



May 15, 2019

Dear Organizers,

I am happy to write a letter in strong support of Alex Best's application to attend Journées Arithmétiques XXXI.

Alex is a third-year PhD student at Boston University carrying out research under my supervision. Alex's current work concerns algorithmic aspects of computing zeta functions of curves over finite fields and Coleman's p -adic integration theory. He has published two papers and has another manuscript under preparation.

In light of Alex's research interests and background, attending Journées Arithmétiques would be a valuable experience for him, as it will give him a chance to meet the experts in our field and learn about potential new directions of research. I strongly support his participation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me (jbala@bu.edu).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jennifer Balakrishnan".

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