

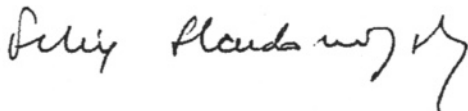
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To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Riccardo Pellegrino has asked me to write a letter to support his promotion to full professor and I am delighted to do so. Dr. Pellegrino is an internationally recognized scientist who has made significant contributions in respiratory human physiology. Specifically, his studies on pulmonary mechanics, airways physiology and exercise physiology have helped to understand mechanisms that modulate airway narrowing and airway dilatation in healthy subjects and subjects with asthma, changes in the mechanical properties of lung tissues during induced-bronchoconstriction, distribution of airway narrowing, effects of lung volume on airway diameter and airway responsiveness to bronchoactive drugs, and the role of expiratory flow-limitation on the regulation of lung volume during exercise. He has a history of long-lasting and fruitful scientific collaborations with researchers and centers of excellence in Italy, United States and Canada as well as an active involvement in international scientific societies including the European Respiratory Society and American Thoracic Society. I support without reservations Dr. Riccardo Pellegrino's academic promotion.

Sincerely yours,



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