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## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To whom it may concern:

### **Associate Professor Miroslav Ondrejovič**

I would like to take this opportunity to highly recommend Associate Professor Miroslav Ondrejovič, PhD for the title of Professor of Molecular Biology at the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava.

I have personally known Associate Professor Miroslav Ondrejovič since 2019, when he visited the University of Trieste within an Erasmus exchange programme with the University St. Cyril and Methodius. At that time, we discussed not only organizational details for the exchange of students between our universities, but also a possible scientific collaboration on the development of protease inhibitors with antiviral and antitumor effects. Later, in October 2019, I visited the St. Cyril and Methodius University in Trnava for a series of lectures for the PhD program in biotechnology and we further discussed this possibility, that eventually resulted in a collaboration on the evaluation of anti SARS-2 (Covid-19) compounds, with a joint publication now in preparation. Since then, I had many opportunities to appreciate Prof. Ondrejovič dedication to science and to the development of the field of Molecular Biology at the St. Cyril and Methodius University, his deep involvement in teaching and mentoring at the undergraduate, graduate and PhD levels, his organizational skills and contributions to academic activities.

Miroslav Ondrejovič's academic career started in 2007, as Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the St. Cyril and Methodius University, where he has been Associate Professor of Biotechnology since 2015. During his 7 years as Associate Professor, Miroslav Ondrejovič has supervised an impressive number of 41 Theses (6 RNDr, 17 MSc, 18 BSc) and has published 6 teaching textbooks and laboratory manuals in the broad area of biochemistry and biotechnology.

Associate Professor Ondrejovič's scientific interests are focused on enzymes, particularly from plants and fungi, and their applications to agro/food and

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environmental technologies. In this field he has authored 57 papers abstracted in WOS and SCOPUS with over 500 citations. He is also the author of 2 scientific monographies, 1 book, 1 book chapter and 34 communications at national (18) and international (16) conferences. His networking abilities are confirmed by the participation to 20 national and 5 international research projects; his established leadership in this field is demonstrated by the coordination of two further projects (1 national and 1 international).

In conclusion, I firmly believe that Dr. Miroslav Ondrejovič has shown convincing evidence of high scientific quality, combined with an excellent teaching record and a broad academic experience.

For these reasons I strongly recommend Dr. Ondrejovič be awarded a Professorship in Molecular Biology by the St. Cyril and Methodius University in Trnava, and, if requested, will be glad to personally confirm my recommendation.

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