

To whom it may concern:

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I was flattered and genuinely intrigued by the invitation from Matilda Males and Jelena Tica to come and give a lecture at the Sumer School of Science 2015, held in town of Pozega, Croatia. Matilda and Jelena have organized Summer School of Science in a beautiful modern building belonging to the biggest high school in Pozega. The school and labs are well equipped keeping in tradition with a long history of scientific excellence in this school. This is made possible by the school principal who greatly values scientific education and town mayor who recognizes the importance of the high quality education for the next generation of Pozega citizens and who realizes that facilitating Summer School of Science in Pozega places the town on the scientific map of Europe.

Sumer School of Science enrolls high school students with curious nature and genuine interest in science. Students are drawn from all over Europe with good balance of representation from northern, central and southern Europe. During their stay in Pozega students are divided into smaller groups that pursue various practical projects. Graduate students whose expertise is most relevant for the nature of the project lead each project. Importantly, graduate students who thoughtfully and methodically guide attendants through these projects dedicate their free time to participate in Sumer School of Science. In addition to practical projects, students are also exposed to lectures by thought leaders from different scientific fields. I found attendants and project leaders to be very enthusiastic about their projects, lectures and all other activities related to Sumer School of Science.

Holding Sumer School of Science year after year, designing practical projects, inviting lecturers and organizing all the logistics requires a lot of skills, time and dedication. Matilda Males and Jelena Tica do all that while at the same time managing their graduate/postdoctoral studies. They have done an admirable job so far and I sincerely hope that they continue to organize Sumer School of Science in the future. Unfortunately, their energy and dedication to teaching the power of science to teenagers from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds are not sufficient as organizing this kind of endeavor also requires considerable amount of money. I hope recipient of this letter will recognize the value of this event and help them instill love for science and learning into new generations of curious teenagers.

In conclusion, I believe Summer School of Science has profound positive impact on attendants, lecturers and organizers and I fully support its continuation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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