

The proposal of regular evaluation committee to the Minister of Education and Research of Republic of Estonia

Regular evaluation committee makes according to regulation number 83 done by Minister of Education and Research in Tartu on 15th December, 2009 **Detailed conditions and procedure for applying for, conducting and approving the result of regular evaluation of research and development** proposal to the Minister of Education and Research of Republic of Estonia to evaluate the research and development of the research and development institutions being evaluated in the corresponding field as following:

Research and development institution	Field of research and development	Proposal for evaluation
The Competence Centre on Health Technologies	Health	positive

Assessment of the Competence Centre on Health Technologies is added.

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Expert's opinion: The volume and level of R&D activities in comparison to international criteria.

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The research and development in the field being evaluated is characterized by a sufficient volume of financing taking into account the particularities of the field of research and the profile of the institution.	positive	
Research and development at the institution is characterized by contemporary and innovative range of topics for research.	positive	
The institution has international cooperation projects in the field being evaluated and/or participates in various international cooperation networks.	positive	
Experts' summary assessment	positive	

The CCHT has been able to attract a significant amount of competitive research money, both on the National and European level. These financial resources have been effectively used for conducting up-to-date and innovative research within the elected research fields of CCHT. CCHT has several collaborations with internationally leading institutions, which is critical for the success of CCHT.

Expert's opinion: R&D infrastructure (working premises and auxiliary facilities).

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal the necessary working and auxiliary facilities (premises).	positive	
The working facilities (premises) at the disposal of the institution's research groups in the field being evaluated are modern and fit for purpose.	positive	
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal, in the case of experimental themes, the necessary equipment and instruments.	positive	
The equipment and instruments at the disposal of the institution's research groups in the field being evaluated are, in the case of the experimental themes, modern and fit for purpose.	positive	
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have access to databases, specialized literature and other research infrastructures.	positive	
Experts' summary assessment	positive	

It is obvious for the evaluation panel that the infrastructure, incl. labs., equipment, facilities and access to data bases are fully compliant with high international standards. CCHT has managed to bring institutions together with complimentary expertise and laboratory infrastructure that enables the centre to conduct research at the forefront of the elected research areas.

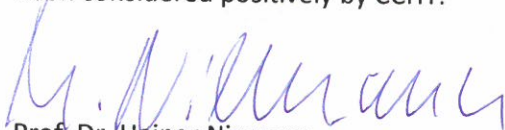
Expert's opinion: Qualification of researchers in comparison to international criteria.

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
A sufficient number of research staff are employed at the institution taking into account the volume and particularities of the R&D activities of the institution and the field being evaluated.	positive	
A sufficient number of the research staff have a recognized academic degree corresponding to Estonian legislative acts.	positive	
Doctoral dissertations have been successfully supervised in the last five years.	positive	
Research staff in the field being evaluated have received sufficient national or international honours and/or awards.	positive	
Research staff have published per researcher in the last 5 years a sufficient number of articles in international journals or peer-reviewed research monographs taking into account the particularities of the field of research being evaluated.	positive	
Research staff have filed applications for patents or for plant variety rights certificates in the name of the institution in the last 5 years.	positive	
Experts' summary assessment	positive	

Members of CCHT have been productive in writing peer reviewed publications, successfully supervising a high number of dissertations (PhD, MSC) and patent filing. However, there is some variation with regard to publication quality and frequency between individual PIs of CCHT.

Final assessment	positive	
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The CCHT has done well in the five years of the evaluation period until 2014. It is obviously well prepared for the next round of funding when the focus will shift more to "Personalized medicine" issues. In the future an even stronger integration and focussing on the major issues is desired and has been considered positively by CCHT.


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