



## MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL BOARD

### FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH BOHEMIA IN CESKE BUDEJOVICE

November 23-24, 2022

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Date of meeting:	November 23-24, 2022
Place of meeting:	ZB Pavilion, dean's office
Present (no titles):	11/23/2022 – Bencsik, Golian, Kocira, Neugschwandtner, Jiroušek, Bartoš, Bárta, Bohatá, Kadlec, Marušák, Ondr, Skalická 11/24/2022 – Bencsik, Golian, Kocira, Neugschwandtner, Bartoš, Bárta, Bohatá, Kadlec, Skalická
Absent (no titles):	Kozak, Staudacher, Vilcinskas

#### November 23, 2022

##### 1 Welcome session

At the beginning of the session, foreign members of the International Board were welcomed by the dean of FAT USB assoc. prof. Petr Bartoš, who introduced the participants to the rector of USB. The rector then handed over the appointment decrees to the foreign members and gave an opening speech, which was followed by a joint lunch.

##### 2 Election of the chairman of IB FAT USB

The present members of IB FAT USB jointly elected assoc. prof. Dr. Reinhard Neugschwandtner as chairman of the International Board together with prof. Dr. Erika Staudacher as vice-chairman.

The election of the chairman and vice-chairman was unanimous.

Composition of the International Board of FAT USB:

Chairman: Reinhard NEUGSCHWANDTNER, Assoc. Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Mag. Dr.nat.techn.

Vice-chairman: Erika STAUDACHER, Ao. Univ. Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dr.



Members: Ioan BENCSIK, prof. Dr.-Ing.habil.  
Jozef GOLIAN, prof. Ing. Dr.  
Sławomir KOCIRA, prof. dr. hab. inż.  
Marcin KOZAK, prof. dr hab. inż.  
Andreas VILCINSKAS, prof. Dr.

### **3 Presentation of the FAT USB**

With the help of a presentation, the dean presented the faculty from the point of view of the number of students, study fields, budget, research projects and outputs, as well as the staff structure.

Then a discussion was started, in which assoc. prof. Neugschwandtner and the dean first discussed cooperation with companies, applied results, research funding and new equipment. This was followed by topics such as reducing the number of taught subjects, sharing subjects in multiple specializations, and the discussion ended with the topic of international cooperation, especially in large research projects managed from other European countries.

### **4 Presentation of selected departments on place**

The members of the International Council first visited the Department of Plant Production, where Dr. Bochtá introduced the labs, explained what they are currently working on and showed some of the experiments in progress. This was followed by visiting the Department of Technology and Cybernetics, where Dr. Polenský demonstrated working with a drone, searching for animals using thermal imaging and working with software designed for this purpose. In the same department, Dr. Zoubek demonstrated a robot intended for milking. Robor was created thanks to a project of the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic.

The next stop led to the Department of Food Biotechnologies and Agricultural Product Quality, where prof. Samková and assoc. prof. Smetana showed the IB members the laboratories and workplaces, and the visit ended with a tasting of home-made products, including cheeses, biscuits and meat products.

From the main part of the campus, the tour moved to the Special-purpose facility of the Faculty, where after visiting the Museum of Beer Brewing, which was created thanks to the Interreg Czech-Bavarian cooperation project, the tour ended with a visit of the Faculty Microbrewery and meat processing plant.

A dinner was then prepared in the Faculty Microbrewery, during which the discussion on a number of topics continued.





**November 24, 2022**

### **1 Discussion about evaluation strategy**

The dean presented the IB members with an evaluation method that would be beneficial and valued by the Faculty. After a short discussion on the evaluation, the joint part of the meeting was ended and the IB members continued the closed meeting for about an hour.

### **2 Brief evaluation of conclusions and requirements**

Members of the International Board jointly wrote a report on the state of the Faculty, its strengths and opportunities for improvement. The IB chairman then presented the report to the dean of the Faculty and other meeting participants along with additional comments. Particular emphasis was placed on publication activity, cooperation between departments, emphasis on traditional disciplines and lifelong learning strategy.

### **3 Meeting termination**

After the discussion all participants of the meeting went to the greenhouse, where Dr. Bernas explained some information about the cultivated plants and the special environment.

The entire program ended in the school canteen, where a joint lunch was held and representatives of the faculty management said goodbye to the foreign participants of the meeting.

Annex No. 1 – Report from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the International Board FAT USB

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