

Recommendation letter for Sonia Haiduc

To the ICSE 2012 Student Volunteers Co-Chairs

Dear Nelly Bencomo and Peter Müller,

It is my pleasure to recommend Sonia Haiduc to serve as a student volunteer at ICSE 2012.

Ms. Haiduc is conducting research in software engineering under my supervision, working on her Ph.D. degree. She is a full time student in our department and a recipient of the Rumble Fellowship and Best Graduate Research Assistant, awarded based on merit to a selected group of graduate students in the university. She is an appreciated teaching assistant in our department and has always interacted very well with both students and professors. Her English language and communication skills are excellent and she has a very open and pleasant personality.

Sonia has served as a student volunteer before, including at ICSE and ICSM. In every occasion she was commanded by the organizers of the conference for her work. She is also the founder and former president of the ACM-W chapter at Wayne State University. As a president of this organization, she has been actively involved in activities meant to support women in computer science in achieving their career goals. At the same time, she has been a volunteer in outreach programs meant to increase the enrollment of underrepresented minorities in computer science programs. For example, she has served as an instructor in the "GO GIRLS" and "GO Computing" programs at Wayne State University, which were aimed at exposing middle school students and their parents to the opportunities offered by computer science.

As a graduate student in our department, Sonia has established herself as a leader on many occasions. For example, she has been elected by her fellow graduate students to represent them in various situations, including the committee for electing an interim chair for our department.

Ms. Haiduc possesses excellent organizational skills. She is currently publicity co-chair for SCAM'12 and has successfully served as publicity chair for ICSM'11. I strongly believe she can face any organizational challenges as a student volunteer at ICSE'12.

Sonia is progressing very well towards her degree, and is preparing to defend her prospectus. She will present a paper ICSE 2012 in the NIER track. I supported her financially to attend several conferences in the past and she was also successful in getting external support on her own. Since Sonia is planning to graduate in 2013 and to pursue a career in academia, attending ICSE'12 and working as a student volunteer would be extremely useful to her, now more than ever. It is her last chance to participate at ICSE as a student and strengthen her professional network, before applying for academic positions later this year.

I strongly believe Sonia would be an excellent choice for an ICSE'12 student volunteer position, as she is experienced, dedicated, and would also be able to supervise other students, if needed. I encouraged her to apply as a student volunteer and I strongly support her application. I am confident she will carry out all the tasks required with efficiency and professionalism, as she has previously done at ICSE and ICSM.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Sincerely,



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