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Statement on the Final Report on the Evaluation of the Institute by Commission No. 6

We are very pleased by the highly positive evaluation and have no critical comments on it. We especially like the following statements:

"At present no research groups could be considered as problematic or low quality; all of them are internationally well visible."

"The Director Vaclav Horejsi and the managing Board should be congratulated on providing an excellent working environment and motivation for young researchers."

"IMG has a centrally organized PhD selection system, on a level with the most prestigious institutes in Western Europe."

"The IMG has extensive, fruitful international and national research, and teaching collaborations. Its teams are internationally highly visible."

"No obvious weaknesses." for most of the evaluated groups.

We have noted just a minor formal mistake:

p. 2 – **BIOCEV** is not an institute, but actually a project and campus

Furthermore, with all due respect to the Commission opinion, we do not quite agree with the recommendation in the evaluation of the **Laboratory of Structural Biology** (*The possibility of joining the Inst. Org. Chem. and Biochem. (Structural Biology) and Inst. Mol. Genet. (Structural Biology) should be considered*). In our opinion, the existence of the joint laboratory of the IOCB and IMG is well substantiated and useful for both partners.

In addition, the evaluation of **Laboratory of Transcriptional Regulation** in the paragraph "Weaknesses and Threats" says: *"It is not quite clear what activities are jointly carried out with the so called "other workers" (in the almost doubled number, to 8 researchers)." This is clearly a misunderstanding - actually, these "other workers" are students and technicians from that lab.*

We believe that the present very positive evaluation is also due to our relentless efforts to implement the critical comments from the previous evaluation (2011).

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