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Reference for Dr Danilo Roccatano

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Dr Danilo Roccatano since 1996 when we worked together in the group of Professor Herman Berendsen. Danilo is primarily a chemist by training but discovered that he had a gift for computing. Naturally he has found himself working in the field of computational chemistry. Danilo and I have collaborated mainly on a project to understand the mechanism of domain closure in the enzyme citrate synthase. This collaboration has been a complete pleasure for me because Danilo is full of ideas, hard working, extremely capable, and enthusiastic. It has resulted in two publications in the Journal of Molecular Biology. He has built up in a rapid time quite a list of publications, which is a real testament to his ability and his endeavour. During the years I have noticed how he has developed from relative inexperience in his early postdoc years to his present maturity as a very experienced researcher. With all his experience and ability he is in my opinion more than ready to become a group leader or take on a tenure-track position. His capabilities and pleasant nature make for a good collaborator and he has built up quite a network of collaborators in various groups around the World. All his colleagues are keen to see him established in a more secure position worthy of his abilities and achievements, so that they can continue their successful collaborations with him. I wholeheartedly recommend him to you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hayward', written in a cursive style.

Dr Steven Hayward