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ISRHML – Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation

# **trainee expansion program**

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## **Minute – Science Review Board**

<b>Meeting</b>		
<b>Date</b>	Monday, August 2, 2018	
<b>Members</b>	Kim F. Michaelsen, Chair	Present
	Christina (Tina) Chambers	Present
	Evette van Niekerk	Present
	Nathan Nickel	Present
	Teresa da Costa	Present
	Valérie Verhasselt	Present – excused after 60 minutes
	Kirsi Jarvinen-Seppo	Present
<b>Secretary</b>	Kathrin Litwan	Present

Agenda	
1.	Welcome
2.	Quorum
3.	Objectives of TEP
4.	Review of TBF applications
5.	Review of TTF applications
6.	Decisions

Agenda topic		
N°	Topic	Status/Comment
1.	Welcome	Kim Michaelsen welcomes the attendees.
2.	Quorum	As of Annex 4 in the Sponsorship Agreement for the Trainee Expansion Program (TEP) the SRB is quorate with 5 out of 7 members present. With 7 of the 7 members present on the call (see above) the board is quorate.
3.	Objectives of TEP	The SRB wishes to have detailed information on the objectives of TEP. Kathrin Litwan states the objectives of TEP. The TBF aims to give young research the opportunity to launch their independent research career in the field of human milk and lactation or to move into the field by enabling a long-term project achievable within a year. The TTF aims to give the awardee the opportunity to learn new abilities and skills that are not available at their home institution in a short-term project.
4.	Review of TBF applications	Hereinafter, every single application is presented: First by the primary reviewer followed by the secondary reviewer.  <b>a. Betina SOLDATELI</b> Evette van Niekerk gives an overview to the application and her evaluation. Evette van Niekerk sees the advantage of the application in the fact that the candidate has an interest in breast milk even if she has no experience so far in breast milk. Evette van Niekerk mentions the following aspects as clear short comings of the application: 1) that candidate did not really apply for a specific project but rather to an opportunity to build relationships and write publications, 2) timeline and outcomes are unclear and not well stated, 3) the field is very broadly described and 4) missing definition of the aim of the project. Christina Chamber as secondary reviewer adds to the comments of Evette van Niekerk. She lays out that the project is solely the analysis of secondary data and that the application misses a clear mentorship plan. Teresa da Costa proposes to give clear feedback to the applicant in order that the applicant can prepare a better project for next year. Evette van Niekerk concludes that funding of this application would not fulfill the objectives of the TBF and therefore, she does not think that this application should receive funding from this funding pool. Kim Michaelsen agrees. <b>The members of the SRB unanimously agree to reject this application.</b>  <b>b. Marta NAPIERALA</b> Christina Chambers as primary reviewer summarizes the application and the proposed project. Christina Chambers highlights the important question the applicant plans to answer with that project. Christina Chambers mention the following short comings of the application: 1) the outcomes are not clearly defined incl. the education material that would be developed as part of the project, 2) unclear how the mentor will work with the candidate, 3) unclear if the candidate will spend time at the host institution, 4) insufficient justification of the budget, 5) general lack of detail. Nevertheless, Christian Chambers thinks the research question is important why she could argue to move the application ahead to the Counsel Board. Valérie Verhasselt as secondary reviewer adds her comments. Her major concerns are as followed: unclear what the awardee would do besides writing papers. The application does not mention a program at the host institution that would support the applicant in her work. Therefore, Valérie Verhasselt concludes that the applicant will not gain any additional knowledge by going to the host institution. Evette van Niekerk proposes to then ask the candidate to move her application into a TTF. Christina Chambers would not advice to change the application into a TTF as she thinks that a program is described within the application but that it is not clear if the applicant will even go to the host institution and what the candidate will

