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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN...

I have known Dr. Struzak for the last ten years or so. It is not my intention to discuss his curriculum vitae in any detail; it is widely available, and shows him to be an excellent scientist. A good deal of Dr. Struzak's activity has been associated with Poland, a part of his career with which I am not familiar. It is about the international side of Dr. Struzak's activity that I wish to bear witness, and more particularly from the vantage point of the International Union of Radio Science, of which I have been Secretary General since 1979. Dr. Struzak is a very well-known and respected personality in our organization, which has members in some 40 countries. He has attended our General Assemblies regularly since 1981, and has organized scientific sessions at these important meetings. He regularly attends some of our sponsored meetings on Electromagnetic Compatibility, such as those in Zurich and Wroclaw (he is a co-founder of the latter). He often writes contributions to the URSI Bulletin (the last one in September 1992). He is also one of the leading members of our Commission E on Noise and Interference, of which he was Vice-Chairman in 1984-1987, an honour which is only bestowed on persons of high standing and international stature.

Although I have no special expertise in the field, I can testify that, as soon as the topic of Spectrum Management is mentioned, Dr. Struzak's name is one of a handful in the world which automatically crop up whenever a speaker or lecturer is sought to give advanced lectures on this difficult topic. To illustrate the point : Dr. Struzak has been serving as guest lecturer at the two Colleges on Radio Propagation held, in Trieste, at the International Centre of Theoretical Physics, in 1989 and 1991. I was a co-director of these two colleges, and know particularly well how inspiring Dr. Struzak's lectures have been for our eager public from Developing Countries. He also accepted to lecture at the Seminar on Spectrum Management given in Tucuman, Argentina, last June.

Dr. Struzak is one of the main contact persons between URSI and the CCIR. His international status, however, is not limited to this activity. He is, for example, a Fellow of the IEEE, an honour which is associated with high competence in Electrical Engineering. But it is mainly through the URSI connection that I know him, and found him to be, not only a scientist of the highest calibre, but also - and here I use a cliché which nevertheless describes his personality - a gentleman and a scholar.

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