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**Statement from the Director on the evaluation process and the final report of the  
Institute of Molecular Genetics of the Czech Academy of Sciences (IMG)**

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to thank both commissions for carrying out the evaluation and preparing a detailed evaluation report. Additionally, we would like to express our thanks to the organizers on the side of the Academy for the careful preparation and smooth course of the evaluation, which was complicated by the bad epidemic situation related to the covid-19 pandemic.

We are pleased with the predominant very positive evaluation, both at the level of the Institute and research teams. We assume that, after careful consideration of the individual recommendations included in the report, the report will be a good starting point for our reflections on further direction of the Institute.

Given the overall nature of the evaluation report, it is not surprising that the report contains several minor (formal) errors or omissions. However, due to the conceptual nature of the report, we will not comment on them here, and we agree with the content of the final report. Furthermore, we have no objections to the evaluation process, which took place in accordance with the Evaluation Methodology.

Petr Dráber

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