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To whom it may concern – Collaborative opportunities with 2nd Faculty of Medicine of Charles University

I write as Professor of Urological Surgery and Director of the Academic Urology Unit in the University of Aberdeen, as well as in my capacity of Adjunct Secretary General responsible for Education within the European Association of Urology.

I have known and had the opportunity to cooperate very well for many years with Professor Dr. Marek Babjuk within the structures of the European Association of Urology (EAU). For 8 years I was Chairman of the EAU Guidelines Office Board and Professor Babjuk chaired with great distinction the EAU Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer Guidelines. We have therefore collaborated on many guidelines related projects that are now recognised and endorsed in 75 countries globally, thanks to the effective leadership of Professor Babjuk. An important aspect in all of our collaborations was the training of young residents and fellows in the methodologies for development of high quality clinical practice guidelines. Together, with the invaluable cooperation with Professor Babjuk, we have now trained over 180 young European Academic Urologists in guideline development methodologies, including some residents/young urologists from Prague.

The University of Aberdeen is renowned for being an international leader in Health Services Research with a strong reputation and track record in delivering multicentre randomised trials and evidence synthesis. I was indeed Coordinating Editor for the Cochrane Collaboration's Incontinence Review Group for many years and the editorial base was a part of the Academic Urology Unit. Members of my unit continue to be Editors within the Cochrane Collaboration as well as members of the Methods Committee of the EAU Guidelines Office. There are therefore many opportunities to explore more collaborations. I hope it could be a perfect basis for future cooperation between 2nd Faculty of Medicine of Charles University in Prague and the University of Aberdeen as well as the European Association of Urology in the area in research projects, undergraduate urology curriculum for medical students, student exchanges, and training of residents including methodology training.

Best wishes,



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