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Support Letter Professor Michel Verleysen

Dear colleague,

With this letter, I would like to support the candidacy of **Michel Verleysen** for the Board of Directors of CESAER.

I know Michel Verleysen as a very capable Vice-Rector in the current management team of UCLouvain, one of the three Belgian members of CESAER. He is responsible for the Science and Technology Sector of the university and is therefore closely engaged with the scientific disciplines at the heart of the CESAER network, as well as with the challenges this sector of our universities is currently facing.

As a representative of a comprehensive university, he is also well attuned to the contribution of science and technology in other areas, such as the social and behavioral sciences and the biomedical sciences. The proximity to Brussels – with UCLouvain also hosting campuses in the capital – is an additional asset.

UCLouvain is the French-speaking sister university of KU Leuven. In this sense, Michel not only brings the experience of his own university, but is also very familiar with a second CESAER member, which moreover hosts the CESAER office. I understand that Ghent University also supports his candidacy. While Board members naturally bear responsibility for the network as a whole, broad support from the other Belgian universities clearly reflects the strong basis of his nomination.

I sincerely hope that the network will give serious consideration to Michel Verleysen's candidacy. Should there be any further questions, I am of course available to provide additional information.

Kind regards,



Luc Sels
Honorary Rector KU Leuven