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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

To whom it may concern

With this letter, the Faculty of Engineering Science of KU Leuven wishes to express its support for the Summer School of Science project held in Požega, Croatia.

The Summer School of Science is an international workshop for gifted high school students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The School provides the inspiring environment in which students get to learn the scientific method through work on real scientific projects. In addition, the School encourages intercultural understanding and networking. School's alumni population now counts 350 students from more than 20 countries, and a number of volunteer mentors from top scientific institutions were trained as mentors.

The Summer School of Science is organized by a Croatian non-profit organization 'Society for Out-of-Frame Education' founded by young scientists. Within the 15 years of its existence, the School received support from Croatian government, Amgen Foundation, ETH Zürich, Open Society Foundation, Google RISE Award and through European Union FP7 grants.

The Summer School of Science has a strong and lasting connection with KU Leuven. Students and staff of KU Leuven have participated in the School in various roles: as organizers of the project, mentors and invited lecturers. Furthermore, 'Innovation Lab' of KU Leuven kindly supported this project by providing the equipment for a workshop at 2011 edition of the Summer School.

Therefore, the Faculty of Engineering Science at KU Leuven recognizes the Summer School of Science as an important educational platform and therefore expresses its full academic support for this project.

Yours faithfully



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