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## HYBRID VISIT – INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION PANEL

**Date:** 12. 11. 2020

**Start:** 09:00 AM

**End:** 04:30 PM

**Room:** D615, MS Teams

**Participants:** Peter Márton

Borna Abramović

Daniel Marco-Stefan Kleber

Grzegorz Mlostoń

József Poór

Karol Velíšek

Maria Fernanda da Silva Rodrigues

Marian Borzan

Mariola Saternus

Taehee Lee

Tatiana Čorejová

Michal Vávra

Anna Palokha

### 1. part of the meeting.

**Participants from ITB:** Marek Vochozka, Rudolf Kampf.

- The hybrid visit was opened by the Chairman of the International Evaluation Panel, Peter Márton.
- Introduction by the Rector of ITB. General presentation of the evaluated institution.
- The Chairman invited the IEP members to start a discussion. Discussion with the Rector of ITB.
  - Grzegorz Mlostoń asked about the number of students at each department of ITB.
  - Maria Rodrigues asked about the duration of teaching in individual study programs. She also asked about external cooperation with companies on joint research. Another question from Ms. Rodrigues was focused on how ITB manages distance learning and how it prepares academics for online teaching.
  - Daniel Kleber was interested in whether ITB organizes lectures by experts from partner companies.

- Borna Abramović asked a question about the services offered by the ITB campus for its students as part of spending free time between classes.
- József Poór asked whether the vocational education provided by ITB corresponds to dual education, or how it is organized and what it entails.
- Mariola Saternus asked about job positions for visiting academics from abroad.
- Marian Borzan asked about the process of evaluating students and staff and the existence of internal information systems.
- Peter Márton asked a question about the implementation of distance learning at ITB.

## 2. part of the meeting.

**Participants from ITB:** Rudolf Kampf, Vojtěch Stehel, Jaromír Vrbka, Alžběta Vokatá Troupová, Lukáš Polanecký.

- Opening of the second part of the hybrid visit by the chairman of the IEP.
- Mr Kampf introduced the participants in this part of the meeting.
- The Chairman opened a discussion with Ms. Troupová on ITB's foreign relations.
  - Daniel Kleber asked about the sources of funding for the institution's foreign activities. Mr Márton also took part in this discussion.
  - Grzegorz Mlostoń asked about a long-term partnership with foreign universities.
  - József Poór asked how the Covid-19 pandemic affected the school's foreign activities. Mr Kampf and Mr Stehel joined the discussion.
  - Daniel Kleber wondered if ITB offers double-degree programs.
  - Marian Borzan asked about the process of selecting foreign academics. Mr Stehel joined the discussion. Another question was about the process of selecting students to participate in the Erasmus program.
  - Peter Márton asked about students' favourite foreign destinations.
  - Borna Abramović asked if the school participated in programs other than Erasmus.
- The Chairman started a discussion with the participants in the negotiations on the research activities on ITB.
  - Does the school prefer cooperation with partners in the region or cooperation within H2020?
  - The Chairman asked about the process of project preparation and patenting of results at

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ITB.

- How is the preparation of a new project at ITB goes, is there an information system for monitoring the workload of individual employees?
- Does ITB evaluate the results for the whole institution or separately for each department?
- Does ITB provide accommodation for young employees? How do foreign workers from Erasmus handle accommodation?
- Maria Rodrigues asked Vice-Rector Stehel about the global research strategy of ITB. She also asked if there is a workplace at the school that supports academics and provides them with information on open project calls. Then she asked how the ITB supports spin-off companies. Mr. Vrbka also participated in the discussion.
- Marian Borzan was interested in whether there was an internal system to support publication in scientific journals.
- Mariola Saternus asked about the number of projects at ITB. Subsequently, she asked whether these projects are funded within the Czech Republic or from abroad.

### 3. part of the meeting.

**Participants from ITB:** Rudolf Kampf, Jan Váchal, Zdeněk Caha, Veronika Machová, Tomáš Krulický, Radim Dušek, Libuše Turinská.

- Mr Kampf introduced the participants in this part of the meeting.
- Presentation of the Faculty of Corporate Strategy by Director Caha.
- Presentation of the School of Expertness and Valuation by Mrs. Machová.
- Start of the discussion.
  - Borna Abramović asked about the functioning of the language centre. He was interested in whether the centre provides its services only to students or even ITB employees and the teaching of which languages the centre implements.
  - Peter Márton asked the directors of both departments about cooperation with the corporate sector.

