

Tropical Agrobiological and Bioresource Management Doctoral Degree Board Meeting Report

2. 12. 2022

Meeting of the TABM Doctoral Degree Board took place on 2 December 2022. The following members of the Board were present.

Present members (11):	prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D. prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. RNDr. Jiří Černý, Ph.D. doc. Ing. Jaroslav Havlík, Ph.D. doc. Francisco Ceacero Herrador, Ph.D. doc. Ing. Pavel Klouček, Ph.D. Ing. Martin Kulma, Ph.D. prof. Lukáš Kratochvíl, Ph.D. prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D. doc. Tersia Needham, Ph.D. prof. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc.
Apologies (3):	doc. RNDr. David Honys, Ph.D. Ing. Olga Leuner, Ph.D. prof. Mgr. Ing. Markéta Sedmíková, Ph.D.
Secretary:	Mgr. Martina Gregorová
Minute taker:	Ing. Ingrid Faltová

Agenda of 2nd December TABM Doctoral Degree Board Meeting:

1. Opening of the Meeting (prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D.)
2. Reflection on Previous Doctoral Degree Board (prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D.)
3. Information from attestations of PhD students – September 2022 (Heads of individual departments)
4. Approval of ISP (Individual study plans) of new PhD students (prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D.)
5. Approval of new topics for dissertation thesis
6. Miscellaneous

ad 1. Opening

The Chairperson prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D., opened the TABM Doctoral Degree Board meeting by greeting all members, welcoming new members of DDB and recalling the mission, duties, and usual schedules of DDB.

ad 2. Reflection on Previous DDB meeting

Prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D. reminded information from previous Doctoral Degree board: Information from attestations of PhD students –February 2022; Approval of methodologies of the 1st year PhD students.

ad 3. Information from attestations of PhD students (Heads of departments)

Prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D., Department of Sustainable Technologies: attestations took place on 22 September 2022 and concerned one student – who is recommended to continue with studies without any objections.

Prof. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D., Department of Crop Sciences and Agroforestry: attestations took place 19 September 2022 and concerned 35 students, 16 students – are recommended to continue their studies, 12 students – recommended to continue with a criticism, 7 students recommended to interrupt their studies.

Prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D., Department of Animal Science and Food Processing, attestations took place on 19 September 2022 and concerned 24 students, 9 students – recommended to continue, 11 students – recommended to continue with criticism, 4 students recommended to interrupt studies

Then, there was a discussion focused on the success rate and motivation of the PhD students. Members of DDB who are also PhD candidate's supervisors observed that success rates are higher for students from abroad compared to Czech students and we discussed possible motivations behind that. We also agreed that we need more detailed analysis of success rate of FTZ students and if possible to compare that at CZU level and elsewhere. J. Černý suggested he would perform the analysis and will present it at the next meeting.

ad 4. Approval of ISP (Individual study plans) of new PhD students (prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D.)

Aremu Tolulope – ISP approved, DDB suggests specifying the title of the thesis

Corvino Roberto – ISP not approved, reformulate aims of the thesis, specify title

Čelakovská Martina – has not submitted the ISP

Dutta Adrish – ISP approved

Gupta Neha – DDB suggests adding introduction and delete references

Haile Eden Fasika – ISP approved

Kavanová Veronika – DDB suggests reformulating abstract and contact supervisor

Opoku Peseu Prince – DDB suggests shortening and revising the abstract

Reta Melese Merewa – ISP approved

Sahu Archita – DDB suggests shortening introduction and adding methodology, using more logical structure

Shanthakrishnan Divyadharshini – DDB suggests inserting the topic title into the UIS, specify the methods

Sutanto Kevin Damianus - ISP approved

Ftsun Gebreyohannes Tesfay – did not submit the ISP

Vukelic Mara - DDB suggests inserting the topic into the UIS, specify, what kind of data will be used

ISPs that were not approved will be sent to the Chair of the Doctoral degree board to be approved on behalf of DDB after all changes have been made.

ad 5. Approval of the new doctoral dissertation topics

The new doctoral dissertation topics have been discussed and approved by the Doctoral Degree Board TABM. Appointed topics will be specified based on the admission of the student.

New topics for dissertation thesis were discussed:

- Genomics of convergent evolution – **doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, PhD**
 - **Approved by DDB**
- Evolution of body structures in rove beetles (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae) during change from free-living to termite-associated life-style – **doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, PhD**
 - **Approved by DDB**
- Evolution of termite defense – **doc. Mgr. Jan Šobotník, PhD**
 - **Approved by DDB**

ad 6. Miscellaneous (prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D.)

Discussion focused on updating PhD subjects within UIS: current subjects should be revised and update of guarantee of subjects should be made.

Conclusion

The chairperson prof. Pavla Hejčmanová thanked to all the present members and closed the meeting of Doctoral Degree Board.

In Prague, 2 December 2022

prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejčmanová, Ph.D.

Chairperson of DDB TABM