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Subject: Letter for Jose Fernando Mendes

Dear Prof. Glazier:

I am pleased to write in behalf of Dr. Jose Fernando Ferreira Mendes, who I understand is being considered for a sabbatical position with your group. I first got to know Jose some time ago, during various visits to the group in Porto. We enjoyed many interesting conversations about physics at that time. A couple of years later, in 1994, Dr. Mendes visited my university (I was then professor at Lehman College of CUNY), and our collaboration led to an interesting paper proposing generalized scaling relations for a class of nonequilibrium models. We collaborated again (this time via email!) in 1996. In 2000 Jose contributed a nice review on nonequilibrium problems to a special issue of the Brazilian Journal of Physics, for which I was co-editor.

Because of these interactions, as well as my own research interests, I have been following Dr. Mendes' for some time. He has made several important contributions to the field of nonequilibrium phase transitions. More recently, Jose has widened his interests to include the scaling properties of so-called scale-free networks (for example, the Internet), where he has been very productive, becoming one of the principal researchers in this field, which would appear to have many potential applications with biocomplexity as well.

I have always found Jose to be an honest, creative, and reliable collaborator. More than that, it is always a pleasure to talk and work with him, and I look forward to the opportunity of future collaborations. For these reasons I recommend Dr. Mendes without reservation for this visiting position.

Sincerely,

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