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UIC Innovation Awards 2014

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Dear UIC Innovation Awards 2014 committee,

I am writing to support Federico Papa's application for the UIC Innovation Award and, more precisely, for the Young Researcher Award. I have known Federico for more than 5 years starting from his Master Degree in Transportation Engineering and Logistics during which he has developed in collaboration with my office, the Innovation and Competitiveness office of Ansaldo STS, an innovative tool for the security assessment of rail infrastructure. After his degree he has continued his collaboration with my office and the University of Genoa working inside the ALARP (A railway automatic track warning system based on distributed personal mobile terminals) and PROTECTRAIL (The Railway-Industry Partnership for Integrated Security of Rail Transport) research projects of the FP7 research programme. At the end of 2010 he won a PHD scholarship financed by the Ansaldo STS continuing his research activities within the projects mentioned above and other national research projects and completing his PhD studies last April. He is actually working in Ansaldo STS, holding the position of Associate Innovation and Competitiveness, keeping on his activities inside the research projects and supporting the preparation of proposals for the EU Research and Innovation Programme H2020.

During our collaboration inside the FP7 and H2020 research activities he has demonstrated to be flexible, creative and passionate to the most diverse railway research topics and this is why I have decided to support his application for the UIC Young Researcher Award.

If you have any questions about this recommendation or my endorsement of Federico, please do not hesitate to contact me and I'll be happy to answer to your questions.

Kind Regards,

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