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Ms. Yana Teterina  
Biocomplexity Faculty Search  
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RE: Mehrdad Mahmoudi Zarandi

Dear Ms. Teterina:

I am happy to supply a letter of reference regarding an application of Mehrdad Mahmoudi Zarandi for a position in the Biophysics Department at Indiana University.

I had the opportunity of working with Dr. Zarandi on projects involving flow visualization and modeling of aortic properties while he was at Cal Tech. Mehrdad was easy to work with, smart, capable and responsive and his capabilities in flow dynamics and involvement in analysis of flow visualization studies were a great help to us. I particularly find it of importance that he has targeted flow dynamics during early heart development as an area of interest, since we had a significant number of long and interesting discussions about that area of mutual interest.

My knowledge of the training Dr. Zarandi has received and his own personal interests and capabilities suggest to me that he would be a very capable and energetic resource individual for recruitment in the Biophysics Department at your Institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Sahn", is written over a large, stylized circular scribble.

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