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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to report on the progress of Dr. Seden Dogan during her visiting scholar appointment between 15 October 2019 and 31 August 2020 in the M3 Center for Hospitality Technology and Innovation at the University of South Florida. After arriving Sarasota, Florida, Dr Dogan has settled quickly and started working toward her research project. While she was doing her research, she has attended several graduate level courses as a guest in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. She has contributed in these classes greatly.

In addition to working on her research topic, she has initiated and collaborated with several other faculty members and started new projects. Some of these research projects have been already completed and submitted to peer-reviewed journals.

There are several other research projects in progress. I anticipate that she will have completed a total of 7 peer-reviewed research paper projects and 2 book chapters during her visit. We plan to continue working with Dr. Dogan as she is a very good researcher and very well-liked by the faculty, staff and students at the University of South Florida. For this reason, University of South Florida awarded her "2020 Outstanding Visiting Scholar Award." This award is given to only one visiting scholar for his/her outstanding performance and contributions to the academia.

It was a great pleasure to host Dr. Seden. I am happy to host her again in the future at the University of South Florida. I hope that our collaboration will continue and continue to produce high quality, high impact research studies.

Should you have any questions about Dr. Dogan, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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