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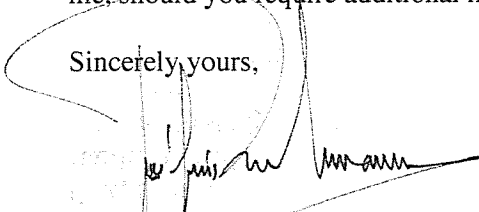
Dear Dr. Brun:

This letter is in support of Dr. Frank Wellmer's application for a Faculty Position in the Department of Biology, Indiana University

I have known Dr. Wellmer since late 1999, when he arrived to the California Institute of Technology to work as a Postdoctoral Scholar in the laboratory of Dr. Elliot Meyerowitz. At the time, I was working in Industry (Senior Scientist at Mendel Biotechnology, Inc.), but was also starting to collaborate with Prof. Meyerowitz to initiate in his laboratory a DNA microarray program to study Arabidopsis flower development. Dr. Wellmer was the first person to join that team, and was really critical for the success of our efforts. Once the technological platform was established, he embarked on several projects of his own that made extensive use of it – as shown on his CV and research proposal. The research that he is currently engaged in, and that he will carry to his future own laboratory, combines and makes extensive use of the many genetic tools available in Arabidopsis with the novel genomic technologies, thus providing a unique perspective to studies in flower development. Frank Wellmer combines a solid scientific background with rigorous, critical, and imaginative thinking; furthermore, he is a very hard working person, and not easily discouraged by difficulties. On a more personal level, he has a friendly personality that makes working with him an easy and enjoyable experience. Because of all these qualities, I believe that he is very well poised for a successful scientific career of his own, and that his future students and colleagues will find working and studying with him a highly rewarding experience.

I would like to give my most enthusiastic support to his application. Please feel free to contact me, should you require additional information or have any question.

Sincerely yours,



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