

Annex No. 1 - Proposal for the award of an honorary doctorate of Masaryk University

# Appellant:

Name, function1 :Doc. Mgr. Pavel Plevka, Ph.D., Director of CEITEC MUPart of MU2 :CEITEC MUDiscussed and recommended at the Faculty or Institute Scientific Board3 :Coordinator of the faculty or institute for the award of the honorary doctorate4 : Ester Jarour

## **Basic identification proposed:**

Name and surname incl. titles: $UOC^5$ :	Prof. Dirk Gustaaf Inzé, Ph.D.
Nationality <sup>6</sup> :	Belgian
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### The field in which the honorary doctorate is to be awarded:

# Life Sciences / Life Sciences

### Contribution to scientific, artistic or cultural activities of the nominee to MU:

Professor Dirk Inzé, an internationally acclaimed scientist in the field of plant biology and a distinguished member, later becoming the head of the International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) at CEITEC MU, played a pivotal role in co-creating the standards of science and related activities at CEITEC MU. His involvement with ISAB not only impacted plant research within the institution but also significantly influenced the overall scientific direction of the Institute. He contributed to the peer review evaluation and strategic planning, shaping the Institute's future.

Prof. Inzé generously shared his extensive experience and insights gained from his tenure as the scientific director of the VIB-UGent Centre for Plant Systems Biology. This support was instrumental in establishing key scientific initiatives and resources at CEITEC MU, elevating it to an internationally recognized scientific institution. Among these initiatives were the introduction of international peer review assessments, and sharing experiences that were the inspiration for both the CEITEC PhD School or the core facilities across extensive research infrastructures. His advocacy for shared best practices has set a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dean, respectively Director / Rector of MU

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> MU faculty or university institute

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Applies to proposals submitted by the Dean of the Faculty or the Director of the University Institute.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Contact person to contact for organizational matters. Please provide full name and registration number.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> If the nominee has or has had a UOC assigned in the past.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Must be verified - if the nominee has more than one nationality, list them all.



benchmark for excellence in science at MUNI, reflecting Prof. Inzé's significant influence across the entire university.

#### Characteristics of the occasion on which the honorary doctorate will be awarded.

**Occasion for award:** a major academic event of a university-wide nature **Handover date**<sup>7</sup> : Autumn 2024

#### Brno Date

Name and signature of the appellant

## Mandatory annexes to the proposal:

- Professional CV of the proposed
- Positions held in domestic and foreign companies and institutions
- Achievements and accomplishments of the proposed
- Publication activities (including acclaim in the Czech Republic and abroad)
- Significance of the proposed activity and its acclaim in the Czech Republic and abroad

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> More dates may be given, or just an approximate date.