Proposed ACTIONS

Action 1

Posting the Code of Ethics of the PAS on the website, for acknowledgement and enforcement. Dissemination of the Code of Ethics for Researchers, by posting it on the website, and making it henceforth official regulation of IBC PAS. Distribution of the copies of the Code of Ethics to the PhD students (cyclical action – taken upon enrolment to the Doctoral Program). Dissemination of Staff Composition and the operating rules of IBC PAS Ethics Committee and Disciplinary Committee among the staff members. Posting relevant information on the IBC PAS website.



Current Status

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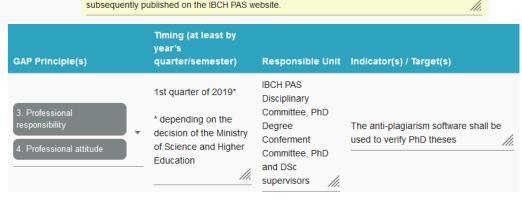
COMPLETED ▼

The action will be continued in the future. The primary goal was to raise the awareness and significance of applying the ethical principles in research work.

2022: In 2020, a new edition of the Code of Ethics was released by the PAS. This document was subsequently published on the IBCH PAS website.

Action 2

Implementation of the anti-plagiarism procedure for PhD dissertations, and ensuring access to the anti-plagiarism software for PhD supervisors.



Current Status

Remarks

We aim at implementing unified anti-plagiarism software at IBCH PAS. However, in order not to generate additional costs, we have postponed completion of this task, because the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education shall soon release an official program of that kind, free of charge (According to the letter from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, dated October 29th, 2018, the software shall be released at the beginning of 2019).

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2022: The online tool called Uniform Anti-Plagiarism System, administered by the National Information Processing Institute - National Research institute was released, and IBCH PAS became its registered user. Since the beginning of 2021 all PhD dissertations in IBCH PAS have been verified in this system.

Regular, open training courses for researchers, in Intellectual Property protection. 1st edition - 3rd Q 2016, 2nd edition - 4th Q 2017

Publication of the Regulations on copyright laws and related laws (...) on the website, in full view for the IBCH PAS staff members.

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Action 4

Trainings for staff members in the procedures of creating backups, protection of personal data and confidentiality.

GAP Principle(s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)	
5. Contractual and legal obligations 8. Dissemination, exploitation of results 31. Intellectual Property Rights	Training courses - 1st edition – 4rd quarter of 2017, 2nd edition – 2nd quarter of 2018 Publication of the Regulations on copyright laws and related laws - 1st quarter of 2019	Director of the Institute, Scientific Secretariat	2 training sessions with regard to Regulations on copyright laws and related laws.	fli.

Current Status Remarks

The training courses in Intellectual Property Protection gained high interest among the staff members. They will be repeated in the future, on a regular basis.

The Regulations on copyright laws and related have been published on the Institute's website, under the section "Director's Decrees".

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2022: We consider this task as completed, since the onsite sessions were not organized throughout the pandemic period. In order to compensate this, we intensified our actions in terms of searching for and informing about external training offers. When it comes to IPRs, we recommended eg. training sessions organized by IP helpdesk of the European Commission. The Department of Commercialization and Promotion released and disseminated a poster for inventors on patenting procedure in IBCH PAS.

GAP Principle(s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)	
7. Good practice in research	Training courses - 2 ✓ editions, both held in — the 2nd quarter of 201//	Data Security Group	2 training sessions with regard to creating backups, protection of personal data and confidentiality	//

Current Status

Remarks

COMPLETED ▼

The courses turned out to be successful and the employees appreciated their value. They will surely be repeated in the future, especially in view of the new challenges posed by the General Data Protection Regulation of 2018.



Amendment to the Regulations of the Disciplinary Committee, in form of a provision expressing objection to discrimination on grounds other than research accomplishments.

