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To whom it may concern

**Letter of recommendation**

It is a pleasure to write this letter, congratulating Corné Engelbrecht and the rest of her team at SAVETCON for the excellent work they did in organising the 14<sup>th</sup> International Polychaete Conference. Everything was well organised, and their experience served us well in securing the best service providers and venues, adding a personal touch to everything they did. They anticipated my every need, providing excellent guidance from the very start. We had a long journey together, including a postponement due to the COVID pandemic. But through it all they supported us, and helped us to maintain the momentum and interest of potential participants, so that we could attract 20% more delegates than anticipated.

This was the first time that IPC was hosted in Africa, and they did a splendid job not just in organising the conference but also promoting South Africa as a conference destination.

I will not hesitate in recommending them as the organisers of your next event.

Kind regards

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