

In Prague on June 30th, 2021

Statement from the Director on the Final Report of the FZU CAS

(i) For FZU, we have no comments to the course of Evaluation and we are convinced that the Evaluation (by both Committees C2 and C7.1) at our institute was realized in full concordance with the Methodology of the Evaluation.

(ii) Concerning the revised Final Report we would like to thank to both committees for very careful and detailed consideration of our comments.

We are very glad and we very much appreciate that most of our comments were accepted by the committees and the text of the report was revised in its relevant parts.

Even before this revision and of course also now we do not have any comments concerning the Part A of the Evaluation, i.e. to the Evaluation of the Institute.

Concerning the Part B, there remains only one point, where we are in disagreement with the opinion of the committee and with the wording of the final report, and this is related to the evaluation of Team 16 – Low-Temperature Plasma. Also in this case, we are very glad that the committee has accepted several of our comments and favourably updated the report for this team. Unfortunately, the final categorisation of this team remained the same (“reduce the support of the team”), i.e. the Team 16 remained the only team at our institute that was put in this category. **We think that under the described circumstances** (very positive situation with grant projects, and therefore significant and healthy share of project financing of this team, two of the results of this particular team were selected between the “most valuable discoveries” of the whole institute, successful collaboration with industry, unique and internationally patented technologies developed within this team) **the Team 16 was in this respect unfairly singled-out and that it will be more appropriate to re-classify this team in the category “keep the support of the team at the current level”**. However, we very much appreciate other comments of the committee during the re-assessment, which will be very helpful for the improvement of the further presentations and for the further development of the Team 16.

Finally, we would also like to use this opportunity and to **thank again to all involved members of the committees, committee chairs, observers and to the staff** of the Head Office of the Czech Academy of Sciences for their difficult and most responsible work under very difficult circumstances. Besides one doubt expressed above, we are really strongly convinced that **their thorough work and invested time into the evaluation of our teams will be most helpful for the further successful development of our institute**.

Yours sincerely,

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