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Report on the session of the ISIC Steering Committee – Tuesday, September 19th 2017

Present: Profs Nicolai Cramer (NC), Lyndon Emsley (LE), Sandrine Gerber (SG), Xile Hu (XH), Ursula Roethlisberger (UR) and Jérôme Waser (JW).

Excused: Profs Thomas Rizzo and Vassily Hatzimanikatis.

The session, chaired by **LE**, is opened at 5.00 pm in room CH B3 391.

1) Update on faculty hiring

Chemical Biology

The advert for a PATT position in chemical biology is ready. The hiring committee still needs to be approved by the EPFL VPR before publication of the position. Applicants will be invited to apply until 15.11.2017.

PSI/EPFL position on battery electrochemistry

Discussions are ongoing regarding the opportunity for a joint EPFL / PSI faculty position in battery electrochemistry (research at PSI; head of the electrochemistry laboratory / teaching at EPFL).

2) Update on the status of MERs at ISIC

LE reminds that following the ISIC Retreat and discussions within the Steering Committee, the model that will be implemented in ISIC is that MERs are embedded within an ISIC laboratory, with a clear indication by the PI on how the collaboration will be organized (lab space, supervision of PhD students, possibility to apply for external funds as main applicant, etc. should be clarified from the beginning). ISIC Direction will be consulted automatically in case of application to the title of MERs within ISIC.

3) Teaching loads of faculty members at ISIC

Discussions are ongoing to equilibrate the teaching loads of ISIC faculty members. It is agreed that every faculty should be able to teach any 1st year chemistry course and that, on sufficient notice, they might be asked to teach in French.

4) Miscellaneous

A general procedure for the tenure process will be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Next dates for the ISIC Steering Committee meeting

16.11.2017, 3.00 pm

11.12.2017, 10.00 am

The session is closed at 6.30 pm.