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To whom it may concern

This letter is written in support of the application of assoc. professor Vladimir Študent for a professorship in urology at the Medical Faculty, Palacky University of Olomouc. Vladimir Študent started his career in medicine and urology at dpt. of Urology Central Military Hospital Prague in 1984. Since the 1986 he changed to dpt. of Urology, University Hospital Olomouc. Since 2006 he serves there as a head of the department. Dr Vladimir Študent has board examination in Urology (1991). In 1999, he finished his PhD studies. His PhD work on varicocele was published in European Urology. Minimally invasive surgery became his main field of interest. He was one of those who introduced laparoscopy for routine use in Czech urology. In 2005, he became assoc. professor at Palacky University, his thesis being: Laparoscopic adrenalectomy. In 2009 he founded the first university robotic centre in Czech lands and since 2011 he is the chair of Czech society of robotic surgery. He has performed more than 1200 robotic surgeries.

Dr Študent is the main organiser of annual Moravian urological symposium, annual Czech robotic surgery symposium and he was also president of Czech national urological congress held in Olomouc in 2015.

Dr Študent has published 94 papers in peer-reviewed journals. Of these I wish to mention one of his most recent works on improvement of reconstruction of vesico-urethral anastomosis during robot assisted radical prostatectomy published in European Urology.

He has been the supervisor (mentor) of six PhD students and currently works with three PhD candidates.

He is obviously very worthy the title of full professor in his home country, which he has served so well.

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