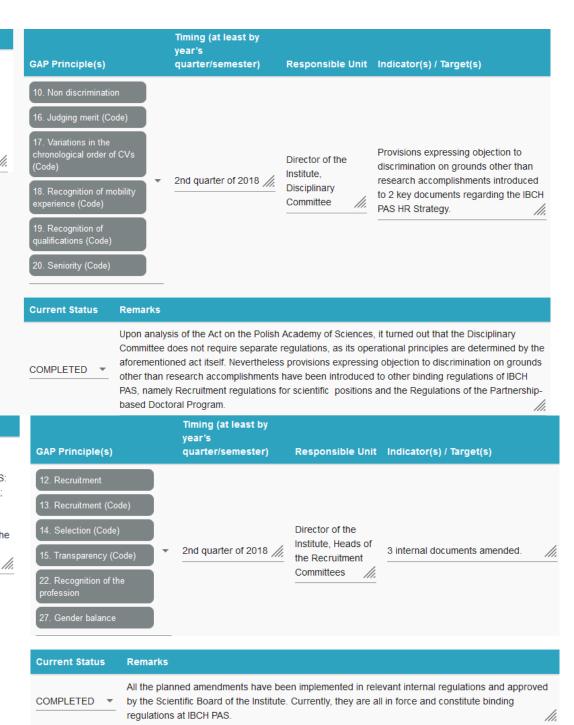
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Action 6

Introduction of the regulations ensuring gender balance in the recruitment committees, and those evaluating research output.

Amendment on the recognition of the profession, applicable to the relevant Regulations of IBCH PAS: Regulations on recruitment for research staff members at the Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, PAS; Regulations of the Partnership-based Doctoral Program.

Amendment to the Regulations on recruitment for research positions, in the form of provision to impose an obligation upon the Head of the Recruitment Committee to inform the candidates about the strong and weak sides of their applications, following the recruitment process.



Verification of the IBCH PAS Researcher Assessment Sheet, in terms of compliance with the provision of the Charter, on staff review system. Taking steps to include the criteria in the aforementioned sheet.

GAP Principle(s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)	
11. Evaluation/ appraisal systems	4th quarter of 2018 ///	Research Staff Review Committee, Director of the Institute	1 internal document amended.	fi.

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Current Status Remarks

COMPLETED ▼

The new Assessment Sheet has been amended and now constitutes an integral part of the updated Regulations on the interim evaluation of researchers and PhD students. It has been approved by the Polish Academy of Sciences.

Action 8

Action 9

Publishing the Regulations on recruitment for research positions on the IBCH PAS website, in the advertisement section.



Policies enabling development of professional skills and qualifications shall be subject to evaluation in terms of accessibility, popularity and efficiency, as far as enhancing qualifications, skills and career prospects is concerned. An assessment survey on the available measures shall also be conducted at the Institute, among researchers and PhD students.

Current Status Remarks

COMPLETED * The Regulations on recruitment for research positions are now available on the IBCH PAS website.

Timing (at least by year's GAP Principle(s) quarter/semester) Responsible Unit Indicator(s) / Target(s) Head of the Partnership-based 39. Access to research Doctoral Program, training and continuous December 2018 1 internal survey conducted. Director of the levelopment Institute, Heads of Departments

Current Status

Remarks

COMPLETED ▼

The assessment survey took place in December 2018 and it contained questions on the possibilities provided by IBCH PAS, regarding development of professional skills and qualifications.

Instructing supervisors on providing support for the research staff members in seeking new places of employment. Training of researchers and PhD students on research career management, in cooperation with other units and institutions supporting science.



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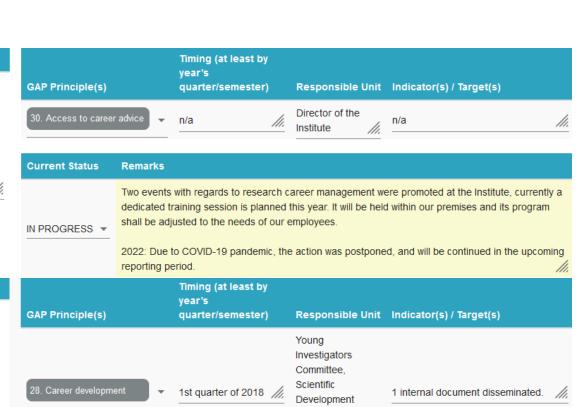
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Action 11

Formulation of a strategy of career development, in writing, for researchers at any career stage. The strategy determining the availability of mentors – giving support and guidance on personal and professional development for researchers, thus motivating young investigators and contributing to overcome uncertainty, as far as their career prospects are concerned – should also be implemented. All researchers should familiarize themselves with such regulations and arrangements.



