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Executive Summary

The first Annual CLARA Supervisory Board (SB) meeting took place both online and in-person in Prague on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, as part of CLARA DAYS and the CLARA Annual Internal Meeting (the fourth meeting of the CLARA SB in total). The combined session of the SB and the management team featured a progress report on the first year of project implementation, highlighting the achievement of key performance indicators, the rollout of approved strategies, and major communication and dissemination activities. During the Annual Internal Meeting, the strategic research vision for the upcoming period was outlined, alongside a presentation on ethics and cross-compliance initiatives.

1. Introduction

The CLARA Supervisory Board (SB) meeting was held during CLARA Annual Meeting as the internal part of CLARA Days 2025. The event took place on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, physically at CIIRC CTU, RICAIP Testbed Prague, Jugoslávských partyzánů 1580/3, Prague 6 - Dejvice, Czech Republic, as well as online via MS Teams.

2. Agenda

Agenda of the Meeting (CLARA SB Members as well as CLARA Project Officer were invited to the whole program)

08:00 - 08:30   Registration and arrival of participants

08:30 - 08:40   Welcome and opening

     Prof. RNDr. Václav Snášel CSc, CLARA Director | INDRC
     Vít Dočkal, PhD, INDRC Director, CLARA SB Chair | INDRC

08:40 - 09:35   Ethics and Cross-compliance (55 minutes)

     Lalit Patil, PhD, Ethics & Security Specialist | INDRC

09:35 - 10:35   Strategic Research Vision

     Opening presentation and moderated discussion by **Ara S. Khachaturian**, PhD | INDRC

10:35 - 11:00   Coffee break

11:00 - 11:45   CLARA SB Meeting and Progress Report (45 minutes)

     Presented by **Vít Dočkal**, PhD, INDRC Director, CLARA SB Chair | INDRC

11:45 - 12:30   Lunch with continuous discussions within CLARA teams

2.1. Welcome and opening

The event began with and opening address from the CLARA Director, prof. Václav Snášel who welcomed all attendees and acknowledged the contributions of the CLARA team to date.
It was announced that Dr. Vít Dočkal took the role of CLARA Supervisory Board Chair, replacing Lenka Uldrijanová, following his election as INDCR Director. Eva Dočkalová has been appointed General Project Manager of CLARA, with both appointments taking effect on 1 October 2025.
Following that, CLARA SB Chair, Dr. Vít Dočkal summarized the first year of CLARA implementation, underscoring its principal accomplishments and overall progress.

2.2. Ethics and Cross-compliance

Dr. Lalit Patil, the Ethics & Security Specialist at INDRC, presented CLARA's ethics and cross-compliance framework, outlining its six pillars of governance. Each pillar contributes to a cohesive ethical architecture that cultivates an

ecosystem of responsibility and trust. Collectively, these pillars guarantee that CLARA's research upholds the highest standards of integrity while advancing the frontiers of innovation.

The pillars include areas of:

- AI governance – a comprehensive oversight of AI systems, ensuring ethical development and deployment across all research projects.
- Research ethics – a rigorous ethical review processed protecting human subjects and ensuring scientific integrity.
- Digital humanism - a human-centered approach to technology development and social responsibility.
- GDPR compliance – a robust data protection frameworks safeguarding personal information and privacy rights.
- DNSH framework – Do Not Significant Harm principles ensuring environmental and social responsibility.
- Conflict of interest – a clear disclosure and management systems maintaining research objectivity and stakeholder trust.

2.3. Strategic research vision

Dr. Ara Khachaturian chaired a discussion on the next research steps for CLARA, highlighting the submitted GUIDE project—Generative AI for Understanding and Discovering Disease Mechanisms, Biomarkers, and Therapeutics. The team outlined further work that will dovetail with activities from the successful CZAI (Czech AI Factory) initiative. All efforts converge on a shared ambition: to create an open, international platform underpinned by a common conceptual framework that aggregates, harmonizes, and synthesizes existing knowledge and datasets across borders.

Looking ahead, the research agenda pivots toward in-silico modeling and tool development that can translate massive, heterogeneous data streams into actionable insights. To that end, CLARA will concentrate on a flagship use case that integrates all participating research programs, serving as a testbed for the platform's interoperability, scalability, and real-world impact.

2.4. CLARA SB Meeting and Progress report

The following members of the CLARA SB participated on the meeting:

<u>In person at CIIRC CTU:</u>
Vít Dočkal (INDRC) – Chair of the CLARA SB
Adam Schwarz (GE Healthcare)
Ira Haraldsen (Oslo University Hospital)
Ninon Burgos (PBI)
Petra Mikešová (CIIRC CTU)

<u>Online via MS Teams:</u>
Dieter Kranzlmüller (LRZ)
Michal Masařík (ICRC)
Peter Conveney (UCL)
Radek Zbořil (VSB-TUO)

Summary of the resolutions approved during the meeting: No resolutions were made during this meeting.

Since all nine members of the SB participated in the meeting (in person or online via MS Teams), the SB was quorate, in accordance with CLARA Statute and Project Consortium Agreement (PCA). Pursuant to Art. 6.3.8. of the PCA, SB shall constitute a quorum if ⅔ of appointed members of the CLARA Supervisory Board are present (6 members). All members were duly invited. The SB meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the SB Vít Dočkal.

Dr. Vít Dočkal reminded everyone involved in the CLARA mission of the project's remarkable achievement. The CLARA concept was developed before emerging technologies such as large-language models and QC became generally available. This underscores the team's foresight and dedication in laying a solid foundation that now positions CLARA to capitalize on these cutting-edge tools.

Dr. Dočkal presented a comprehensive overview of CLARA's progress, covering the status of submitted deliverables and milestones, the attainment of key performance indicators (KPIs), and the execution of strategic initiatives. He emphasized that the primary priority moving forward is to establish a sustainable model for the Centre's long-term operation.

Conclusion

The first Annual CLARA Supervisory Board meeting was held successfully during CLARA Days and the Annual Internal Meeting. Every board member attended, either in person or via Microsoft Teams. The distinguished guest, Project Officer Angelica Valente, also took part, delivering a strategic presentation on reporting and implementation principles. She emphasized the obligation of proper acknowledgement of the EU funding in project results and outcomes.

All deliverables and milestones have been completed on schedule and meet the expected internal quality standards. According to the latest internal progress reports, CLARA's key performance indicators indicate solid progress, and no new risks have been identified.

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