

## **Letter of recommendation for Vassilis Cutsuridis**

This mail is written to support Dr. Cutsuridis (Vassilis) applications for the tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of the Brown University Department of Neuroscience in the area of computational neuroscience,

I know Vassilis for about six years. In addition to our occasional meetings on conferences, we have had more intimate relationship: he invited me to attend several workshops he organized. I also contributed with a chapter to a book he co-edited. In the last two years we invited him to give a course on "Cognitive Neuroinformatics" for our study abroad program, BSCS (Budapest Semester in Cognitive Science). In addition, I wrote a review on the book he co-edited on Perception-Action cycle, and contributed to Hippocampal Microcircuits: A Computational Modeler's Resource .

Vassilis Cutsuridis is an ideal candidate to fill a position in the field of computational neurosciences, specifically related to neural information processing. He has degrees in physics, informatics, and neural and cognitive systems, so his formal education fits very well the spirit and letter of your call.

I am sure you appreciate Vassilis' good track record of publications about a variety of topics. Models of Parkinson disease, decision making, synaptic plasticity, associative memory, theta rhythm, sequence learning and attention are the most characteristic examples. More generally, he is an excellent researcher in the field of neural cognitive architectures. Vassilis obviously has all the necessary tools to be an excellent, active member of your department,

He also proved to be a dedicated, well-prepared, motivated teacher, and an ambitious editor as well. He showed a remarkable activity to edit special issues and books.

It is very clear, that he is extremely gifted, very ambitious and motivated researcher, a hard worker, who has also a kind personality. I am personally completely convinced, that he is an ideal candidate for the position you announced.

I give my full-heart, unconditional, moral support to Vassilis Cutsuridis to achieve his goals.

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