



MBG Research Committee meeting – 18 November 2025, 10:00-11:30

Location: 1870-816

Attendees: Torben Heick Jensen (THJ), Anne Færch Nielsen (AFN), Mikkel Heide Schierup (MHS), Claus Oxvig (CO), Rune Hartmann (RH), Daan van Aalten (DvA), Gilles Vanwalleghem (GV), Bjørn Panyella Pedersen (BPP), Tinna Stevnsner (TVS), Jens Stougaard (JS), Jørgen Kjems (JK)

Agenda:

- 1. Approval of the agenda – *the agenda was approved***
- 2. Approval of minutes from the previous committee meeting – appendix 1 – *the minutes were approved***
- 3. Announcements**
 - a. Researchers from MBG have been active in submitting grant applications to the private and public foundations (2 DFF Sapere Aude, 4 DFF project 2, 8 NNF Exploratory Synergy, 8 NNF project grants, 7 AUFF NOVA, 11 Carlsberg Research Infrastructure, 3 Carlsberg Semper Ardens, 5 NNF Challenge and 12 Lundbeck postdoc)*
 - b. AFN summarised upcoming funding deadlines (DNRF Centers of Excellence, NNF Investigator, Carlsberg interdisciplinary centers)*
- 4. Evaluate candidates for Investigator grants**
 - a. MBG has been approached by several researchers (both internal and external) who are interested in applying for NNF Investigator grants with MBG as the host department. The research committee discussed the potentials and limitations of time-limited group leader appointments and stressed the need to make sure the applicants are fully aware that MBG makes no commitment to employment beyond the duration of the grant (if awarded). The committee also discussed the importance of internal applicants establishing independence of their postdoc advisor.*
- 5. Ongoing recruitment**
 - a. An offer has been made for the position Tenure Track assistant professor in Bioinformatics and the candidate has accepted.*
 - b. An offer has been made for the position Tenure Track assistant professor in Molecular Biology and/or Molecular Medicine and the candidate is considering*
 - c. Interviews for the faculty position in proteomics will take place in the beginning of December.*
- 6. Plan for upcoming recruitment at MBG**
 - a. TVS outlined the plans for the new section Molecular Health. The section will be strengthened by internal rearrangement (MBG and iNANO) and new recruitment. The name is meant to signify a closer connection to health while maintaining MBG's expertise and strength in delineating molecular mechanisms.*



- b. Calls for faculty positions in Plant Biology and Molecular Health will open in January 2026.*
- 7. Proposals for NAT's pipeline for pitching ideas to the private foundations**
 - a. Postponed to the next research committee meeting.*
- 8. Consultation process for NAT strategy**
 - a. AFN encouraged the research committee members to share their thoughts on the faculty's strategy for 2026-2030*
- 9. AOB**