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Dear Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Mr. Malcolm R. Hooper for an honorary doctorate degree at the European Institute of Management & Technology (EIMT). As a specialist who has had the privilege of knowing and collaborating with Mr. Hooper for several years, I can attest to his exceptional contributions to the field of Hyperbaric Medicine and his unwavering commitment to advancing patient care through innovative applications of this therapy.

Mr. Hooper is a recognized thought leader in the science and application of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT). His extensive clinical experience, spanning over three decades, has positioned him at the forefront of this field. He has not only pioneered the use of HBOT in Australia but has also played a crucial role in establishing international standards for its application. One of his most significant contributions is in fact the development of the Tier System, a regulatory and clinical framework that has been adopted worldwide, since its presentation at HBO2017 (the 11th Annual International Symposium for Hyperbaric Medicine, 2017). This system classifies treatment modalities and ensures that HBOT is applied safely and effectively, thereby enhancing patient outcomes across various medical conditions.

His main published work, *The Life is in the Blood* (2018, second edition), serves as a comprehensive resource that bridges the gap between cutting-edge research and practical application in rehabilitation medicine. In this book, Dr. Hooper synthesizes a vast amount of scientific literature - over 250 peer-reviewed sources - into a coherent and accessible framework. He details the integration of HBOT with advanced diagnostic tools and complementary therapies: having worked closely with him, the book is a true reflection of the multi-disciplinary approach, that has proven effective in his own extensive practice, spanning a large number of conditions. By utilizing HBOT to enhance oxygen delivery and promote healing at the cellular level, he has provided new hope for patients suffering from conditions such as chronic fatigue syndrome, multiple sclerosis and other neurovascular disorders.

One of Dr. Hooper's notable achievements is his innovative approach to rehabilitation, particularly through the use of robotic-assisted walking technologies. By integrating HBOT with advanced rehabilitation techniques, he has tapped into the principles of neuroplasticity, demonstrating how targeted therapies can enhance recovery outcomes for patients with neurological impairments. His work has shown that combining HBOT with robotic-assisted therapies can significantly improve mobility and functional independence in individuals recovering from severe injuries.

More recently, over the past decade, Mr. Hooper has focused on the modulation of inflammatory activation and cytokinopathy through HBOT, his work forming part of a body of research has demonstrated the potential of HBOT to address chronic inflammatory conditions, which are often resistant to conventional treatments. In a similar vein and over a similar period, his work with elite athletes has already changed the field, defining a cutting edge in performance and recovery medicine. His collaborations with various societies and well-known practitioners further highlight his dedication to advancing the field and improving the lives of those he serves.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Malcolm R. Hooper for an honorary doctorate degree at EIMT. His pioneering work, dedication to advancing the field of Hyperbaric Medicine make him a deserving candidate for this honor. He has been instrumental in fostering collaboration among practitioners and researchers, playing a role in creating a global community dedicated to sharing knowledge and best practices. I am confident that his past and continued contributions will yield transformative insights in an ongoing way for the global medical community and inspire future generations of healthcare professionals.

Sincerely,



Dr Christopher Neil