		<p>be doing at the host institution. Teresa da Costa agrees that the gain of going to the host institution is not visible.</p> <p>Kim Michaelsen expresses his surprise that the candidate will go abroad to analyze macronutrients and thinks that the application is not a very strong application.</p> <p>Nathan Nickel expresses his opinion that this application does not fit with the idea of the TBF to launch a new career. Christina Chambers and the rest of the SRB agrees on this evaluation. <b>The members of the SRB unanimously agree to reject this application</b> due to the missing potential of launching the candidate’s independent research career.</p> <p><b>c. Shambhavi ADHIKARI</b></p> <p>Teresa da Costa as primary reviewer gives an overview of the application and applicant. She evaluated the CV of the host mentor as being fragile regarding mentorship training and publishing of research data. Further on, Teresa da Costa questions the need to test the device in three different places and therefore, she also questions the budget. Advantages of the application are the very supportive supervisor and the fact that the candidate would bring new expertise to the field.</p> <p>Kim Michaelsen summarizes the review of guest reviewer Donna Geddes. Even though that Donna Geddes mentioned limitations in her review, Kim Michaelsen rates the fact that Donna Geddes rated the application with the predicate “4 – very good” as a good sign since Donna Geddes has a long experience in the field.</p> <p>Teresa da Costa highlights the fact that this candidate comes from outside the field and would like to enter the field of human milk and lactation. She thinks that would be a good opportunity to give an engineer the chance to enter the field and would therefore favor this application to be funded. But she also points out her doubts about the outcomes of this proposal.</p> <p>Kirsi Jarvinen-Seppo does not see that this project will help to launch the independent career of the applicant.</p> <p>Nathan Nickel expresses his support of this application as he thinks that it is good to bring someone into the field of human milk and lactation from outside. Kirsi Jarvinen-Seppo and the other members agree on this.</p> <p>The SRB members discuss the budget of the application. Teresa da Costa and Kim Michaelsen question the need to have salary for three supervisors and to test the device at three different locations. The SRB advises the CB to discuss the budget and the need for three location/three supervisors in its meeting.</p> <p>All members of the SRB rate this application with the predicate of “4 – very good”. <b>The SRB unanimously agrees to propose this application to the CB for funding.</b> The SRB would like to point out the fact that this application is proposed to the CB due to its nature of bringing an engineer into the field of human milk and lactation.</p> <p><b>d. Stephanie L MARTIN</b></p> <p>Kim Michaelsen as primary reviewer gives an overview over the application, the applicant and his review. Kim Michaelsen evaluates the application as a very interesting project with an important question to be developed on. Kim Michaelsen evaluates the fact that the project will be conducted in a LMIC as a clear strength of the application. He has the opinion that if the project works out, it can make an important difference. Further, Kim Michaelsen mentions that the mentors seem to be able to support the applicant as needed.</p> <p>Nathan Nickel as secondary reviewer highlights the fact that the mentors took the comments from last year into account and supported the candidate accordingly. For Nathan Nickel, the timeline seems a bit ambitious but nevertheless, he would be very happy to see this application to receive funding. Kim Michealsen agrees on these comments.</p> <p>Evette van Niekerk was happy to see that and the way how the candidate came back with a new application after one review cycle. She agrees with the scores given by the reviewers.</p> <p>Teresa da Costa wonders if the outcomes are clearly stated. The reviewers agree that the outcomes could be defined a bit more in detailed but that the different steps described in the application show that the intervention will be interesting and relevant and that the mentors will keep the candidate on track.</p> <p><b>The SRB unanimously agree to propose this application to the CB for funding.</b></p>
5.	Review of TTF applications	<p>Kim Michaelsen proposes to follow the same scheme in presenting the application as for the TBF. Therefore, primary reviewers present the application followed by the secondary reviewer. Afterwards the discussion will be opened.</p> <p><b>a. Gabriela Esteves LEGHI</b></p> <p>Teresa da Costa as primary reviewer is enthusiastic about the applicant and the project. She mentions that the supervisors are already collaborating and that both home and host supervisors</p>

