

August 16, 1996

Re: Wladyslaw Wieczorek


To whom it may concern,

It is with considerable pleasure that I write this letter of commendation for Dr. Wladyslaw Wieczorek. Dr. Wieczorek began his collaboration with me in May 1993 having been awarded a prestigious Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada International Postdoctoral Fellowship (NATO). He continued this collaboration until Aug. 16, 1996. I have known him since Nov. 1991.

My laboratory has an ongoing interest in the fundamental chemical and physical properties of polymer electrolytes. Emphasising impedance spectroscopy, FT-IR, Energy Dispersive X-ray spectroscopy, DSC and pulsed field gradient NMR, Dr. Wieczorek has made a very substantial contribution to the scientific literature while at Guelph. In the area of applications he has done some outstanding work on films for ambient temperature fuel cells and batteries containing lithium - electrolyte interfaces. He has a strong commitment to research, and a proven ability to carry out a vigorous programme of independent imaginative studies in ionically conducting polymers. He has demonstrated a commendable ability to lead and motivate a research team (including graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and summer students) both at Guelph and Warsaw. While at Guelph he and I have jointly published 27 papers; most of these are in prestigious journals; he has given one plenary lecture and four other oral presentations. While at Guelph he has completed his Habilitation; he has the potential to become an outstanding scientist.

There is no question in my mind about Dr. Wieczorek's ability to cooperate and communicate with colleagues any where in the context of a general initiative in materials science. On a personal level suffice it to say he will be missed at Guelph by all of those who have come to know him, whether on the basketball court, the football field, the volleyball court, or as a gourmet cook, amateur historian or science colleague and friend. If you would like to discuss Dr. Wieczorek further with me do not hesitate to call me at (519) 824-4120 ext. 3852, FAX at (519) 836-9967 or email: jrsteven@uoguelph.ca.

Yours sincerely



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