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Professor Santiago Garcia-Granda
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Subject: Support of the bid of the Croatian Crystallographic Association for organization of the 29th European Crystallographic Meeting

Dear Professor Garcia-Granda:

On behalf of the Division of Crystallography, Society of Chemists and Technologists of Macedonia, I would like to extend my strong support to the bid of the **Croatian Crystallographic Association** as a host and organizer of the **29th European Crystallographic Meeting** in 2015.

Although the roots of research in mineralogy and in crystallography in Croatia stretch back to the end of the 19th century and the Croatian crystallographers have made an impressive contribution to the crystallographic science, the European Crystallographic Meeting has not been held in Croatia yet.

The Croatian Crystallographic Association is a very well established and renowned research organization, with a long tradition and rich experience in crystallographic research, as well as in organization of scientific meetings. The Association has been a member of the European Crystallographic Association since 1992 and of the International Union of Crystallography since 1993, although its members had actively participated in these bodies even earlier, as members of the former Yugoslav Centre of Crystallography. Currently, the Croatian Crystallographic Association has about one hundred members that are performing crystallographic research in a variety of crystallographic disciplines, including biologically active systems, proteins, organometallic compounds, pharmaceuticals and composites. These researchers work in a dozen of laboratories in universities, scientific institutes, and industry. The collective publication record and contribution of the Croatian crystallographers is truly impressive.

In the past, a number of distinguished Croatian crystallographers have held some of the leading positions in the International Union of Crystallography and in the European Crystallographic Association, including its predecessor, the European Crystallographic Committee. Most notably, Professor Drago Grdenić participated in the writing the constitution of the European Crystallographic Committee in 1972. Professor Boris Kamenar was Vice-President of the European Crystallographic Committee during 1978-1981 and President from 1981 to 1984.

Since 1992, the Croatian Crystallographic Association, together with the Slovenian Crystallographic Society, has been organizing annual joint Meetings with international participation, alternately in

Slovenia and in Croatia, and as a result of these activities, it has accumulated a great experience with organization of such events.

With all this in mind, I am firmly convinced that the Croatian Crystallographic Association is the best choice as organizer of the 29th European Crystallographic Meeting. I am also certain that the stunning beauty of the Croatian seacoast and the city of Rovinj, together with the convenience to reach the city by plane, the favorable infrastructure and the traditional Croatian hospitality will provide the best environment for a high-quality organization of a memorable and fruitful meeting.

On behalf of the members of the Division of Crystallography, Society of Chemists and Technologists of Macedonia, I would like to extend our full support to the bid of the Croatian Crystallographic Association to organize the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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