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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to confirm that Elisa Westerhof has made significant contributions as part of the core committee of the *UAE Aspiring Medics & Scientists Student Conference 2024*. It is without hesitation that we recommend her for any future professional pursuits.

This annual conference is free of cost and represents a widening access and participation initiative aimed at secondary school students interested in pursuing a medical career. This year, we welcomed distinguished speakers, including Dr Aman Sohal (*Consultant Paediatrician and Founding Partner of Neuropedia Dubai*), Dr Mark Kristiansen (*Head of UCL Genomics*), Dr Panco Georgiev (*Managing Partner, Healthcare EEMA, McKinsey & Company*), and more.

Elisa played a pivotal role in the core committee, significantly enhancing the attendee experience. Her efforts ensured that participants not only received invaluable insights but also felt genuinely inspired to chase their aspirations. Her specific contributions included going above and beyond her role as an ambassador to consult on all aspects of conference planning, showcasing her proactivity, dedication, and indispensable expertise, which contributed to the event's success.

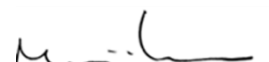
The impact of Elisa's work was clearly reflected in the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the 756 participating students from over 37 schools across UAE. Praise for the event's impact and coordination was echoed by students, parents, and educators alike, a testament to the exceptional efforts of committee members like Elisa.

Her involvement was pivotal to the success of the conference, and we are profoundly thankful for her commitment and skillset. Elisa's passion and enthusiasm not only underscore her aptitude for a future in medicine but also highlight the significant contributions she has already made to inspire the next generation of medical professionals.

Sincerely,



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