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To: Australian Research Council

Re: Letter of Support for Professor Ockie Bosch

Greetings from the north! I am writing in support of Prof. Ockie Bosch's application for a research grant from the ARC. I have been acquainted with Prof. Bosch's work in connection with my involvement with the International Society for the Systems Sciences (ISSS), of which I am a past president and chair of the board of directors. I first met Prof. Bosch at the annual conference of the ISSS in 2006. From the beginning I have been impressed with the quality and scope of his international work on living learning laboratories or, more recently, evolutionary learning laboratories.

Over the years, I have attended several presentations of Prof. Bosch's work and have wanted to learn more about the details of his approach. This past January, in connection with my role as academic coordinator of the Organization Development MA Program at Sonoma State University, I invited Prof. Bosch to present a three-day workshop on the methodology that he has developed. There was a great deal of interest in the workshop, which drew attendees from as far away as the United Kingdom and Japan, as well as Minnesota and Ohio. The fact that people were willing to travel such distances attests to the value and reputation of Prof. Bosch's work.

I have also had the opportunity to serve on a committee for one of Prof. Bosch's PhD students, who used the model that Prof. Bosch has developed to study the beef industry in Australia. I was very much impressed with the quality and usefulness of the research.

Prof. Bosch's work is highly respected among the community of systems scientists represented in the ISSS, and I believe his work is highly deserving of your support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debora Hammond", written in a cursive style.

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