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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my full support for your grant application Millennium Institute for Integrative Systems and Synthetic Biology (MIISSB). In particular, I find very interesting the proposed experiments that aim at dissecting the interaction between *Botrytis* and *Trichoderma* with focus on the effect of time and light in modulating such interactions. In this context, my expertise in investigating *Botrytis* response on the RNA level during organismal interactions provides critical knowledge for your studies, and the bases for a strong collaboration. My lab has established several genetics, cell biological, and biochemical tools to study the biology of RNAs in fungi, using Botrytis as a main model system. As you propose in your grant application, I accept to host your student for a short-term visit in my lab, offering appropriate lab space and infrastructure for genome-wide analysis of *Botrytis* RNA expression, while consumables and personal costs need to be covered by the main applicant.

My lab is located at the Genetics Department of the Biology Faculty of the Ludwig-Maximilians University (LMU) Munich, Germany. As part of the Biocenter of the LMU our Department is integrated into an excellent scientific environment affiliated with two Max-Planck Institutes (Immunology & Biochemistry), the Biomedical Department of the LMU, and the Center for Biotechnology (IBZ). Moreover, my lab participates in several teaching activities and we are part of the international graduate school (LSM) of the LMU.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Arne Weiberg