other channels than personal meetings and contacts needed to be activated. She referred to the MaxBI webpage (www.bioimagingnet.mpg.de) as a platform to communicate news and information on courses, research highlights and recordings of past events. In addition tools such as mailings lists, GWDG cloud services and MAX team rooms/Rocked.chat were highlighted as well as visibility on Twitter and LinkedIn. These possibilities could be used in future to discuss and

exchange information regarding guidelines for facility users, data management tools, instrumentation and others. Spotlight talks were planned to give PhD students or postdocs the possibility to present their achievements to a larger audience.

Topic 2: Tobias Rasse reported on the Scientific Advisory Board which will meet the steering group of MaxBI for the first time on December 7, 2020. Internal members are Prof. Stefan Hell (Director MPI Biophysical Chemistry & MPI Medical Research), Dr. Heinz Schwarz (former Core Unit Head, MPI Developmental Biology) and Dr. Melina Schuh (Director MPI Biophysical Chemistry), external members are Dr. Antje Keppler (EMBL, Global BioImaging, Euro BioImaging), Prof. Elisa May (University Konstanz, German BioImaging), Dr. Kota Miura (Consultant, Neubias), Dr. Stefan Terjung (EMBL, Elmi) and Dr. Peter O'Toole (University of York, RMS). Tobias further explained the role of Max Planck Advanced Research Courses and how they could be organized. The first courses were already announced.

Topic 3: Gabriele Malengo, speaker of the workgroup "Staff and User Training" explained the ideas how to implement knowledge exchange within the network. As key elements he mentioned short visits (1-2 days) and extended visits (1 week). For this purpose an expert knowledge database should be established. During the pandemic knowledge exchange could happen via online platforms. As topics for staff and user training new technologies and core facility management were pointed out. Another aim would be company-guided staff training to perform better instrument adjustment and maintenance.

Topic 4: Wiebke Möbius, equal opportunity officer of MaxBI, pointed out that awareness of gender-specific inequalities and gender bias matters. She referred to information provided on the MAX webpage on equal opportunity and diversity and encouraged all of us to challenge our bias in the daily work in our core facilities such as project prioritization, delegating responsibilities and hiring. Reference was given to the measures of the Max Planck Society to promote equal opportunity.

Topic 5: Christian Kukat, financial officer, explained why changes to the statutes of MaxBI became necessary regarding the name, gender neutral language, the size of the SAB and voting in virtual meetings. These changes could only be implemented by postal voting of the delegates present at the virtual meeting. The voting was possible until November 30 and concluded with the arrival of the last mail with the postmark of November 30, 2020 arriving in Göttingen at the end of 2020. The votes were counted by Wiebke Möbius.

Protocol of the vote on changes of the statutes

These delegates and members of the steering group were present at the general assembly (15):

Peter Lenart
Martin Spitaler
Thorsten Mielke
Mišo Mitkovski
Naomi Kamasawa
Nicolai Urban
Sergiy Avilov
Stefan Volkery
Dagmar Zeuschner

Members of the Steering Group:
Tobias Rasse
Wiebke Möbius

Christian Kukat
Elisa D'Este
Gabriele Malengo
Arun Sampathkumar

Valid ballot papers: 15

Statute changes:

1.) I agree to change the name to Max Planck BioImaging **core unit network** (indicated in blue in the text)

Yes: 14

No: 1

2.) I agree to the changes implemented to make the text gender-neutral (indicated in green in the text).

Yes: 14

No: 1

3.) I agree to delete the text “from one of the members of the Steering Group” in paragraph **2.5 Financial Officer** (crossed out in the text).

Yes: 15

4.) I agree to change the text in paragraph **3.1 General Assembly** by adding “electronic or other forms of vote” (indicated in magenta in the text).

Yes: 15

5.) I agree to change the text in paragraph **3.3 Major voting** by adding “present” as well as by adding “present at the General Assembly” in paragraph **3.5 Change of statutes** (indicated in grey in the text) for the purpose of clarification.

Yes: 15

6.) I agree to add the word “nine” in paragraph **3.4 Advisory Board** (indicated in orange in the text) to enable more flexibility in the size of the advisory board.

Yes: 15

7.) I agree to replace in paragraph **3.7 Premature withdrawal** the point b. by this text:

b. are temporarily unable to perform their duties or are temporarily not employed by the MPG (e.g. due to a gap between two fixed-term contracts). In this case the Steering Group will decide by a simple majority whether the Officer will be reinstated in office after returning.

Yes: 15

With the vote, the revised statutes come into force as of January 15, 2021.