

Copenhagen Centre for Regulatory Science (CORS)

Medical Product Innovation. Research & Education



Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting

12 May 2015, 16.00 - 17.00

Participants:

- Sven Frøkjær, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
- Flemming Madsen, Head of Department, Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
- Karsten Vrangbæk, Director of Center for Health Economics and Policy
- Robin Evers, Senior Vice President for Global Regulatory Affairs, Novo Nordisk A/S
- Karin Friis Bach, Project Manager, CORS

1. Welcome by Sven Frøkjær

Sven Frøkjær opened the first meeting of the board with a word of welcome. He went on to explain that the current status of the board is that it consists of 4 members. However, it is anticipated that a representative from the Danish Health and Medicines Agency will join the board as a fifth member at a later stage.

2. Status for the establishment of the Centre and development of strategy for 2015

Karin Friis Bach summarized the current status and activities of CORS, and future plans were discussed (presentation attached). The Centre has now obtained commitments from four different pharmaceutical companies for 5½ Ph.D. projects and one 3-year post.doc. position. One Ph.D. project is ongoing, and one is planned to be initiated before the end of 2015. The remaining positions will be filled after the appointment of the professor.

It was mentioned that it also is of importance for CORS to establish Ph.D. projects which are purely academic. This might be possible if some of the IMI2 applications are approved.

Potential international collaborators were also discussed.

3. Approval of Terms of Reference

The attached proposal was approved. The aim of the board is to support the establishment and continuing operation of CORS by overseeing and providing advice on strategic, scientific, administrative and financial actions, as well as on development.

4. Approval of budget 2015-19

A proposal was presented at the meeting and approved. It was emphasised that the timeframes for the planned research positions are still only preliminary. The question was raised as to whether all the stated in-kind contributions have been approved by the departments/faculties. This is confirmed, but the newly appointed Head of Department of Public Health will be contacted and informed about the Centre.

5. Professorship, discussion of procedure for appointment

It was agreed that a search committee should be established in order to assure and facilitate the appointment of a professor with a strong profile to the Centre. The professorship should be in place by January 2016 at the latest. A committee consisting of Sven Frøkjær, adjunct professor Steffen Thirstrup, and Karin Friis Bach was supported.

6. Approval of proposed members for Scientific Advisory Board

Most of the partners have sent in the names of the persons that they want as a representatives in the Scientific Advisory Board. The proposed members were approved. The main function of the Scientific Advisory Board will be to discuss and provide advice on the scientific activities of CORS. The board will meet as soon as possible in order to agree on common criteria for CORS projects.

7. Any other business

Two meetings will be planned during the autumn of 2015. Proposal for meeting times will be emailed to the board members.