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**Subject: Recommendation for the position of Rector Dr. Laura Monica Gorghiu**

Dear Madam / Sir

It is a great pleasure that I am writing a letter of recommendation for the Rector's position of Valahia University at Targoviste, Romania on behalf of Dr. Laura-Monica Gorghiu, who is currently vice-Rector at the same University. Even though I personally met Dr. L-M Gorghiu few times in the past, I have been acquainted with some of her work since 2006.

My name is George Alexiou and I have a Ph.D in Electronics from the University of Patras, Greece. Also I have a Bachelor in Physics from the University of Patras, Greece. Currently, I am professor in the Department of Computer Eng and Informatics, University of Patras, Greece. During the last two decades I have also served as collaborative professor in the Hellenic Open University (18 years). My main research interests are on VLSI Systems Design, VLSI CAD, VLSI Signal Processing, Wireless Computer Networks & RF Data Communications, Microprocessors & Multiprocessor Systems, Biomedical Applications, and Educational Software. I have also served in the editorial board of various international and national Conferences and Journals. Finally, my scientific work has been published about 100 scientific papers including international journals, proceedings of international conferences and books.

The purpose of this letter is to support the application of Dr. L-M Gorghiu for the Rector's position at Valahia University at Targoviste, Romania.

The first time I have met Dr. Laura Monica Gorghiu was in (2006), with the occasion of our partnership in the context of the European project Socrates-Comenius 2.1 128989-CP-1-2006-1-ROCOMENIUS-C21: "VccSse - Virtual Community Collaborating Space for Science Education" (2006-2009);

<http://vccsse.ssai.valahia.ro> where, Dr. L-M Gorghiu was the main contributor of the project.

From the first time I was impressed by Dr L-M Gorghiu's personality in terms of her extraordinary leading, communication and organization skills, as well as her knowledge and skills -about Science Education, didactical methods with the use of Technology- which formed the basis for the success of our project and its selection among the 50 most successful European projects of the last decade. Then, we had several opportunities where we met, in the frame of the aforementioned project with the occasion of 9 transnational project meetings. In the past years (2014-2016), we also collaborated in the frame of the European project 2014-1-RO01-KA200-002931: 'EduForHealth - Let's make it better! Raising the awareness of the triad nutrition-health-food safety in school education'. Dr L-M Gorghiu was also main contributor to this project.

Related to Dr. L-M Gorghiu's academic work, I have noticed that she was actively and effectively involved in international or national levels of various educational and/or research projects oriented on introducing or extending the role of ICT in education, but also projects that targeted to Science education. In fact, Dr L-M Gorghiu has participated in a large number of international and national research / educational projects. In this respect, I appreciate Dr. L-M Gorghiu's academic work in a number of projects, where she was the main contributor in terms of ICT use in Science Education and on the development of huge multinational learning communities. Dr. L-M Gorghiu is very active in the ERASMUS+ program as an individual and also as university coordinator.

Finally, based on my experience from the collaboration with Dr L-M Gorghiu, I could suggest that she has a charismatic personality in terms of extraordinary communication and organization skills, team spirit, effective leadership capabilities, positivity, authenticity as well as the ability to act smoothly, fast and smart to solve problems. Dr L-M Gorghiu is also a charismatic scientific project contributor and leader, a very good communicator and team builder and a gorgeous scientist in the area of the production of ICT-based educational artifacts so that be effectively integrated in Science education settings. In summary, I strongly support Dr. L-M Gorghiu's application for a Rectors' position.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Ph. Alexiou', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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