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### Letter of Appreciation

I am extremely happy to write the following few lines in support and appreciation of the academic and administrative achievements of Dr. V. P. Potty, Principal Scientist, Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI), Sreekariyam

I have known Dr. Potty since 1980 both as a committed microbial scientist who practice and respect human values as well as a committed researcher who has great regards for fellow scientists and subordinates. An Agricultural Scientist, who has been awarded both Ph. D. and D. Sc by the Kerala University, Dr. Potty has almost 32 years of Research Experience and held several positions in ICAR Institutions in the Country and is currently working as Principal Scientist at Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (ICAR), Sreekariyam, Trivandrum, a position held by him since 1996. He has published about 86 papers in peer-reviewed journals of international repute and delivered invited lectures/papers in 32 National and International Symposia. His notable achievements being the development of processes for Biodegradable Plastics, Industrial production of Polysaccharides, Lactic Acid, Itaconic acid, Ethanol from Cassava starch and agricultural wastes as well as Cellulolytic and amylolytic enzyme production apart from being a pioneer scientist in Micorhizal biotechnology. He is a recognised guide of University of Kerala in Microbiology and Biotechnology and has guided a number of Ph. D. (5 student were awarded Degree), M. Phil and M.Sc students for their research programmes. He also has been an examiner for Ph.D and Postgraduate programmes in Microbiology/Biotechnology to several Universities. He is well versant with almost all modern techniques in Microbial Technology and Molecular Biology and has set hands on and gained valuable experience in all PCR techniques, RFLP, Electrophoresis and Genetic transformations.

Dr. Potty is a Senior Scientist par excellence and has great managerial and research skills. His exemplary skills and supervisory capabilities have made him win many laurels. His is conscientious and highly reliable. He has been a good academic and personal friend to me and I shall be delighted to see him achieve great honours and positions, which he rightly deserves, in the years to come. I am sure his experience and expertise shall be of immense help to any institutions that hires him for suitable positions commensurate to his qualities and academic brilliance. I wish him every success in his life and endeavours.

G. M. Nair

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**Dr. C.S.P. IYER**  
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September 18, 2005

Letter of reference

It gives me immense pleasure to recommend Dr.Vasudevan Padmanabhan Potty, Principal Scientist, Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum to your esteemed organization. I have known him for the past ten years and had the opportunity to go through his work as Scientist working in the Indian council of Agricultural Research. I got my first impression of Dr Potty, when I went through the compilation of his research work for D.Sc. later, I had ample opportunity to have a closer look at his work. I was extremely happy to note his innate ability to analyze various complicated technical issues and suggest solutions. I found him sound in fundamentals of Microbiology and microbial Biotechnology.

His zeal for learning new things and acquiring knowledge is commendable. The best aspects about him are intellectual ability and self-reliance. He is an articulate speaker and his presentations are always terse and lucid. He is a good teacher. He has guided a number of Post Graduate students both PhDs and M.Sc.

He is a very good microbiologist with excellent innovative and analytical abilities and his long-standing experience in the field of microbiology; microbial bio chemistry and microbial biotechnology are his assets. His keen interest and high degree of motivation to pursue teaching and research have enthused me to recommend him strongly to your esteemed organization. I wish him all success.



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**TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN**

Dr. V.P.Potty, Principal Scientist (Microbiology), at Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum is known to me for the past 30 years. He is an outstanding scientist and has in depth knowledge in Microbiology, especially microbial techniques. Considering the importance of his publications and experience in Microbiology the University of Kerala has awarded D.Sc to him. He has knowledge and experience in fundamental microbiology, industrial, environmental and plant microbiology. He is a very hard working scientist and with his computer knowledge he has enriched his research and teaching ability. He has guided few PhD students and was examiner for PhD students in various universities

He will be an asset to any organization and is a dependable scientist  
I wish him all success



19/9/05

**Dr. C. Balagopalan**