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**Sub: Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of HBNI's Board of Studies in Life Sciences**

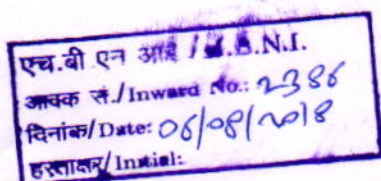
A meeting of the Homi Bhabha National Institute's Board of Studies in Life Sciences (HBNI-BoS-LS) was held on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 10.30 a.m. in Board Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Paymaster Shodhika, ACTREC. The following members were present:

1. Prof. S. V. Chiplunkar, (TMC-ACTREC)
2. Prof. D.K. Maity, (HBNI)
3. Dr. Hema Rajaram, (BARC)
4. Prof. Rajiv Sarin, (TMC-ACTREC)
5. Dr. Abhijit Chakraborty, (SINP)
6. Prof. H. S. Misra, (BARC)
7. Prof. P. Suprasanna, (BARC)
8. Prof. S. Santosh Kumar, (BARC)
9. Prof. S. Gautam, (BARC)
10. Dr. Haripriya Mohapatra, (NISER)
11. Dr. Sharmila Bapat, (NCCS, Pune)

The following agenda items were discussed:

**1. Faculty performance data:**

Dr. Maity, Associate Dean HBNI briefed the members about the faculty performance evaluation procedure. A trial was carried out with 2 faculty forms to access the scoring. Dr. Maity also informed that a meeting will be called by Hon. Vice Chancellor, HBNI to discuss this matter.



*Ms. Purna for n/c and record in Bos-life Sciences file.*

## **2. Consideration of applications for recognition as Ph.D. guides in Life Sciences.**

Five applications for recognition as Ph. D. Guide and one for PG-Teacher of HBNI in the area of Life Sciences were considered by the board. One case from TMC-ACTREC was discussed in BOS and members recommended the case for PG-teacher as it met the required criteria. Another case from BARC was discussed in BOS and members recommended the case for PG-guide as it met all required criteria. One case from BARC was kept on hold as it was not forwarded through proper channel. Two cases from RRCAT and BARC were not approved as they have done their Ph.D. in 2016 and 2015 respectively. The members were of the opinion that applicant should have more publications from post Ph.D. work and may apply after 3 years (post Ph.D.) One case from TMC-ACTREC was not approved as publications were not adequate and not in good journals. The committee noted that he is appointed at ACTREC on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 and needs to develop his own area of research. (Details are shown in **Annexure II**).

## **3. Approval of examiners for synopses of Ph.D. Theses submitted by 6 students:**

Synopsis of Ph. D. thesis in Life Sciences of 2 students from TMC-ACTREC and 4 students from NISER were discussed along with the list of examiners suggested by their respective doctoral committees. The necessary requirements of (i) successful completion of course work and OGCE, (ii) four doctoral committee reports, and (iii) at least one journal publication, have been fulfilled by the 2 students of TMC-ACTREC and 4 students of NISER. The committee recommended a list of 4 examiners for each Ph. D. thesis as shown in **Annexure III**.

## **4. Academic Extension for 7<sup>th</sup> year of 7 Ph.D. students, enrolled in Ph. D. Programme in Life Sciences of HBNI.**

Academic Extension for 7<sup>th</sup> year of 6 Ph.D. students; 2 students from TMC-ACTREC, 1 student from BARC and 3 students from NISER; were approved by BoS-LS as shown in **Annexure IV**. All the cases were discussed in detail. 1 year extension is approved by BOS-LS (**as shown in Annexure IV**).

## **5. Academic Extension for 8<sup>th</sup> year of 1 student from TMC-ACTREC, enrolled in Ph. D. Programme in Life Sciences of HBNI.**

The case was discussed in detail. The committee noted that the candidate has submitted one first author manuscript and it is under review. Considering the medical leave taken by the candidate due to an accident and first author manuscript under review an extension of 3 months was recommended. (Details are shown in **Annexure V**)

## **6. Elective on Metastasis at TMC-ACTREC:**

A new elective on Metastasis was proposed by TMC-ACTREC to be included in the JRF Course work. The committee approved the topics with suggestion that the student opting for this elective has to take certain modules from the core course which are prerequisite for this elective. The committee approved the elective.

**Additional Agenda.**

7. Dr. Harsha Gowda (formerly faculty member at IoB Bangalore) was a Technical Advisor on some Doctoral Committee at TMC-ACTREC. Dr. Harsha Gowda has relocated to Brisbane, Australia. It was discussed that his name can be deleted from the Doctoral Committee where he represented but the Doctoral Committee should continue to have the 4 members in Doctoral Committee as per the HBNI guidelines.

8. BOS-LS approved syllabus of Life Sciences for Ph.D. programme in NISER. The committee noted that suggestion given by BOS members have been incorporated in the revised syllabus.

9. Synopsis of Ph. D. thesis in Life Sciences of Mr. Anoop N. NISER was discussed as in last BOS. It has been noted Mr. Anoop N. has published first author manuscript which is not in a good quality journal and the second paper is shared with another 2 students (equal author contribution). It was therefore decided to ask Guide's clarification on what percentage of work represented in the manuscript has gone in each thesis. The committee accepted the clarifications given by the Guide. The synopsis was approved and list of examiners will be forwarded to HBNI. (Details are shown in **Annexure VI**).

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