A major document entitled "The principles of functioning of IBCH PAS" has been compiled and then it was disseminated among the staff members. It laid down a completely new framework for the Institute introducing three classes of departments: Departments of Young Leaders, Leading Departments and Senior Departments, associated with various career stages of their managers. Such a solution COMPLETED completely new framework for the Institute introducing three classes of departments of Young Leaders, Leading Departments and Senior Departments, associated with various career stages of their managers. Such a solution enabled young researchers to achieve management positions and move on with their careers much

2022: A new edition of the "The principles of functioning of IBCH PAS" is being prepared - to be published in the upcoming reporting period.

Committee.

Director of the Institute

Preparation of the IBCH PAS offer for applicants, seeking for research internships within Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships. Improvement of efficiency in terms of substantive and administrative service for PhD students and researchers, taking part in mobility projects. Considering uploading a subpage to the IBCH PAS website, destined for mobile researchers, providing information on residence conditions in Poland, and life in Poznan, including public transport, healthcare, education for children and practical facts concerning the Institute.

GAP Principle(s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)
29. Value of mobility	FNP HOMING - 4th quarter of 2017 FNP Powroty - 1st quarter of 2018 Polskie Powroty - 2nd quarter of 2018	Scientific Secretariat, Director of the Institute	8 proposals submitted, 1 successful application.

Current Status

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Remarks

Although we haven't managed to find a proper candidate to apply for a Marie Curie Skłodowska Grant, there have been several researchers who applied for grants enabling them to return to their home country after having accomplished an internship. These calls for proposals were the following: Homing and Powroty (Funded by the Foundation for Polish Science), Polskie Powroty (Funded by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange). The application for the Homing grant turned out to be successful. IBCH PAS is open to host MSCA grants in the future.

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2022: All actions have been completed, apart from successful application for the MSCA grant. In the current reporting period, the Institute gained two new projects for incoming researchers - Polskie Powroty - a program funded by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange and PASIFIC - coordinated by the Polish Academy of Sciences and funded under the MSCA project. Apart from these projects, it worth emphasizing that over the last few years we witnessed a great increase in the number of researchers and PhD students incoming from abroad, many of whom have accomplished prestigious internships.

GAP Principle(s)

Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)

Responsible Unit Indicator(s) / Target(s)

24. Working conditions

Report concerning barriers for the disabled - 4th quarter of 2017

Director of the Institute

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1 analysis was carried out.

Current Status

Remarks

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IBCH PAS still seeks for funds to fully adapt its buildings to the needs of persons with disabilities. So far a detailed report has been drawn-up, pinpointing the potential barriers and obstacles for such employees.

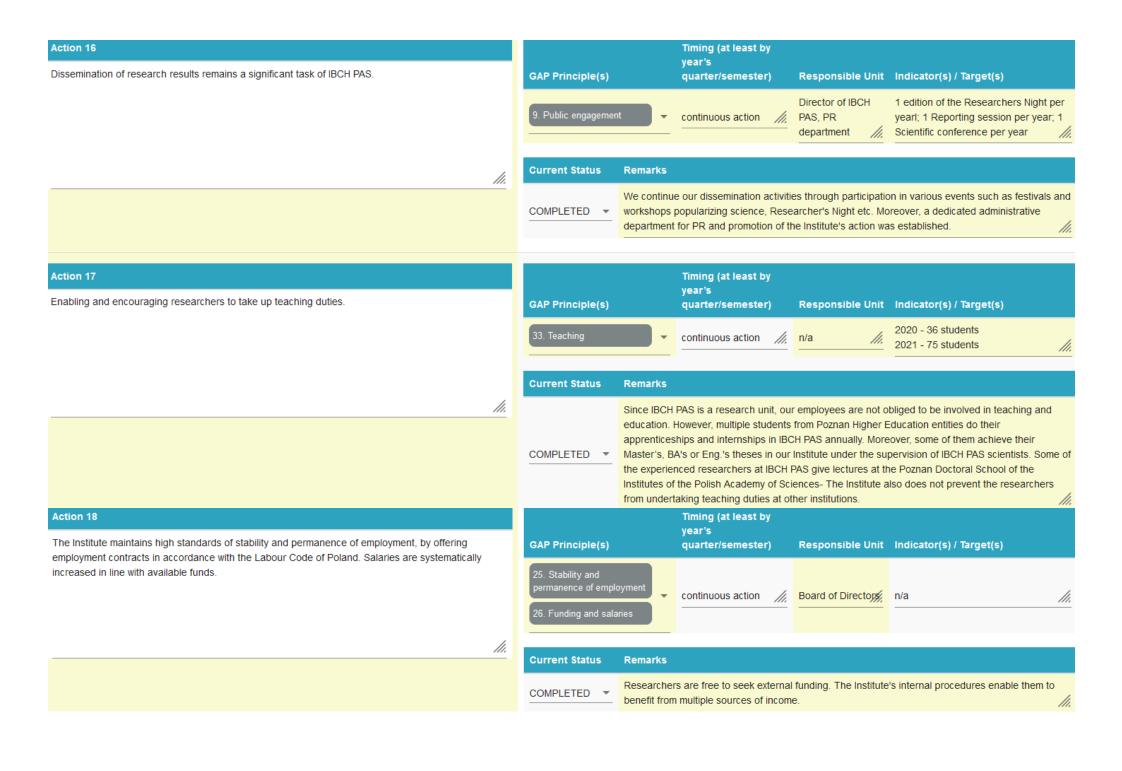
2022: We have accomplished the actions aimed at obtaining funds and identifying the barriers to be dealt with. The task wil encompass operational actions.

