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Hello everyone,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to introduce our most recent BSc student, Michaela Husová. Misa entered our lab rather late in her studies after initially exploring research opportunities in another lab on campus. Luckily for us, her desire to learn more about molecular biology in a research setting led to her extending her studies for an additional year. With few classes remaining, she was able to focus on experiments and complete a significant amount of work in a relatively short period of time for a BSc student. It is our opinion that Misa is another fine example that the Faculty of Science has some excellent young Czech scientists, but it still remains a mystery how best to recruit these students.

Since Misa is quite a quiet individual, it is sometimes hard to gauge her interest or understanding of a specific research topic. However, any initial fears were soon removed as she repeatedly demonstrated a unique ability to quickly process and implement new information. I believe that this is one of Misa's greatest scientific skills. Furthermore, her ability to effectively communicate, not only in a secondary language but also in a timely and concise manner, reassured me that her independent personality would help drive the project forward. Like all good scientists concerned about their work, she also realized when she needed to seek further assistance.

Once at the bench, Misa displayed that not only does she possess the intellect, but she also has good hands to perform experiments that produce meaningful results. I believe that this success was also rooted in her preparation, as she always had a good understanding of each of the protocols before she began an experiment. Finally, Misa did an excellent job writing her BSc thesis. We gave her a difficult topic to write about for her discussion, but she was able to extract the relevant information from several research papers and craft a coherent argument. I also appreciate that she wrote quite quickly and gave us enough time for several revisions of the earlier drafts.

We enjoyed Misa's pleasant personality in the lab and we believe she has a bright future. We are still actively trying to persuade her to continue with her MSc work in our lab, but it is hard to argue for the benefits of remaining in your small home town when larger cities await with more exciting opportunities. Nonetheless, we wish her the best of luck with all of her future endeavors.


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