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Recommendation letter for Veselin Filev

Dear Colleagues,

I enthusiastically recommend Dr. Veselin Filev to you for a position at the Institute for Nuclear Research and Nuclear Energy of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. I recommend him without hesitation or reservation. Veselin is an outstanding research physicist and scientist. He has wide knowledge of a large number of areas of theoretical physics especially quantum field theory, general relativity, string theory and particle physics. He also has extensive experience in numerical calculations and is exceptionally quick to learn and master new material.

I have known Veselin since he joined DIAS in September 2008 as a Government of Ireland postdoctoral scholar, one of the prestigious postdoctoral awarded in Ireland. He went on to win an IRCSET Marie Curie postdoctoral fellowship to work in Munich—making him a *Marie Curie Alumnus*. He was subsequently awarded a DIAS scholarship to continue his excellent work as part of my research group.

Veselin and I now have eight joint publications with several others in the works. It has been a great pleasure to work with him and I look forward to continuing our collaboration.

Veselin is now at a critical stage in his career where his international reputation is about to blossom and I am confident that a position at the Institute for Nuclear Research and Nuclear Energy would be the ideal launching ground for his future career. Once appointed, and with your continued support, his energy, drive and reputation will optimise his chances of obtaining European research funding.

Veselin is also a superb colleague and exceptionally pleasant person to work with. He is generally patient, considerate and conscientious. He is also very helpful with students and colleagues and is greatly missed here at DIAS. I enthusiastically recommend him to you with pleasure and I am very confident that you will benefit from having him as part of your team.

Yours Sincerely,

Denjoe O'Connor,

Senior Professor,

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