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LAURA MONICA GORGHIU - A testimonial

It is a privilege to write a support testimony for Prof. Laura Monica Gorghiu, for the position of Rector of Valahia University of Targoviste.

I see Prof. Laura Monica as an outstanding candidate for this position. She carries a rich background and experiences both in science (chemistry and biochemistry) and in teaching and education, along with excellent management abilities, and a personality which makes it a pleasure to work with. This combination allows her to be a successful and very productive colleague in every field or project she is taking part in.

As a researcher she is focusing on improving science education in general and chemistry education in particular and supporting it by integration of innovative technologies.

She holds a wide perspective focusing on many aspects: curriculum and pedagogy, supporting the development of inquiry practices and technology integration, and finally a strong focus on teachers preparation.

I find this unusual as most scholars tend to focus on smaller pieces of the puzzle. Such a wide perspective requires high academic skills and holds the premise of a huge impact on science education.

I know Prof. Gorghiu from European projects such as Profiles, Irressitible and Engage, in which her leadership was demonstrated. I also visited Valahia University of Targoviste and was very impressed from the process of building new laboratories and reforming chemistry education in the University.

I also would like to note that Prof. Gorghiu demonstrates outstanding performance in all other academic criteria: management, teaching, mentoring graduate students, writing grants and publications. Prof. Gorghiu contributes continuously and meaningfully to the community by improving science teaching in Romania, in Europe and internationally.
I am confident that based upon her experience and accomplishments she will lead the university to great successes, national and international recognition.

Sincerely

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