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Subject
Position statement Executive Board - evaluation Van 't Hoff Institute for Molecular Sciences

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The Executive Board of the University of Amsterdam has received the final report of the research evaluation of the Van 't Hoff Institute for Molecular Sciences or HIMS (2017-2022). An international peer review committee, chaired by prof. dr. Hubertus Irth, carried out the evaluation in 2023, following the Strategy Evaluation Protocol 2021-2027. The Executive Board wishes to express its gratitude to the committee for carrying out this evaluation.

The Executive Board is pleased to see that the committee considers the quality of research conducted at HIMS to be very high and concludes that the viability of HIMS is excellent. Moreover, the committee positively regards the institute's societal impact, pointing out not only the large number of industry contacts and valorization by a number of spin-offs, but also extending to other areas like cultural heritage and law enforcement. The committee further remarks that research culture is open and supportive, resulting in a strong community that successfully trains independent, young researchers.

The Executive Board supports the Faculty of Science in using the recommendations of the evaluation report to further strengthen the performance of HIMS. This includes refining the institute's strategic plans, creating an overarching research area to fully integrate the potential of the individual themes, clarifying the guidelines regarding PhD graduation and making this information more readily available, striving for a greater uniformity with regards to RDM, giving the diversity team an autonomous position within the institute, and facilitating grant applications to secure instrument funding. Pursuing these various recommendations will make sure that HIMS further strengthens its position and continue its high-quality research.

Yours sincerely,
The Executive Board

Prof. Edith H. Hooge
President