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Letter of Reference: Dr. Jitka Komarkova

To the members of the promotion committee at University of Pardubice,

It was my pleasure to get in touch with Dr. Jitka Komarkova already in 2012 in the context of a two-week research visit to Aalto University. Assoc. Prof. Komarkova visited our university with her colleagues Dr. Miloslav Hub and Dr. Pavel Sedlak in August 2012 as part of the research activities in NeoCartolink, a European ESF project. My research on user-centred design of maps and cartographic applications had connections to Finnish Geodetic Institute, now part of National Land Survey organization in Finland. Dr. Annu-Maaria Nivala had been working on her doctoral thesis research on that specific topic. The usability aspects of maps and GIS applications provided the mutually interesting domain for our academic discussions.

Throughout the visit, Prof. Komarkova's team had an intensive program during which they familiarized with various lines of research and education at Aalto University and other research institutes in the field. I was most glad to recognize the keen interest that Prof. Komarkova had towards the various research projects with the strong intent to elaborate on the new and emerging possibilities of the presented approaches to the future research that could be applied at University of Pardubice, too. Prof. Komarkova's active exploration and discussion on fresh ideas that could be explored further showed her interest towards longitudinal development of university research, education, and international collaboration.

During the visit and the resulting activities, I learnt to know Prof. Komarkova as a goal-oriented scholar with whom it is easy to advance with the academic themes and plans on further collaboration. These are the kinds of aspects and qualities that I consider most important for full professors. Based on these aspects I am happy to support the promotion of Prof. Jitka Komarkova with expectations on sustaining academic connections with her.

Yours sincerely,



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