TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SUBJECT: Recommendation Letter for Dr Bahaaeldin Khairy Mohammed

It is my great pleasure to write this recommendation letter for Dr Bahaaeldin Khairy Mohammed, with my capacity as External Examiner of his PhD Thesis at the Department of Educational Technology, Faculty of Education, Technical University of Dresden, Germany.

Recently, I had the pleasure to act as External Examiner of Dr Bahaaeldin Khairy Mohammed PhD Thesis, entitled “Definition of a System for the Management of Project-based e-Learning”. His PhD thesis aimed (a) to investigate the general issue of how Web 2.0 technologies can be used to facilitate collaborative project-based learning (following a community-based project management approach), (b) to contribute a web-based system (namely, PHD-LAB) as a technical solution to this problem and (c) to validate its effect in participants’ attitudes and performance (within the context of a Post-Graduate University Programme in Egypt). Community-supported Project-based Learning (PBL) is a challenging research area in Technology-Enhanced Learning and Web 2.0 technologies are a technical state-of-the-art in Web Technologies.

Within this framework, Dr Bahaaeldin Khairy Mohammed’s research work (i) discussed project-based learning, communities of practice (CoP) and Knowledge Management (KM) and proposes a Community-based Project Management (CbPM) approach as the underlying theoretical background of this research work, (ii) studied Web 2.0 based social technologies as the technical background for the support of the CbPM approach, (iii) assessed the potential of these technologies through a needs analysis survey with 103 potential users within the context of a Post-Graduate University Programme in Egypt, (iv) presented a web-based social community project management
online system, namely, PHD-LAB, and (v) studied the effect in participants’ attitudes and performance through a field experiment.

These contributions have been appreciated by the international research community and are published in international conference, while parts of this research work bare the potential to be published in an international journal too.

Based on the research achievements and my personal interactions with Dr Bahaaeldin Khairy Mohammed, I am fully convinced that he is hard working, very capable for both abstract and practical work and highly motivated. He is an intelligent, cooperative, honest and mild person. I believe that he is fully equipped with all the merits required from a postdoc research fellow to carry out successfully post-doc research work in Technology-enhanced Learning. Therefore, I most strongly support his application to your Department.

Sincerely Yours

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