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To at the Palacky University in Olomouc

I write this letter to support Jan Švec, Associate Professor at the Department of Biophysics/Experimental Physics, Faculty of Sciences at the Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic.

I have known Professor Jan Švec for several decades of years and I have met him at a great number of conferences on voice research. Being internationally acknowledged as one of the top experts in field, he frequently is invited as keynote speaker. Among his gifts of particular importance to research is his skill in identifying and finding answers to important research questions, both in basic physics aspects of voice production and in the area of clinical work. His presentation skills are excellent, demonstrating expertise in explaining and showing the practical relevance also of quite complicated matters.

His invention and development of videokymography has been groundbreaking, opening unprecedented possibilities to low-cost, high-speed analysis of vocal fold vibration characteristics. I have had the privilege of working with him in two investigations using this device (Herbst CT, Hess M, Müller F, Švec JG, Sundberg J: Glottal Adduction and Subglottal Pressure in Singing. J Voice 29, 391-402; Švec J, Sundberg J, Hertegård S, Three registers in an untrained female singer analyzed by videokymography, strobolarinoscopy and sound spectrography, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 123:1, 2008, 347 – 353) .

Jan Švec is a kind, unassuming and cooperative person. He has established creative and fruitful cooperation with a great number of colleagues as well as researchers from other disciplines, such as medicine, physics, voice therapy and pedagogy.

I congratulate Palacky University to have Jan Svec in the faculty; he adds significantly to its international visibility. I strongly recommend that you to award him a full professorship and full support.

KTH as above

/Johan Sundberg/