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Prof. Dr. Pere Pascual
President of the Jury Generalitat Catalunya Dear

Dr. Pere Pascual I have known Prof. Dr. Pere Roca Fabregat for six and half years. During that period I have had several interactions and discussions with him pertaining to our research, higher education and developing needs. He has always given excellent advice and indeed helped to maintain us at the edge of concrete and masonry diagnosis and repair technology. He also is an expert in steel structures and concrete prestressing structures but this is not my professional field. Our research group in inspection, diagnosis, service life aspects and repair and protection of concrete structure has been involved in the development and analysis of performance of different repairs and protection systems for the last six years. Also we have studied concrete reinforced bars corrosion and formulating some service life models. Dr. Pere Roca has guided us in finding the correct and best way to study these themes, changing very interesting experiences and ideas. Dr. Pere Roca is one the most important researcher in structural analysis of historical constructions. During 1995 was a Chairperson of the Seminario Internacional sobre Análisis Estructural de Construcciones Históricas (Barcelona, 18-20 de noviembre de 1995). In 1998 Dr. Pere Roca have promoting the II Seminario Internacional sobre Análisis Estructural de Construcciones Históricas (Barcelona, 4-6 de noviembre de 1998) when he was recognized as an international researcher with good reputation and with large and comprehensive knowledge in this field. The correct selection of materials and technology to apply in repair and protection of historical masonry and concrete structures is a new field and challenge to the preserve monuments. He is well known in America and Europe and he is very often remembered and consulted by the Ibero America Network on Corrosion and Protection of Reinforcing Steel (Red DURAR/CYTED) and by the Ibero America Network on Repair and Protection of Concrete Structures (Red REHABILITAR / CYTED), which congregate the best specialists in steel corrosion and concrete repair in the Ibero America Countries. Dr. Pere Roca is an outstanding researcher with a creative turn of mind and leader of an eminent group in the UPC. Dr. Pere Roca also is an excellent Ph.D student sponsor and supervisor. University researchers centers in Brazil have a strong collaboration with the UPC and Dr. Pere Roca has helped us tremendously in achieve maximum benefits from this interchange. I look forward to shorten more and more this collaboration with him, expecting him to give, again, lectures to our Ph.D students and keep guiding research at University of São Paulo. It is a pleasure to recommend him without reservations for receive the distinction for the advancement of research of the Generalitat de Catalunya. It is an honor well deserved. Sincerely yours, Eng.

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