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Subject: Feedback on PhD educational and scientific program 091 “Biology” in V.P.Kukhar Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry and Petrochemistry NAS of Ukraine

To whom it may concern,

The V.P.Kukhar Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry and Petrochemistry NAS of Ukraine (IBCP) stands as a strong Ukrainian research and educational facility with a high *h*-index of Institute scientists.

My department at the University of Technology of Compiègne has a long and fruitful cooperation history with the IBCP Department of Molecular Mechanisms of Cell Metabolism Regulation (DMMCMR). DMMCMR scientists regularly visit our scientific research facilities at the University of Technology of Compiègne (France) in frames of short and long internships. For the last few years, we had many joint projects with valuable results published in high impact factor journals. Currently, one Ukrainian colleague from IBCP_DMMCMR is working at the University of Technology of Compiègne in the frame of a long-term internship.

Moreover, some former IBCP PhD. students (Tetiana Kalachova) realized her doctorate thesis in both Ukraine and France, benefitting from a co-tutelle grant, under the co supervision of V. Kravets (IBCP_DMMCMR) and me (GEC.UTC). For now, Dr.T. Kalachova successfully works in Prague, Czech Republic (Institute of Experimental Botany) in a researcher position. She keeps being involved in my scientific projects, obtaining valuable results worth publishing in plant biology frontier journals like *Plant Physiology* or in journals of the Nature publisher.

I can for sure positively evaluate PhD educational and scientific program 091 “Biology” in IBCP based on PhD students that had internships in my research facilities in the frame of joint projects. Those opportunities for PhD students helped a lot in achieving valuable results for their PhD research using the University of Technology of Compiègne equipment. PhD students from IBCP have extensive knowledge of biology, biochemistry, and molecular biology. They quickly learn new complex techniques and equipment at the University of Technology of Compiègne and, thanks to high English skills, freely communicate with other colleagues.

For instance, PhD student Yaroslava Bukhonska, who entered IBCP PhD program in Biology in 2022, already had a short internship at the University of Technology of Compiègne. I can characterize her as a confident, intelligent student with deep knowledge and perspective thesis.

University of Technology of Compiègne and I personally appreciate the high scientific level of IBCP PhD program students and are fully open to future cooperation in the frame of joint projects, double PhD programs, etc. PhD students who defended their thesis in IBCP are having high competitiveness as scientists in Europe and, particularly, in France.

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