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Dear Ms. Smotrova,

I fully support your application for the Visegrad Scholarship in the field of Computational Electromagnetics and Laser Physics. I confirm herewith that I would gladly invite you to visit our Institute of Photonics and Electronics ASCR, v.v.i. to work on the project "Advanced linear modelling of microcavity semiconductor lasers" you propose. I find the project topical, with a potential of possessing novel analytical instruments and improved physical understanding of laser physics in small-volume cavities. The project is also well matched to the research directions being pursued in the field of photonics in our Institute.

I wish you full success with your application.

Sincerely

Prof. Dr. Jiří Čtyroký

Deputy Director