		<p>mention in their support letter the benefit of the stay for the candidate and her PhD thesis. Teresa da Costa thinks it is a very good project but sees the timeline and outcomes as fragilities of the application.</p> <p>Evette van Niekerk as secondary reviewer evaluates the application as a good project. The application is a continuation of the applicant's previous work. Evette van Niekerk mention the little experience with breast milk as a possible short coming of the application. Evette van Niekerk highlights the supportive nature of the mentorship the candidate will receive. Evette van Niekerk would like to see this application to receive funding.</p> <p>Kim Michaelsen expresses his support for this project. Nevertheless, he questions the used wording of "the first of its kind" in the short project synopsis of the application. This might have been due to the great enthusiasm of the applicant.</p> <p>All SRB members rate this application with the predicate "3 – excellent. <b>The SRB members unanimously agree to propose this application to the CB for funding.</b></p> <p><b>b. Grace CARROLL</b></p> <p>Nathan Nickel as the first reviewer highlights the very high quality of writing in which this application was written as well as the very well-founded justification of the application. Further, he mentions that the candidate has the needed background to conduct the proposed project and that this project will fill an important gap. Nathan Nickel highlights the great training opportunity of this project for the applicant.</p> <p>Christina Chambers as secondary reviewer also expresses her full support for this application. She evaluates the project as a highly relevant training opportunity for the candidate. Further, she mentions the good quality in which the application was composed with reasonable timelines and training plans. The assessment of the host mentor showed that the host supervisor is rather junior but is very experienced in the field and thus, will be of high value for the candidate. The SRB sees is as an enormous advantage of the application that project addresses LMIC and disadvantaged population groups.</p> <p><b>The SRB members unanimously agree to propose this application to the CB for funding.</b></p> <p><b>c. Yimin CHEN</b></p> <p>Valérie Verhasselt as primary reviewers presents the application and her review to the SRB. She evaluated the application as excellent with a very strong mentor.</p> <p>Kim Michaelsen as secondary reviewer agrees with Valérie Verhasselt assessments and has nothing to add. In his opinion, the application is worth funding.</p> <p><b>The SRB members unanimously agree to propose this application to the CB for funding.</b></p>
6.	Decisions	<p>The decisions and recommendations to the CB are outlined in the following sections. The SRB unanimously recommends two TBF applications (Shambhavi Adhikari and Stephanie L. Martin) and three TTF applications (Gabriela Esteves Leghi, Grace Carroll and Yimin Chen) to the CB.</p>

For the TEP Science Review Board:

Zug, August 2, 2018

Place and Date



Kathrin Litwan  
TEP Coordinator

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## Decision Note – Science Review Board

Meeting		
<b>Date</b>	Monday, August 2, 2018	
<b>Members</b>	Kim F. Michaelsen, Chair	Present
	Christina (Tina) Chambers	Present
	Evette van Niekerk	Present
	Nathan Nickel	Present
	Teresa da Costa	Present
	Valérie Verhasselt	Excused
	Kirsi Jarvinen-Seppo	Present
<b>Secretary</b>	Kathrin Litwan	Present

The TEP Science Review Board decides on Monday, August 2, 2018 the following:

Decisions taken		
N°	Topic	Decision
1.	Kim Michaelsen proposes to recommend application based on the discussion within the Scientific Review Board meeting to the Counsel Board for funding.	The Scientific Review Board unanimously agrees to base the funding recommendation to the Counsel Board based on the discussion within the Scientific Review Board.
2.	The Scientific Review Board agrees to recommend the following TBF candidates and their proposal for funding (alphabetic listing): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shambhavi Adhikari</li> <li>Stephanie L. Martin</li> </ul>	The Scientific Review Board unanimously agrees on the mentioned two TBF application to proceed to the Counsel Board for final decision.
3.	The Scientific Review Board agrees to recommend the following TTF candidates and their proposal for funding (alphabetic listing): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gabriela Esteves Leghi</li> <li>Grace Carroll</li> <li>Yimin Chen</li> </ul>	The Scientific Review Board unanimously agrees on the mentioned three TTF applications to be proceeded to the Counsel Board for final decision.

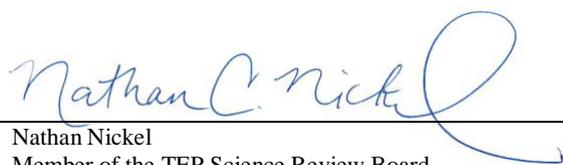
For the TEP Science Review Board:

Copenhagen, August 5, 2018  
Place and Date



Kim Michaelsen  
Chair of the TEP Science Review Board

Winnipeg, August 7, 2018  
Place and Date



Nathan Nickel  
Member of the TEP Science Review Board