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Statement of the tutor

Mgr. Haq Abdul Shaik finished master studies in microbiology in the Nagarjuna university in the Indian state Andra Pradesh. In response to his request supported by recommendations from two university professors, he was in 2004 employed by the Entomological Institute AS CR and registered as PhD student at the Faculty of Biology of the University of South Bohemia. Until 2006 he was subsidized by grants secured by myself, later on he received scholarship provided by the Czech government.

The subject of his PhD work was formulated in respect to the grant support and also in respect to his education in microbiology: he was asked to identify antimicrobial components expected to occur in silk. It turned out, however, that he had poor background knowledge and inept working habits. It took him long time to grasp and accept duties of regular working hours and to respect the employment rules. Gradually he learned the techniques of molecular biology and became able to work independently, from the design of experimental work through to evaluation of the results. His PhD dissertation testifies that he has grown into a qualified researcher.

Mgr. Shaik participated at three international scientific meetings and spent several weeks in a laboratory in Paris. He has successfully passed examinations in all subjects specified in his PhD study program. He had also accomplished the state exam and thereby became entitled to submit and defend his PhD thesis. I recommend his dissertation to the defense and consider it sufficient for the conferment of the PhD title.

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