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The process of approving projects of open access to the Large Research Infrastructure CENAKVA

The aim of the Large Research Infrastructure CENAKVA is an understanding of changes in freshwater ecosystems and their social importance in terms of biodiversity conservation, protection of the aquatic environment and water resources important for human life and activity.

The infrastructure consists of the facilities of the Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (FFPW USB) and the South Bohemian Research Center of Aquaculture and Biodiversity of Hydrocenoses.

CENAKVA is the only infrastructure in the Czech Republic engaged in global processes in freshwater ecosystems, the circulation of substances in water, including the monitoring of new pollutants in the environment.

Unique pond, experimental and scientific background together with close ties to the fishing community in the Czech Republic, Europe and the world, which CENAKVA has, creates a unique unit, which is able to plan and verify future proposals for management of ponds, due to climate changes in the Czech Republic and Europe.

The use of infrastructure is made possible through the so-called open access approach.

Process of submission of project within the open access:

- 1) The applicant contacts the head of the laboratory responsible for the part of the Large Research Infrastructure. The head of the laboratory provides information on open access capacity and project implementation options.
- 2) The applicant completes the Form of Access to the Large Research Infrastructure CENAKVA (the current form of the Form is available on the website of the Large Research Infrastructure). In the case of an internal access (the applicant is an employee or a student of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice), the Internal Access Form will be used. In other cases, the External Access Form will be used.
- 3) The applicant sends the completed Form together with the structured CV (in case of external access) electronically (via email) to the administrator. The contact is provided on the website of the Large Research Infrastructure.
- 4) The applicant will await the decision on approval of the project, about which will be notified within two weeks from the deadline of submission of applications for the current call to which the project is submitted.

Process of project evaluation:



- 1) The project is evaluated by the laboratory head responsible for the part of the open infrastructure. The head of the laboratory assesses the project's content and project implementation options.
- 2) The project is evaluated by the Dean's Collegium of the FFPW USB. The Dean's Collegium assesses the overall quality and benefits of the project for the Center and the Faculty.
- 3) Projects approved at both levels of evaluation are eligible for implementation. Projects that are not approved can be resubmitted in the next call.
- 4) The project applicant is notified of the project's approval / rejection electronically (via email).

Implementation of the project:

- 1) The project applicant will receive a contract for access to the Large Research Infrastructure CENAKVA. The contract is signed by the applicant of the project and the head of the relevant laboratory no later than the day of the project implementation start.
- 2) The applicant and potential co-investigator implement the project with the support of responsible technical and scientific staff.
- 3) The project is terminated on the date of termination of the project specified in the access contract.
- 4) The project applicant is obliged to include the acknowledgement to the South Bohemian Research Center of Aquaculture and Biodiversity of Hydrocenoses with the identification code LM2018099 in all project outputs (scientific publication, conference paper,...)

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