To whom it may concern

*International Federation of Essential Oils and Aroma Trades (IFEAT)*

**LETTER of ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

On behalf of the *Organizing Committee* of 49th International Symposium on Essential Oils (ISEO2018), that was organized from 13th to 16th September 2018 in Niš (Serbia), I would like to gratefully acknowledge the kind support of IFEAT to sponsor the registration fees for 20 young scientists from around the world to attend the ISEO2018.

As a result of the generosity of the IFEAT *Executive Committee*, the supported young scientists received a chance to participate in ISEO symposium and to contribute to the development of the research field of essential oils and natural volatiles. The symposium was an excellent possibility to introduce these outstanding young people and the experts to each other and through this interaction to facilitate their collaboration and the transfer of experience and new ideas.

The primary focus of a young scientist career is research, which is highly demanding in terms of time, resources, and effort. Unfortunately, young scientists are not often given opportunities to present their findings to their peers, the general public, and/or experts in the scientific community at the international level. In order to realize their potential and become scientific leaders of tomorrow, early-career researchers need to attend prestigious scientific meetings where they could not only present their work, but could also develop their scientific communication skills, collect information, make contacts and/or establish corroboration with other scientists in the field. Therefore, structural support for young scholars in the form of registration fee reimbursement for international high-level symposia, such as ISEO, is vital in nurturing and promoting the next generation of scientists. We are grateful to the IFEAT for such support offered to the young scientists involved in the essential-oil research.

Yours sincerely,

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*The President of the ISEO2018 Organizing Committee*