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To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam:

It gives me an immense pleasure to represent the Bachelor Thesis by Nicolas Kuiper and Martin Westberg "Stochastic Runge–Kutta Lawson Schemes for European and Asian Options under the Heston Model" submitted for the Skandia Best Master and Bachelor Theses Awards.

While supervising their work, I found the chosen topic very relevant for financial engineers both in Sweden and around the globe. Indeed, the fast rising and spreading new kinds of options and other financial derivatives raise new theoretical and practical problems in financial mathematics.

Do we already have methods which may be used for analysis and forecasting in this situation? The authors successfully use new numerical methods in order to tackle with the above formulated task.

In my opinion, the thesis by Nicolas Kuiper and Martin Westberg is an essential contribution to the financial engineering and will become a strong competitor in the fight for the awards.

Yours sincerely,

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