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Statement from the director of the institute on the final report of the Commission No. 1

We thank the committee for the insightful review. We basically agree with most of the conclusions. However, we do not share the opinion of the Committee concerning the seeming weaknesses of the PhD studies in the Institute. Neither the Institute nor the Committee have the power to change the legal conditions of the PhD studies in the Czech Republic. Such criticism should be addressed to the Ministry of Education. We agree with the Committee that the PhD studies require structural changes on the Ministry level. The most desirable one is to give the right of conducting PhD programs to the Academy. Taking into account the existing legal framework, we consider internal system of the PhD study in the Institute to be reasonable and successful. As we explained to the Committee, we do not consider the length of the study as a weakness.

Certain recommendations regarding research projects are not realistic to fulfil (the committee was probably not very familiar with the Czech system of research funding).

After the evaluation, the Committee prepared another report addressed to the President of the CAS, which summarizes general views and opinion of the Committee related not only to individual teams and institutes but rather to the system of research and graduate education in the Czech Republic. We agree with almost all general conclusions and recommendations expressed in this document and hope that relevant authorities will take this document seriously. In particular, we totally agree with the concluding paragraph about the necessity to make the next evaluation process simpler and more efficient.

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