

To whom it may concern

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION for Daniel MIHALIK

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Doc. Mgr. Daniel Mihálik, PhD. has been known personally for a relatively long time and I have had a chance to work with him. That time he worked for Research Institute of Plant Production, National Agricultural and Food Center in Piestany. In that time, I had two times two-year bilateral international research collaboration with his institution.

Mr. D. Mihálik had a research program on the transgenic cereals studying production of polyunsaturated fatty acids. Because I have already had relatively long research practice in cereal genetic transformation, it was a good chance to collaborate in this field. From our collaboration a common publication was released in 2015 in an excellent International Journal of **Molecular Sciences** (MDPI).

As I know, he is in preparation of professorship of molecular biology at the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia. After our scientific collaboration, I can recommend him for this position. As I know from the University's condition - criteria for inauguration as professor – his parameters in all of the points (I-VI.) are significantly over the requirements.

After my personal contact with him and his excellent scientific progress, **I** recommend him for the professorship. He is a well-known scientist and I am sure he can direct his department very well, after the national and international requirements - in future.

Prof. János Pauk, DSc, professor

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