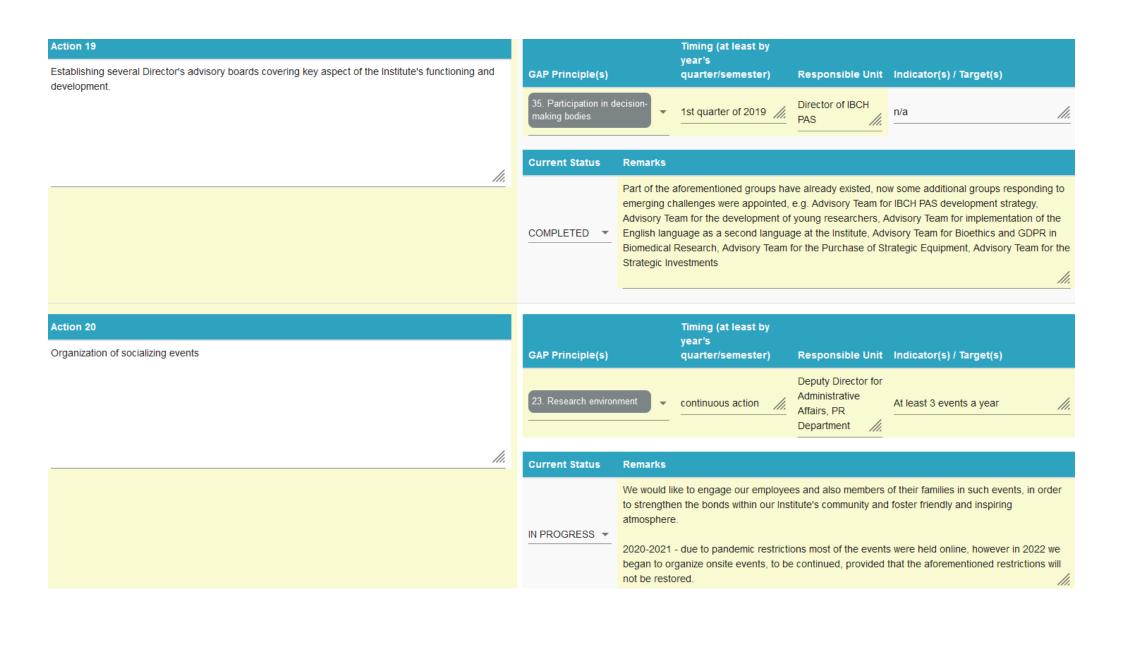
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Seeking funds enabling renovation of the building in such a way as to ensure access for persons with disabilities.

