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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Proposal by Academic Computer Center (ACC) Cyfronet

I am writing to express our strong support for this proposal to provide enhanced training for computational scientists. Computing is as important to 21st Century science as telescopes were in the 19th Century and particle accelerators in the 20th. However, most scientists are still never taught how to design, build, maintain, validate, and share software correctly and efficiently. Software Carpentry will therefore work with Cyfronet to address this shortcoming by delivering intensive workshops on fundamental software skills for research scientists at all career stages so that they can get more done in less time, and with less pain. In specific, we will help Cyfronet staff teach the "common core" of task automation, version control, structured program development, and software testing by:

- providing online training for instructors,
- supplying open access learning materials,
- coordinating assessment of learners in ways consistent with that done at other high-performance computing centers, and
- providing opportunities for Cyfronet instructors to work side-by-side with colleagues at other institutions to share teaching techniques and materials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gregory V. Wilson".

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