

Cadarache, August 27 août 2021

Re : Letter of recommendation for Dr. Pavel Pospisil

Dean of Faculty of Science
Palacky University in Olomouc
Czech Republic

Dear Sir,

I first met Dr. Pavel Pospisil in Olomouc during an invitation to give a seminar in the Department of Biophysics at Palacky University. At this occasion, I had the opportunity to discuss with Dr. Pospisil and his team as well as with his colleagues and to initiate a collaboration that proved to be fruitful. In addition to 3 publications in peer-reviewed journals, I welcomed in my laboratory a collaborator of Dr. Pospisil (Dr. Marek Rac) for a 6-months postdoctoral fellowship which resulted in an additional publication.

Dr. Pospisil has a fairly high publication rate of about 4-5 publications/year which has allowed him to gain international recognition in the field of free radical plant biology. It is worthwhile mentioning that Dr. Pospisil has also been guest editor of 4 special issues for different scientific journals, illustrating his capacity to coordinate and organize multi-lateral scientific activities. He has also conducted significant work in photosynthesis in his early years of research, especially on Photosystem II using different biophysical techniques. Dr. Pospisil has become one of the international experts in the imaging and biophysical analysis of radicals and reactive oxygen species in living cells. He has developed/improved the use of several biophysical techniques to characterize oxidative stress in plants and animal cells.

I am not in a position to judge Dr. Pospisil's teaching skills, but I have been able to observe his supervision and follow-up of PhD students and postdocs in his laboratory, which testify to Dr. Pospisil's constant concern to help the members of his laboratory to progress and to accompany them in the early stages of their scientific career.

Dr. Pavel Pospisil is an excellent and renowned researcher who is conducting an original research in free radical biology. In my opinion, his scientific work contributes to the reputation of Palacky University in the field of biophysics. I consider that Dr. Pospisil has the qualities required for a promotion to full professorship.

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