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To Assoc. Prof. Martin Kubala, Ph.O. The Dean Faculty of Science • NS KENMERK Palacký University Olomouc u w KENMERK 17.Listopadu1192/12, 779 00 Olomouc LEUV EN Czech Republic

## **Re: Letter of Support**

Dear Colleague,

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Wim Dehaen, full Professor at the Department of Chemistry of KU Leuven (Belgium), for information see website <u>https://chem.kuleuven.be/en/research/mds/losa</u> I have promoted 80 Ph D students, have Hirsch index 65, >20000 citations

It has come to my attention that you are considering Dr Milan Urban for a position of Full professor. I have known Dr Urban since some time, as we are both having an interest in triterpene chemistry and the biological applications. There were even at some point some exchanges of Ph D students between our two groups, for instance Drs Lucie Borkova and Jan Pokorny. Dr Urban has made several high impact contributions to the field of organic synthesis of triterpenes, and ether molecules of medicina! chemistry interest. Especially noteworthy are his recent reports in the 01 journal Eur J Med Chem. Next to his outstanding list of publications he also contributed to book chapters and in valorizing the research under the form of patents. I am confident that he has the potential to continue to be very successful in a next stage of his career where he would become Full Professor at your University.

Thus, I would like to fully support Dr Milan I)rban as a candidate for the position of Full Professor.

With respect,

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