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Dear professor Mecsi

I am writing this letter intending to support the nomination of Dr. Win Aung as recipient of the honorary doctorate degree of the University of Pecs.

Dr. Aung started as a typical researcher working on an Academic field, in his case on heat and mass transfer. While this was his main activity he served in the prestigious Bell Laboratories in Whippany, NJ. Dr. Aung has international recognition as an outstanding researcher in this area and has kept himself active until now by publishing several papers and books, and by advising graduate students.

His main accomplishments, nevertheless, occurred while serving in the NSF. He joined the NSF as a career member in 1974 where he serves until today. In the NSF he had the means to use his extraordinary ability to spot strategic themes as well as to devise the mechanisms to reach the objectives set by these themes. Soon he received the first "NSF Federal Engineer of the Year" award (1986).

By browsing the résumé of Dr. Aung we understand his holistic vision and his comprehension of Engineering Education and Engineering Research as themes of international scope that need, on one hand, a profound understanding of this intrinsically multidisciplinary set of areas of study and, on the other hand, the necessity to form an international community of thinkers, university professors, practitioners, members of the government

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and representatives of professional societies. He soon helped the NSF in devising national and international programs intending to foster these strategic activities.

In order to achieve the complex goal he imposed to himself, Dr. Aung organized two sets of conferences; the currently well established ICEES and the newly devised iCEERs. The first set deals with Engineering Education, whereas the second extends its scope to Engineering Research.

I would like to emphasize that my knowledge of Dr. Aung spans for a period of more than 15 years. The relevance of his accomplishments by far exceeds the facts modestly presented by himself in his résumé. The several international prizes and honorary titles he has already received are a clear consequence of the international perception of his hard work on organizing several international events, and also in preparing the partnerships that have been conceived along these events. I witnessed the evolution of some of these international meetings into two relevant processes of Engineering Education modernization in Brazil, with extremely positive consequences to the Educational processes and to the approximation of the Academia and the industry in this field. Similar facts also have been developed in several countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

I strongly recommend the nomination of Dr. Win Aung to receive the honorary doctorate degree, a very distinct award of the University of Pecs, as recognition to his life-long involvement on Engineering Education and Research.

Yours sincerely

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