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**RE: Professor Ockie Bosch**

To whom it may concern,

I have known Prof. Bosch for a number of years through our affiliations in systems organizations, including the International Society for the Systems Sciences, and the International Federation for Systems Research. Prof. Bosch is one of only 31 individuals honored thus far through membership in the International Academy for Systems and Cybernetic Sciences (see [www.iascys.org](http://www.iascys.org).) He has also been a valuable contributor to the systems organizations with which he has been affiliated.

One of the unique contributions that Prof. Bosch has made is the rigorous application of systems theories to some very large-scale, real-world problems. He leads a team of professionals who utilize mathematical modeling software in working with indigenous groups of stakeholders for projects in ecological sustainability. It is a rare example of offering highly sophisticated tools for projects involving regular people, allowing them to make informed decisions about their own futures in ways that might not otherwise be possible. I have used examples from Prof. Bosch’s work in dealing with my Ph.D. students in the U.S., and with students in a creative sustainability program in Finland. They have found it to be impressive and enlightening.

I would strongly encourage the support of Prof. Bosch’s work. It should be studied and replicated in helping to resolve many of the complex issues which people are facing around the world.

Sincerely,



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