

Meeting minutes 16.1.2025

Place: House of Science and Letters, room 208 and Teams

Present: Vesa Hytönen (chair), Teemu Haikarainen, Guillaume Jacquemet, Antti Karkman, Anssi Malinen, Maria Perdomo, Suvi Santala, Silvan Scheller, Vassilis Stratoulis, Minna-Liisa Änkö

Absent: Valerio Izzi, Steffi Goffart, Markku Varjosalo

Secretariat: Elina Pylvänäinen and Anna-Kaarina Linna

1. Opening

The panel chair opened the meeting at 13.00.

2. Introductions

3. Panel

a. Panel composition

The fields covered in this panel are listed in appendix 1. The panel went through the list and discussed if there is a need to supplement the panel composition.

Discussion:

- There were no gaps in the panel's expertise that would require complementing the panel composition at this point.
- It was discussed that panel members can consult their background communities and networks if needed.

b. Selecting the vice-chair of the panel

A vice-chair was selected for the panel. The vice-chair stands in for the panel chair when they are absent. The vice-chair also has a right to confirm evaluations in the JUFO portal on behalf of the panel chair.

Decision:

- Vassilis Stratoulis was selected as a vice-chair of the panel.

4. Orientation to the panel work

The secretariat introduced the Publication Forum, its aims and purpose as well as the evaluation criteria.

Discussion:

- The previous panel had a policy that review journals are not accepted to level 3. This panel should discuss if this policy will be followed when the level 2 and 3 re-evaluation is done in 2026.

- It was discussed if it would be possible to systematically collect research community's experiences from publication channels in the JUFO portal?

5. Level 1 and 0 evaluations in the JUFO portal

The deadline for the first set of level 1 and 0 evaluations is 26.3.2025 for the panel members and the panel chair needs to confirm evaluations at latest on 1.4.2025. More information will be sent by email.

6. Conflicts of interest

The panel members were asked to disclose their engagements with publication channels in which they have been an editor or a member of the editorial board in the past five years.

7. Other

No other business.

8. Closing

The panel chair closed the meeting at 16.01.

Appendix 1

Panel's MinEdu fields

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- Cell biology
- Microbiology
- Virology
- Biochemistry and molecular biology
- Biochemical research methods
- Genetics and genomics
- Epigenomics
- Reproductive biology
- Developmental biology
- Systems biology, bioinformatics
- Andrology

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- Environmental biotechnology
- Bioremediation
- Diagnostic biotechnologies in environmental management
- Environmental biotechnology related ethics

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- Industrial biotechnology

- Bioprocessing technologies
- Bioproducts
- Biomaterials