



**FUSION  
FOR  
ENERGY**  
THE DIRECTOR

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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, Frank Briscoe, Director of The European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (Fusion for Energy), declare that:

I have been informed about the objectives of the Application for an Erasmus Mundus "International Doctoral College in Fusion Science and Engineering" (FUSION-DC) programme and consortium with Ghent University as coordinator, and hereby recognise the value of such a programme that trains specialists in Fusion Science and Engineering;

Support the vision of the FUSION-DC consortium that the inclusion of high level academic and research partners worldwide in the consortium is paramount to increase the sustainability of the programme, to consolidate the FUSION-DC consortium, to connect the academic programme to its stakeholders and to maintain and further develop an academic programme of high quality in response to the factual demands in the field of Fusion Science and Engineering.

Am interested in the success of the FUSION-DC initiative and can confirm that the F4E Governing Board, during its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June, has confirmed F4E's support and authorized me to make available speakers/lecturers on engineering and/or technical topics relevant to fusion and associated career opportunities.

In case your proposal receives support from the European Commission, I would appreciate if you could inform me well in advance of any requests for speakers/lecturers. As I am sure you will appreciate, due to our existing commitments F4E can only divert a small fraction of its human resources to this activity.

Frank Briscoe  
Director

Cc: C. Varandas, Outgoing GB Chair  
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