
Czech University of Life Sciences Prague
Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences



FTA Scientific Board
Meeting Report

25 June 2021

Meeting of the FTA Scientific Board took place on 25 June 2021. The following members of the Board were present.

The Chair: prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme

FTA Members Present:	External Members Present:
doc. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D. doc. Miroslava Bavorová Ing. Karolína Brandlová, Ph.D. doc. Dr. Ing. Eloy Fernández Cusimamani prof. RNDr. Pavla Hejcmanová, Ph.D. prof. Ing. Vilém Jarský, Ph.D. prof. Ing. Ladislav Kokoška, Ph.D. prof. Dr. Ing. František Kumhála doc. Ing. Bohdan Lojka, Ph.D. doc. PhDr. Michal Lošťák, Ph.D. prof. Mgr. Ing. Markéta Sedmíková, Ph.D. doc. RNDr. Irena Valterová, CSc.	doc. RNDr. Dr. Daniel Frynta doc. Ing. Jan Chyský, CSc. prof. Dr. RNDr. Oldřich Lapčík prof. RNDr. Josef Novotný, CSc. doc. Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, CSc. doc. RNDr. Pavlína Maloy Řezáčová, Ph.D.
	Apologies:
	Ing. Kateřina Černý Pixová, Ph.D. prof. RNDr. Vojtěch Novotný, CSc.
Guest Attendees:	
doc. MVDr. Josef Kameník, CSC, MBA. Prof. Philip Strydom Doc. Ing. Rudolf Ševčík, Ph.D. Doc. Dr. Ing. Zdeňka Panovská Doc. Francisco Ceacero, Ph.D. Ing. Bo-Anne Rohlík, Ph.D.	
Secretaries:	Minute Taker:
Ing. Ingrid Faltová Mgr. Martina Klímová	Mgr. Marcela Hašková

Agenda of 25 June FTA Scientific Board:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Reflection on Previous SB Meeting
3. Habilitation Procedure of Dr. Tersia Needham
4. Miscellaneous

Ad 1) Opening

Prof. Patrick Van Damme, the new Chairman, opened the Scientific Board meeting at 10:00 by inviting the members to introduce and present themselves.

Ad 2) Reflection on Previous SB Meeting

Prof. Jan Banout informed the audience of the content of the last SB meeting (16 April 2021): FTA Annual report of the faculty, successful start-up process of habilitation procedure of Ing. Hynek Roubík, Ph.D. and appointment session of prof. Patrick Van Damme as an Extraordinary Professor.

Ad 3) Habilitation Procedure of Dr. Tersia Needham

Prof. Patrick Van Damme opens the habilitation procedure by inviting the Chairman of the habilitation committee, prof. Ing. Jan Banout, Ph.D., to briefly introduce the candidate. Also, he presented the Statement of the habilitation committee, which was established on the proposal of the dean of FTA. The members of the habilitation committee, Ing. Luděk Bartoň, Ph.D., doc. Francisco Ceacero, Ph.D., doc. Dr. Ing. Zdeňka Panovská, Ing. Bo-Anne Rohlík, Ph.D., had surveyed the material submitted by the applicant, appointed three opponents/ reviewers of the habilitation thesis, i.e. Doc. MVDr Josef Kameník, CSc, MBA, prof. Phiilip Strydom, Doc. Ing. Rudolf Ševčík, Ph.D., and evaluated the scientific and pedagogical qualities of the candidate.

The committee states that doc. Tersia Needham fulfilled the necessary requirements to go for the defence and proposed the Scientific Board to carry out the habilitation procedure to appoint Tersia Needham as an Associate Professor.

Dr. Tersia Needham presented her habilitation thesis on the topic: **Strategies to mitigate meat production issues associated with male animals**. The candidate also presented her future research goals and her pedagogical activities and visions. Reviews and the questions of the opponents were read. Prof. Philip Strydom was invited to present a summary of his review to find the candidate very qualified to become Associate Professor and asked two questions: What does the candidate regard as novel ideas to enhance consumption of game meat and to turn this product into a more commonly accepted and even preferred animal protein – as opposed to the current situation where consumption is very low – not due to the price but rather to perceptions?, Does she consider the Wildebeest as a viable species to domesticate? Doc. Josef Kameník presented his findings and asked his questions: What is your experience with the shortcomings of immunocastration? Do you think that the production of livestock farming will be given priority over farmed game? Doc. Rudolf Ševčík's review was read by Dr. Karolína Brandlová: the set of questions asked by the opponent were centred on the legislation and technical aspects of slaughtering animals in tropical regions, the technical processes to maintain the required meat tenderness, economic issues of immunocastration, possibilities of elimination of taint flavour of the meat. The candidate responded to all of these questions in a very satisfactory way. Dr. Bo-Anne Rohlík took part in the subsequent open discussion and asked the candidate another question. The candidate had submitted also three subjects for her pedagogical lecture. The habilitation committee had selected the topic of "Immunocastration: a small vaccine with a large impact on animal welfare and production" which was presented by the candidate in front of the FTA Scientific Board. Subsequently, Dr. Daniel Frynta, dr. Michal Lošťák, dr. Markéta Sedmíková, František Kumhála and doc. Mirka Bavorová participated in the following discussion.

Subsequently, the non-public part followed during which two scrutineers were proposed: doc. Miroslava Bavorová and prof. Eloy Fernández Cusimamani. In the virtual secret ballot 17 present members voted for the proposals, 2 were abstained and none was against the

proposals. The candidate was supported by Karolina Brandlová's speech. Secret voting took place, the votes were counted by the scrutineers and the chairman announced the results:

- 19 members were present and voted (out of the total number of 21)
- 19 members agreed to award the title of Associate Professor in the field of "Tropical Agriculture and Ecology" to Dr. Tersia Needham. (None was against or abstained.)

Tersia Needham thanked for attention and support.

Result: FTA Scientific Board agrees with the proposal to appoint Dr. Tersia Needham as Associate Professor in the field of "Tropical Agriculture and Ecology".

Ad 4) Miscellaneous

Scientific Board agreed on the next date of meeting on 8 October 2021. The members were invited by the Chairman to attend the Open Faculty Day scheduled on 15 October. Also, the Chairman presented the final resolution of the SB meeting and closed the meeting of Scientific Board, which was approved by the members.

Report by:

Mgr. Marcela Hašková

prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme

The Chairman of FTA CULS Scientific Board