Action 14 Timing (at least by year's Regular, open training courses for researchers holding management positions (Pls, Team Leaders, **GAP Principle(s)** quarter/semester) Responsible Unit Indicator(s) / Target(s) Heads of Departments/Laboratories) in soft skills and mentoring, aiming at building positive and constructive relations with subordinates and co-workers. 32. Co-authorship Scientific Secretariat, nanagerial duties Deputy Director for At least two training Scientific Affairs, 38. Continuing Professional Development sessions a year (at 2 sessions per year Director's Advisory least one in 2019) ///. Group for the 39. Access to research development of young researchers **Current Status** Remarks Apart from on-site events, we wish to promote e-learning possibilities among the management staff members. 2022: There were two training sessions on intercultural and interpersonal communication. Participation was open to all members of the staff. The sessions took place online. We plan to IN PROGRESS organize subsequent events in the future. Our initial intention was to arrange onsite meetings, as, in our opinion, such a mode is the most efficient one in this case. Due to pandemic restrictions we managed to organized only 2 online sessions. Action 15 Timing (at least by year's Implementing a new mentoring strategy in the Regulations of the Doctoral School **GAP Principle(s)** quarter/semester) Responsible Unit Indicator(s) / Target(s) Director of IBCH 36. Relation with PAS, Deputy Director for 1 document - New regulations of the 4th quarter of 2020 /// Scientific Affairs, Doctoral School 40. Supervision Head of the //. Doctoral School

Current Status	Remarks
	According to the new Law on Higher Education, the Institute shall establish a Doctoral School which will replace the current Partnership-based Doctoral Program. Upon compiling regulations of this unit, we wish to introduce a set of stipulations ensuring PhD students with broader mentoring possibilities, going beyond standard cooperation with their supervisors. The Doctoral School will be launched since October 1st, 2019, and the aforementioned task will be assigned to the newly appointed Head
COMPLETED ▼	of the Doctoral School.
	2022: The Doctoral school was established in 2019 under the name of Poznań Doctoral School of the Institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The regulations of this institution specify the duties and obligations of the scientific supervisor when it comes to guidance for the doctoral student, selection of research topics and directions, as well as preparation of the doctoral dissertation.





Action 21 Setting up a common, indoor social space for all staff members	GAP Principle(s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester) Responsible Unit Indicator(s) / Target(s)
	24. Working conditio	Deputy Director for Administrative Affairs Administrative Affairs
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	IN PROGRESS ▼	Following feedback we received in the survey from December, it turned out that there is a need for a common social space for our employees. The Institute already has a patio where they can spend their free time, however its availability is limited due to weather conditions. Therefore, apart from the smaller, social rooms at laboratories and administrative buildings, a common social space for that matter will be arranged indoors. 2022: Additional dedicated social space was arranged in the main hall. Moreover, the existing social rooms were refurbished. At least one social space is available in every building at IBCH PAS campus.
Action 22		We are planning to arrange more social areas in the future. Timing (at least by
Monitoring gender balance within the IBCH PAS HR strategy.	GAP Principle(s)	year's quarter/semester) Responsible Unit Indicator(s) / Target(s)
	27. Gender balance	▼ continuous process /// Board of Director// BCH PAS and the other for IBCH PAS-PSNC
	Current Status	Remarks
	IN PROGRESS ▼	We still experience difficulties in achieving gender balance within our HR strategy. It is worth emphasizing that recruitment regulations at IBCH PAS have been amended in such a way that all recruitment commissions aim at balancing their composition in terms of gender. However, practically it turns out quite difficult to appoint members of the above mentioned commissions, based on their qualifications, and maintain gender balance at the same time. Therefore, we will keep paying special attention to this issue, and further monitor the situation. 2022: The Gender Equality Plan for IBCH PAS and IBCH PAS-PSNC entered into force in 2021. In line with its stipulations, two proxies were appointed, who monitor gender balance at th Institute.

Action 23		Timing (at least by year's		
Introducing English as a second language at the Institute.	GAP Principle(s)	quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)
	5. Contractual and legobligations 10. Non discrimination	▼ to be settled ///.	Director of IBCH PAS, Advisory Group for implementation of the English language as a second language at the Institute, the entire administration section of the lnstitute,	473 pages translated so far ///.
	Current Status	Remarks		
	IN PROGRESS ▼	communication within IBCH PAS biling	ual. It was decided that s regarding recruitment formulars were alread	nt and employment procedures should be

