

To whom it may concern

Bern, 22. November 2021

**Supervision confirmation and invitation as expert for Prof. Dr. Pavlo Shydlovskiy,  
Department of Archaeology and Museum Studies, Taras Shevchenko National University  
of Kyiv, Ukraine**

I am very pleased to confirm that Prof. Dr. Pavlo Shydlovskiy, who acted as second supervisor for the PhD studies of Marta Andriiovych is also invited to participate in her PhD defense. Marta Andriiovych is enrolled as a PhD student at the University of Bern since September 2018 (supported by a three-year *Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship for Foreign Scholars* from the *State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation*). The topic of the PhD study of Marta Andriiovych is "Cultural context of ceramic from the Neolithic Mariupol type cemeteries of the Lower Dnieper Region, Ukraine."

As a recognized expert in the field, Prof. Dr. Pavlo Shydlovskiy is expected to participate in the public defense of Marta Andriiovych's dissertation which is obligatory to take place between 22<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022; we are expecting for Prof. Dr. Pavlo Shydlovskiy to come to Bern, Switzerland, from February 23, Wednesday – March 1, Tuesday for this academic event. Costs for travel and lodging are covered by my institute.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Albert Hafner

Director of the Institute of Archaeological Sciences