



**Present: (Zoom and in-person):** Konstantinos Meletis (Director), François Lallemand, Ulrika Marklund, Emanuela Santini, Karin Jensen, Gonçalo Castelo-Branco, Joana Pereira, Vasco Sousa (admin), Laura Sardon Puig (admin)

**Absent:** Arvind Kumar, Gilad Silberberg, Eric Westman, Fredrik Piehl, Paolo Medini

## **§ 1. Meeting Opening**

## **§ 2. Adjustment of this meeting's minutes:**

All agreed that Laura will take meeting notes, and Gonçalo 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**

### Visiting scholar grant

- Only one application was received for this call, submitted by Dr. Ondrej Zika to visit Dr. Kristoffer Månsson at Karolinska Institute.
- The board has decided to decline the grant, citing the candidate's junior status. Konstantinos and Laura will draft the rejection letter.
- Gonçalo proposes transitioning to a rolling grant system instead of biannual calls. This would allow applicants to apply at any time, with applications evaluated continuously. The Board approves.

### Postdoc grants:

Decision regarding the external review panel for the postdoc grant:

- The board conducts an initial soft review of eligibility and topic.
- The submissions will be categorised into pre-clinical and clinical groups. Following external review, the board will evaluate top applications from both categories for a final decision.
- The board will finalize the grant categorization via email, based on the number of applications received and their respective categories.
- Karin mentions the need for additional clinical reviewers, as their representation is currently insufficient.



## **§ 6. Partners and reference groups:**

- Joana gave a brief summary of the status with the NeurotechEU European alliance.
- NeurotechEU students can apply to the research courses at KI. Course directors will apply the standard selection criteria.
- Joana will select speakers from NeurotechEU for the September and October lunch seminars.
- NeuroTechEU will be announcing collaborative grants for short visits by young faculty (postdoc+).
- Gonsalo and Ulrika will extend an invitation to a representative from the University of Bonn (NeurotechEU partner University). Afterwards, they will share the details with Laura for funding assistance.

## **§ 7. StratNeuro Events:**

### HT2024 Lunch seminar series: New proposal (Dinos)

- Konstantinos proposes booking smaller rooms for the seminars to encourage greater interaction.
- Joana will reach out to individuals from Neurotech to extend invitations.
- Konstantinos and Laura propose that individuals who have received funding from StratNeuro be given the opportunity to invite speakers.

### 2024 Retreat and PhD retreat

- We have reached our capacity and cannot accommodate any more students. The selection process was designed to ensure a balanced representation of various topics and departments.

## **§ 7. Other points:**

- Konstantinos requests additional recommendations for new board members.

**Keeper of minutes:**

**Adjusted:**

Laura Sardon Puig

Gonçalo Castelo-Branco

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