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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter full of concerns as to the future of the co-operation with the research group of Professor Ioannis S. Kandarakis. This co-operation seemed to get onto the best way to develop towards a truly efficient joint synergic research in the field of development of medical imaging instrumentation. Therefore, the plans to terminate the existence of the Medical Instruments Technology Department bother me deeply. Both professor Kandarakis and me as well as our co-workers put a lot of efforts and spent a lot of time to prepare the best foundations to start efficient work combining fundamental and application research. We saw the Greek research project "Archimedes III" as a great opportunity to boost effectiveness of our previous scant research into the truly top level. It was also our dream to let our younger colleagues to take advantage of the co-operation having opportunity for exchange visits. We were (and still are) prepared here to enhance the co-operation efficiency by allocating some extra funds just for that purpose from the grants we have (from Polish and EU sources) and which we plan to apply for. There is no question that termination of the Medical Instruments Technology Department activity would exert a notably negative effect on all our plans, which were developed upon a few years of common preliminary research and discussions of both groups. When I recall the visit of Professor N. Kalivas in Poland and his great invited lecture at our ESTE2010 conference, our already done research which brought a valuable paper and the just discussed and started research on so hot and potent subject as using nanoparticulated phosphors in medical imaging screens I am truly concerned that we may lose a lot of what we achieved by the joint efforts and work. I am sad that the truly unique department having the ability and experience in offering undergraduate studies in Biomedical Engineering (exceptional within the whole country) and having great achievements in the research in this field and potentials to be one of the best institutions of such a type in the world may disappear from the map.

I do hope nobody will take my letter as unpleasant interference with the decisions which belong to Greeks. Since me and my group got strongly involved into the research which was planned to be developed at the Medical Instruments Technology Department and into which we believed and were prepared to add important contribution I wished to inform about that and express my concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Eugeniusz Zych