



INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL PROCESS FUNDAMENTALS OF THE ASCR, v.v.i.

Director

Statement from the director of the institute on the final report of the Commission no. 8

We confirm the Evaluation Report of the **Department of Catalysis and Reaction Engineering, Department of Multiphase Reactors and Eduard Hála Laboratory of Separation Processes** was received in a complete form. The evaluation is very profound, addressing all possible details, including scientific aspects, personnel aspects, project strategies assessment, teaching involvements, publication records etc. It was evidently produced with an exceptional care to meet the high evaluation standards, and to cover all followed criteria carefully. The report brings many useful points, some of them are of vital importance for the evaluated body. The statements are clear, all articles are of excellent clarities. Outputs of the report are fully accepted. The report is understood as a material contributing significantly to strengthen the Institute's reputation, supporting its scientific mission, and increasing its international competitiveness.

We have only several comments to the evaluation text:

The evaluation report on Department of Multiphase Reactors is correct, fair and well-balanced. Department represents a small team which produces good research, within the limited context of a small country as the Czech Republic is. In the last several years the team was weakened on the personal side, as girls were on their maternity leaves (altogether 10 leaves, each about 3 years, i.e. missing of 30 years of working time). This is the main reason that the department did not initiate participation in big EU projects and extensive international collaborations, since the team would not be able to secure delivering the expected mass of results. We were happy we managed to feed with results our national CZ projects. We fully agree with the recommendation of the Commission to personally reinforce this small but compact team.

Touching the evaluation of EH Laboratory of Separation Processes we would like to draw attention to the statement: "No data are provided about the cooperation among the EH Lab and the other Depts of the Institute", see chapter 2.3.

We cannot fully agree with this statement. In the Appendix 3.5, chapter 2, we can find the following sentence:

"The scope of research of the Laboratory is logically embedded in the overall research profile of the ICPF. At the interfaces of research topics, the *Laboratory cooperates* with the Department of Catalysis and Reaction Engineering, the Department of Multiphase Reactors and Department of Analytical and Material Chemistry."

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