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Recommendation Letter

To whom it may concern,

I had a pleasure to organize the 21st Triennial Conference of the European Association for Potato Research (EAPR2022) with the support of Targi w Krakowie, as a professional conference organizer. The EAPR2022 conference took place at the International Exhibition and Congress Center EXPO Kraków, on 4-8th July 2022. It gathered 210 participants from 29 countries, who presented 11 keynote lectures, 63 oral presentations and 80 posters. During the conference we had also a meeting of the EAPR Council, meeting of the EAPR Country Representatives, General Assembly of the EAPR Members and 5 EAPR section meetings. The highlight of the conference was the excellent Gala Dinner organized underground and sightseeing of the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Social program included also a welcome cocktail and guided tours in Kraków, both enjoyable and highly appreciated by the participants.

The organization of the EAPR2022 faced extraordinary challenges. The conference was originally planned for July 2020, in a hotel in Warsaw. The preparations and my collaboration with Targi w Krakowie started already in 2017. Due to the global COVID pandemic it was postponed to 2021 and then to 2022. For the budget's sake, the location was changed to the own venue of Targi w Krakowie. Pandemic resulted also in an economic crisis, affecting the financial situation of many companies and their sponsoring activities. Then, five months before the event, the war in Ukraine started, which for many potential participants made Kraków a discouraging or even dangerous location and which caused a number of resignations. Throughout all this long and difficult period of EAPR2022 preparations, Targi w Krakowie was reliable and truly supportive partner that navigated through the critical situations efficiently and professionally and guided me through all the preparation stages and tasks. Their constant efforts, flexibility and experience made the event successful, in spite of particularly difficult conditions. In addition to the smooth running of EAPR2022 conference and efficient handling of standard organizational and logistic matters, Targi w Krakowie tackled very well the complex issues of institutional support from Polish Academy of Sciences and from our association. They organized good quality internet transmission and emissions of three of keynote lectures, that were not possible in person and supported participants facing numerous problems due to air traffic crisis in Europe at the time of event.

I recommend Targi w Krakowie as a trustworthy, creative and efficient event organizer.

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