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**RE: Junior Faculty Position at the Biocomplexity Institute, Dr Marco Canepari**

I met Dr. Marco Canepari in 1995 when he started his PhD at the International School for Advanced Studies in Trieste. In the following three years he was involved in a project for the development of a high spatio-temporal resolution imaging system. He actively participated in the design of the system and he did key experiments in hippocampus pyramidal neurons in slices that led to a series of important publications.

Marco Canepari is one of the most talented neurophysiologists in his generation. He has a strong background in physics and extraordinary skills and experience in electrophysiology and different optical techniques. He also has a very open mind and a deep theoretical approach that allows him to design his experimental work. At this career stage he is ready to start his own laboratory. Therefore I strongly support his application for a Junior Faculty Position at the Biocomplexity Institute.

Sincerely

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