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To whom it may concern

I know Dr. Nicola Vianello since many years, when he first came to my attention during a Joint Lausanne Varenna meeting on Plasma Physics. We have in recent years on occasion collaborated with respect to measurements on the Asdex Upgrade tokamak and interpretation of data from RFX.

I have experienced Dr. Vianello as an inspiring scientist, who is eager to take the initiative, and always explores innovative ways in his work. Dr. Vianello is devoted to achieving the best results possible and to contributing to the group he is working with. His activities are focused, but not restricted to the topic of his work and he thus proved to be a motivating, reliable, and guiding factor in the interactions I had with him.

Dr. Vianello is an open, interested, and social person. The discussions we frequently had and have are characterised by scientific curiosity and a high standard of intellectual performance combined with excellent knowledge of his working area. He is in my experience not shy to endeavour into new activities and methods even if they are frowned upon by more innovation shy members of the community.

I am sure he will be an asset to and inspiring leader of any scientific activity and I wish him the very best for his future.

Do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions I can answer.

Yours sincerely,



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