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Recommendation Letter for the Promotion of Prof. Libor Kvitek to Full Professor

I am privileged to write this recommendation letter in support of the promotion of Prof. Libor Kvitek, to Full Professor at the Palacky University. His achievements in the last few years are well beyond what I have expected based on his early performance. I have judged his performances only in the years 2011-2018. This because Prof. Kvitek was promoted to Assoc. Prof. on 2010, and what count in my evaluation is what he has done since his last promotion. I'll open by saying that he is fully entitled to become a full Professor based on his achievements since he became an associate Professor.

As someone that is used to write such recommendation letters and has set on many promotion committees in my University and others in Israel what you must take into account in considering his is the following credits 1) Number of research papers in high graded journals 2) Number of research grants 3) educating graduate students and 4) international visibility.

I have searched the Web of Science to count his list of papers published from 2011-2018, and I found that Libor has published 43 papers in this period. These papers were published in very good journals such as Chem. Mater., Green Chem., J. Phys. Chem., Biomater., and above all Nature Nanomater. This is an appreciable amount of publications and their quality and originality are evidenced by the quality of the journals.

I am also impressed by the list of his research grants which is another indication for the quality of his research. Libor has obtained 4 grants as the principal investigator and one grant as co-investigator (project directed by the company formed by Palacky University). Libor was a team member in seven other big research projects.

3) The information I have received indicates that he has advised and supervised 64 B. Sc. , 39 M.Sc. and 5 Ph. D. students. I don't know how many of them relate to the period 2011-2018, but my guess is that most of them graduated during this period.

and 4) international visibility, Libor has presented 4 invited talks and 7 regular lectures in international conferences. I am not familiar with the support that he got to travel to international conferences, but 11 lectures seem to me as sufficient to have an impact to researchers in his field.

I am currently loaded with grant applications and evaluating papers. I have put everything aside because I felt that justice to Prof. Kvitek must be done because he should already be a Full Professor. I think that Libor would have been promoted to Full Professor in my University and in other Israeli Universities based on his record. I therefore enthusiastically support his promotion to Full Professor.

Yours Sincerely

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