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Subject: Letter of recommendation for Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stefan Nevlacsil

Dear Madams and Sirs,

I am writing in order to strongly support Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stefan Nevlacsil's application for a position company / lab.

I am currently a Full Professor of Medical Physics and Chair of the Center for Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering at the Medical University of Vienna, Austria. From April 2006 to September 2009, I was a Professor of Biomedical Imaging at the School of Optometry and Vision Sciences at Cardiff University in Wales, United Kingdom. So far, my research group has accomplished pioneering work and has played a leading role in the development and commercialization of optical coherence tomography (OCT).

I know Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stefan Nevlacsil since 2016, when he started as a PhD student in our Center at the Medical University of Vienna working in the field of miniaturizing OCT on a chip using photonics integrated circuits (PICs), that he not only simulated and designed but also tested and analysed.

Since the very beginning I do appreciate Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stefan Nevlacsil as a *comprehensive, thoughtful and extremely innovative researcher* in the field of simulating and designing PICs as well as optical imaging. He exactly knows where he wants to go and what he wants to accomplish with his research, he is hard working and due to his strong experimental physics but background, he was and still is an extremely important as well as pleasant co-worker and collaborator in our lab. He is always willing to help others and hence I know him as an easy-going colleague and a great team player.

It is noteworthy that Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stefan Nevlacsil was also significantly involved in the coordination of two European projects where he also had industry contact with ams-OSRAM, CARL ZEISS Meditec, NANOSCRIBE, Lionix



and others and was also involve in the submission of other projects and patents.

As a consequence, Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stefan Nevlacsil has a broad range of extremely interesting technical skills. During his PhD he has already been involved in 13 publications and proceedings that have been cited more than 120 times so far. He also successfully presented his work on international conferences.

I can honestly say that Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stefan Nevlacsil is in the top 10% of PhD students I was blessed to work with and hence he would be a brilliant postdoc in my laboratory. For these reasons I strongly support Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stefan Nevlacsil's application in your company / lab. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any further questions.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely

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