Action 24 Dissemination of regulations on the interim evaluation of researchers and PhD students.	GAP Principle(s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)
<u>///.</u>	11. Evaluation/ appraisal systems	▼ continuous action ///	Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs, Scientific Secretariat	1 evaluation period concerning researchers - report issued every two years 1 evaluation report per student, issued after the interim assessment taking place in the 2nd year of study.
	Current Status Remark	ks		
	associal 2022: It of this e statistic year of 2019, s admitte evaluat	n 2020 evaluation of all resear evaluation is available on the Ir al presentation across differer studies. Since the first PhD str everal PhD students have alre d to the Doctoral School by the	cedures should be earlier took place at IBC institute's website. It incit positions. Evaluation idents were admitted to ady been evaluated. See end of 2019, several mendations, are availa	CH PAS. Protocol summarizing the results luded a descriptive summary and of PhD students takes place after 2nd to the Doctoral School by the end of Since the first PhD students were PhD students have already been ble on the website of the Poznań
Action 25 Distribution of a newsletter addressed to the entire community of IBCH PAS, informing about funding	GAP Principle(s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)
opportunities and training offers concerning preparation of proposals, dissemination of research results, scientific communication, Intellectual Property Rights.	8. Dissemination, exploitation of results 28. Career development 31. Intellectual Property Rights	▼ continuous ///.	Scientific Secretariat ///.	12 issues per year ///.
	Current Status Remar	ks		
	IN PROGRESS ▼ being d now fea	unities. Since November 2021, lisseminated both in Polish and atures more information on trai	the newsletter that wa English. Moreover, a ning offers, concerning	ously focused mainly on funding s formerly prepared only in Polish is part from calls for proposals, the bulleting such topics as preparation of nunication, Intellectual Property Rights

Preparing a notice for the Board of Directors, on establishing the conditions of cooperation with the Universities located in Poznań, regarding possible admittance to their dormitories of incoming researchers and PhD students, who experience difficulties when it comes to finding accommodation in Poznań.

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Action 27

Organization of training courses in handling specialized equipment availale at IBCH PAS laboratories.



Current Status Remarks

NEW •

According to the survey conducted in early 2022 on implementation of the HR strategy at IBCH PAS, there is a need for providing help to incoming researchers and PhD students in finding their first accommodation in Poznań. University dormitories may be a good solution, due to their convenient location and availability.

GAP Principle(s)	year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)
4. Professional attitude 24. Working conditions 28. Career development 38. Continuing Professional Development 39. Access to research training and continuous development	▼ Twice a year ///.	Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs, Heads of the Institute laboratories	2 courses per year ///

Timing (at least by

Current Status

Remarks

NEW

According to the survey conducted in early 2022 on implementation of the HR strategy at IBCH PAS, there is a need for more frequent presentations of the offer of IBCH PAS Specialized Laboratories given for IBCH PAS researchers. Moreover, employees and PhD students demand more training in handling specialized equipment, particularly, the new and highly advanced one.

Action 28			Timing (at least by year's		
Release of the new edition of the "The principles of functioning of IBCH PAS".	GAP Principle(s)		quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)
	6. Accountability				
	7. Good practice in re	search			
	12. Recruitment				
li.	16. Judging merit (Co	de)	2023	Board of Directors	1 document
	24. Working condition		2020		T document ////
	28. Career developme	nt			
	37. Supervision and managerial duties				
	Current Status	Remarks			
	NEW ▼	in the upcor regulations, researcher units (Depa for the scien	ming reporting period. The procedures and Director's and PhD student, featuring rtments and Laboratories) ntific positions, the rights a	document will be upda s decrees. It is suppose g: the structure and or s, economic aspects of and duties of Pl's and h	AS" is being prepared - to be published ated in line with all the internal ed to be a user's manual for every ganization of the Institute's scientific their functioning, recruitment procedures leads, possible career paths of PhD's ning scientific activities in the Institute.
Action 29			Timing (at least by year's		
Survey on the "social needs" of the employees and PhD students.	GAP Principle(s)		quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)
	23. Research environs 24. Working condition 34. Complains/ appea	s +	2023 ///	Department of PR, Board of Director	1 survey ///
	Current Status	Remarks			
	NEW •	itself. In oth Therefore, i	er words we want to create	more friendly, open a	nts going beyond science and work and inclusive environment at IBCH PAS. nands, we will conduct a survey among

Action 30 Preparing a set of recommendations for the Board of Directors, regarding the need for a person dedicated to assist incoming researchers and PhD students with all the issues related to relocation to Poznań. //. Action 31 Distrubution of a reminder concerning the role of the Disciplinary Proceedings Representative at the Institute. Moreover, the reminder will concern the available communication channels, to be used in case of facing certain issues at work. 11.

