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Prof. Nelly Bencomo and Peter Muller
ICSE 2012 Student Volunteers Co-Chairs

Dear Prof. Bencomo and Muller,

I am writing you to recommend Leandro Sales Pinto for the ICSE 2012 Student Volunteers Program. I met Leandro for the first time in 2009, when he applied for a PhD here at Politecnico di Milano, coming from Brasil. He had a very good record as a master student and we decided to accept him into our PhD program.

Our collaboration started at the beginning of 2010, when he definitely come to Italy to start his PhD under my supervision. During this time Leandro demonstrated to be an excellent student and a smart researcher. What is more important for you Leandro demonstrated a great ability in integrating into an already existing group, quickly becoming an important element of our research “family” and a real “friend” for all. Its ability in guiding and coordinating the master students that often participate to our research shows his ability in organizing groups of people to pursue a common goal.

As for his proficiency in speaking English, this is the language we used, without any problem, during the first months as Leandro did not speak Italian when he arrived here. After the first months we started taking our meeting in Italian and not because he was not proficient in English, but because he understood the importance of learning the language of the country where one lives to better intergrate and made his best to learn Italian. I find this a further sign of his willingness of integrating into a group, fully participating to its life.

Given these premises I am sure Leandro would do well as a student volunteer and I hope you will accept his application.

Sincerely
Gianpaolo Cugola