



Present: (Zoom and in-person): Konstantinos Meletis (Director), Emanuela Santini, Ulrika Marklund, François Lallemand, Karin Jensen, Eric Westman, Gilad Silberberg, Joana Pereira, Vasco Sousa (Admin).

Absent: Gonçalo Castelo-Branco, Fredrik Piehl, Arvind Kumar, Paolo Medini

§ 1. Meeting Opening

§ 2. Adjustment of this meeting's minutes:

All agreed that Vasco will take meeting notes, and Emanuela will adjust the notes.

§ 3. Approval of agenda

Approved by all present

§ 4. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approved by all present

§ 5. Funding

New Technologies grant:

(Francois Lallemand left the meeting room at this point, since he has applied to this grant)

- The board reviewed the internal evaluations of the 21 proposals and the top 8 ranked proposals will be sent to the external reviewer panel, which is composed by:
 - o Satu Palva (Helsinki Univ.)
 - o Johan Holmberg (Umeå Univ.)
 - o Michael Schöll (Göteborg Univ.)
 - o Malin Parmar (Lund Univ.)

(Francois Lallemand was called back into the meeting room for the continuation of the agenda.)

Startup grants:

- The board read the list of VR starting grant awardees (KI starting grant not yet announced). Vasco will contact the researchers from the list of potentially eligible candidates and ask them to send their original VR proposals for the board to assess whether they are well within the strategic research area of neuroscience that is incumbent on StratNeuro to promote through this Startup grant.



EBRAINS:

- The board reviewed a letter from Sten Grillner requesting support from StratNeuro regarding the annual costs for 2023 for KI being associate member of EBRAINS and of the Swedish EBRAINS node.
- Konstantinos stated that according to the latest SFO guidelines such type of membership fees should be covered by strategic funds. The board agreed. The decision will be communicated to Sten Grillner.

§ 6. Partners and reference groups:

- Joana gave a brief summary of the status with the NeurotechEU European alliance.

§ 7. StratNeuro Events:

- VT2024 seminars:
 - The VT 2024 Lunch seminar schedule currently is:
 - 12:00, 19th March 2024, Bergström Aula, Bioclinicum (coordinated through Eric Westman).
 - Michael Schöll, hosted by Anton Forsberg Morén (head of the Brain Molecular Imaging Centre)
 - 11:30, 15th April 2024, Klein auditorium, Biomedicum
 - To be announced, hosted by Ulrika Marklund
 - 12:00, 13th May 2024, Bergström Aula, Bioclinicum
 - To be announced, hosted by Emanuela Santini
- 2024 retreat: Registration will open February 15th, with deadline 1st March. Akademikonferens will help to manage the conference.
- Vasco gave a brief status update on the plans for the 2024 brain awareness week outreach event.
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§ 7. Other points:

- Composition of the StratNeuro board:
 - The committee of research at KI expects the SFOs to renew the executive board periodically. The sitting board may stay on up to the end of 2025 at most.
 - Eric, Gilad and Francois announced they will leave the board by the summer of 2024.



- Konstantinos asked each sitting board member to please nominate up to two persons to be appointed to the StratNeuro board. These should have at least assistant professor position at KI, and good scientific track record.

Keeper of minutes:



Vasco Sousa

Adjusted:

Emanuela Santini

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