GAP Principle(s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)	
4. Professional attitude 23. Research environment 24. Working conditions 29. Value of mobility	▼ 2022 //	Working Group for Implementation of the HR Strategy at IBCH PAS	1 letter to the Director	//.

29. Value of mobility			IBCH PAS ///.		
Current Status	Remarks				
According to the survey conducted in early 2022 on implementation of the HR strategy at IBCH PAS, there is a need for a person dedicated to assist incoming researchers and PhD students with all the issues related to relocation to Poznań. Several recommendations shall be presented to the Board of Directors, including the list of job duties for such an employee. On the basis of the aforementioned recommendations, the Directors will be able to decide whether a new position should be established, or should this person be recruited among current staff members, eg. project support specialists.					
GAP Principle(s)	year's	et least by semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)	
2. Ethical principles 3. Professional responsibility 4. Professional attitude 6. Accountability 10. Non discrimination 15. Transparency (Co 23. Research environt 24. Working condition 34. Complains/ appear	Twice a ye	ear <u>///,</u>	Board of Director	2 e-mails sent per year	<u>/h.</u>

Current Status	Remarks					
	Such a reminder is important, as new employees and PhD students are incoming to the Institute on a					
NEW ▼	regular basis. Furthermore, the need for commiunication channels was indicated in the 2022 survey,					
	which suggests that at least a part of IBCH PAS community is not aware of the existing means.					

Action 32 Adjusting the buildings within the IBCH PAS campus to the needs of the disabled persons.	GAP Principle(s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)		
	10. Non discriminat 23. Research envi 24. Working condit	2022 - 1st stage 2025 - completion	Board of Directo	1. Signeage in 2 languages and Braille for crucial rooms in all buildings - COMPLETED 2. Two typhlographic plans - at the main entrances (Noskowskiego St. and Wieniawskiego St.) - COMPLETED, 3. Corner overlays in contrasting colors on the steps of the stairs in building B - COMPLETED 4. Warning stripes in a contrasting color on the steps of main staircases - COMPLETED, 5. Toilet for the disabled, equipped with appropriate amenities (ground floor of building B) - COMPLETED 6. Lift for the disabled, ensuring access to all floor levels (ground floor of building B) - COMPLETED 7. Induction loop for hearing impaired (at the main reception desk) - COMPLETED 8. Lift for the disabled people wishing to enter building A using the stairs - to be installed in July 2022 - COMPLETED. 9. Warning stripes in a contrasting color on the steps of the remaining staircases - PENDING 10. Induction loop for hearing impaired (at all reception desks) - PENDING 11. Lift for the disabled people wishing to enter all the buildings PENDING 12. Additional toilets for the disabled, equipped with appropriate amenities (other building) - PENDING 13. Installing an external elevator at the building E PENDING		
	NEW -	Current Status Remarks Some of the tasks have already been accomplished, as listed in the indicators section. More actions shall be				
	11211	upcoming years. Seeking funding is	also in progress.	lh.		

Action 33		Timing (at least by year's			
Improving digital accessibility at IBCH PAS	GAP Principle(s)	quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)	
Mi.	10. Non discrimination 23. Research environ 24. Working condition	2022 - 1st stage 2025 - completion ///,	Board of Director///	1. Website automatically adjusting to the screen size. It can be enlarged using standard shortcuts COMPLETED 2. Font size that can be increased in articles, using the buttons available on the website COMPLETED 3. Text version of the website, along with a text version with enhanced contrast COMPLETED 4. Navigation through the website, using standard keyboard shortcuts, mouse or keyboard COMPLETED	
	Current Status	Remarks			
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	NEW •	When it comes to ensuring digital accessibility, we have taken steps to make the Institute's website available to people with various disabilities, e.g. vision impairment, hard of hearing or mobility disorders, but also with intellectual disabilities or cognitive disorders. Some of the tasks have already been accomplished, as listed in the indicators section.			