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Letter of support of promotion to full professorship for Dr. Vladimír Remeš

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Dr. Remeš for promotion to the rank of full Professor of Zoology at the Faculty of Science, Palacky University in Olomouc.

I met Dr. Remeš in 2019 in Berlin, where I gave a course in agent-based modelling, which he attended. Dr. Remeš was keen to learn this method so he could use it as an additional tool to address his research questions.

During our interactions in that course, I realized that Dr. Remeš stands out in terms of scientific skills and inspiration. He is full of exciting new ideas and has the right skills, and perseverance, to explore them.

I was therefore excited when he contacted me after the course and suggested a collaboration. He visited me shortly after the course, and we outlined a joint research project which links evolutionary, behavioral, and ecological aspects of the group living of animals. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our collaboration was delayed and my planned visit to Olomouc in 2021 cancelled, but we resumed collaboration during a recent visit of Dr. Remeš to Leipzig.

I am impressed by Dr. Remeš academic track record, in particular by the width and depth of his research interests. Again, he stands out in merging evolutionary, behavioral, and ecological aspects to formulate research questions that often go beyond disciplinary approaches. He also combines a wide range of scientific tools, including field and experimental work, advanced statistics, meta-analyses, and, in the future together with me, agent-based modelling.

He has published in a wide range of leading journals, including Evolution, J.

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Anim. Ecology, and PNAS. His work is also well-cited.

I am also impressed by Dr. Remeš numerous international contacts, collaborators, and co-authors, which he made possible during research stays, often funded via highly competitive grants, such as Fullbright, to the USA, UK, Australia, and other countries.

Looking at his CV, he obviously very actively fulfills his role as a Associate Professor in terms of teaching, supervising students, committee work, receiving grants, and acting as a reviewer of journal articles and grant proposals.

I reviewed numerous applications for promotion to full professorship, not only in Germany, but also UK, USA, Australia, and other countries. Based on this experience I can say that there can be no doubt that Dr. Remeš fulfills all criteria for being promoted to full professorship.

Sincerely yours,