**Participants from ITB:** Rudolf Kampf, Vojtěch Stehel, Jiří Čejka, Michal Kraus, Ondrej Stopka.

- Presentation of the Faculty of Technology by Director Stehel.
- Taehee Lee asked 2 questions, which Mr. Stehel answered. Due to a time lag, Taehee Lee left the meeting.

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- How do you imagine ITB in 10 years?
  - How do you perceive and how do you solve the weaknesses of ITB?
  - Start of the discussion.
    - Peter Márton asked what is the best domestic and foreign research partner of the Faculty.
    - Maria Rodrigues asked what proportion of the total number of students are students of the Faculty of Technology. Are they students mainly from the South Bohemian region or from other regions of the Czech Republic? Subsequently, there was a discussion about the level of employment of students in engineering and construction programs. There was also a discussion about the process of selecting the topics of students' qualification theses.
    - Borna Abramović asked what engineering systems ITB uses in teaching students.

#### 4. part of the meeting.

**Participants from ITB:** Jarmila Straková, Petra Pártlová, Jan Podlesný, Pavel Rousek, Eva Kalinová.

- The Chairman introduced the IEP members.
- Start of the discussion.
  - Maria Rodrigues asked for a brief introduction of the staff.

Then she asked everyone the following questions:

    - Describe the main disadvantages and difficulties you encounter in carrying out the research activity.
    - Does ITB provide financial support?
    - Do you have the opportunity to have the support of supervisors from abroad?
    - How you allocate the time you spend on teaching and research.
    - From what point of view does the school evaluate you as a professional?
  - Michal Vávra asked everyone a question: name one main thing that you appreciate at ITB and one main thing that you would like to change.
  - Grzegorz Mlostoń was interested in the tendency of applicants for studies at the Faculty of Technology. Subsequently, he asked whether the declining growth trend is related to the quality of teaching at ITB or it is a population-wide change.
  - Mariola Saternus asked a question about how ITB values the work of employees. How often this evaluation is performed.



## 5. part of the meeting.

**Participants from ITB:** Patrik Gross, Tomáš Navara, Jaroslav Kollmann, Milan Talíř.

- Introduction of students.
- Start of the discussion.
  - Maria Rodrigues asked the following questions:
    - Do you help academics in teaching or research?
    - What are the research activities you have participated in?
    - Do you think that involving in research activities is useful while studying?
    - How do you choose topics for qualification theses?
    - Does ITB provide sufficient technical and professional equipment in laboratories?
  - Michal Vávra asked everyone a question: name one main thing that you appreciate at ITB and one main thing that you would like to change.
  - Grzegorz Mlostoń was interested in whether the students are satisfied with the ITB evaluation system. Is this process mandatory for every student? Is this review online?
  - Borna Abramović asked about the services offered by the ITB campus to students as part of their free time between classes.
  - Peter Márton asked if students ever attended a lecture by an expert from abroad? Was this lecture in English? Did they have an interpreter?

## 6. part of the meeting.

**Participants from ITB:** Rudolf Kampf, Vojtěch Stehel, Jan Váchal, Filip Bureš, Ján Ližbetin, Karel Gryc, Ladislav Socha, Jiří Šál, Jaroslav Pokorný, Michal Rushak.

- Mr. Kampf described the creative activities of ITB.
- Presentation of the laboratories - video.
- Employees of the Faculty of Corporate Strategy presented a virtual laboratory and major research projects.
- Employees of the Faculty of Technology presented their laboratories and major research projects.
- Start of the discussion.
  - Grzegorz Mlostoń asked about the use of laboratories for teaching and research.
  - Daniel Kleber asked how labs are being used now, during the Covid-19 pandemic.
  - Maria Rodrigues asked how students use laboratories, whether they have enough technical

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equipment, especially in the field of mechanical engineering. She was also interested in whether ITB will purchase additional machines and equipment for laboratories in future.

- Mariola Saternus asked whether there is a system of involving students in the implementation of research projects.
- Peter Márton asked whether ITB conducts research focused on the national research and innovation strategy for intelligent specialization of the Czech Republic (National RIS3 strategy) and the Regional Innovation Strategy of the South Bohemian Region.
- Maria Rodrigues asked about new directions of future research at ITB.
- Grzegorz Mlostoń asked what is the average success rate of the submitted grants.
- József Poór asked a question about how ITB connects the technical and economic direction of management.

#### **Ukončení hybridní návštěvy.**

- All meeting materials, including minutes, will be shared by the IEP Secretary to members through Sharepoint.
- Members agreed on the date of the next internal online meeting.

**The document was made by:** Anna Palokha

**The document was approved by:** Peter Márton – Chairman of the IEP

**Note:** The attendance list is part of the document.