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Dear Professor **Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS**, Dear Members of the Senate, Dear Guests,

We, members of the Editing Commission of Laudatio, are presenting through this document, in front of the Senate of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi, Professor **Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS**, recognized researcher and professor in the field of Applied Economics.

Professor **Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS** was born in Seville, Spain, on the 22nd of February, 1958. He got his degree in Economics at the University of Seville in 1981, and his Ph.D. from the same University, in 1989, with a dissertation about *Economic Theory*, *Technological Innovation and Market Structures*.

His university career began in 1984, and it has been developed in three institutions: Universidad de Sevilla, Universidad de Cádiz and Center for University Studies, Ramón Areces, attached to UNED University. Professor **Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS** has been a faculty member of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, the University of Seville, Spain since 1984, being promoted to Full Professor in 1990.

He has developed his career on three balanced areas: teaching, research and academic management.

During his career, he taught a variety of courses, such as: Economic Theory, Political and Financial Economics, Public Finance, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, History of Economic Thought, Cultural Economics, Health Economics, Agrarian Economics, Industrial Economics, Price Theory and Economics of Competition Law Regulation, Economic Research Methodology.

He has been involved in several administrative duties, serving as Vice-dean of International Relations of the Faculty of Economics and Business Sciences of the University of Seville, President of the Academic Committee of the PhD Program of the University of Seville in Applied Economic Analysis and Economic History, Member of the Academic Committee of the PhD Program in Economic, Business and Social Sciences of the University of Seville, Secretary of the Regional Development Institute, Secretary of the Departments of Economic Theory and Political Economy, History of Seville, and Director of the Department of Economics of the University of Seville, and Director of the Department of Economics and Economic History of the University of Seville.

Since its creation in 2000, he has led, as director, the Research Group on Economic Analysis and Political Economy, attached to the Andalusian Research Plan. Since 2012, he is the Chair of Competition Policy of the University of Seville, funded by the Andalusian Council for the Defense of Competition and he is co-director of the master program in European Studies. Since July 2015, he is acting as a member of the Council within the Andalusian Council for the Defense of Competition.

Professor Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS has published, as author or co-author, over 95 research papers in professional/academic refereed journals, such as *European Management Review*, Journal of *Cultural Economics*. International Journal of Arts Management, International Journal of Contemporary Management, Scientific Annals of Economics and Business, Revista de Economía Institucional, Revista de Economía Mundial, Cuadernos de Economía, Estudios de Economía Aplicada. His main research areas are connected with the Cultural Economics, the Industrial Economics and the Economic Analysis of the Competition Policy.

He is on the editorial board of *Scientific Annals of Economics and Business* (formerly *Analele Ştiințifice ale Universității "Al. I. Cuza" din Iași. Ştiințe economice*) and other refereed academic journals. He has been ad hoc reviewer for journals such as *Journal of Cultural Economics, Cuadernos de Gestión. Revista de Estudios Regionales, Estudios de Economía Aplicada,* and others.

He presented more than 65 research papers at national and international congresses and he served as session chair / discussant in several international conferences, such as:

- EUNIP (*European Network on Industrial Policy*) International Conference, Dublin, Ireland, 1999;
- 44th Congress of the European Regional Science Association, Porto, Portugal, 2004;
- 24th International Symposium on Forecasting. The International Institute of Forecasters, Sidney, Australia, 2004;

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- 15th International Conference on Cultural Economics and Policy Studies, Vienna, Austria, 2006;
- 16th International Conference on Cultural Economics, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2010;
- 19th Annual Conference. *European Society of Economic Thought* (ESHET), Rome, Italy, 2017.

Professor **Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS** is member of several representative professional associations, such as European Regional Science Association, European Society for the History of Economic Thought, Asociación Internacional de Economía Aplicada, and Association for Cultural Economics International.

As a PhD supervisor, he coordinated 24 doctoral dissertations and he serves regularly as member of doctoral dissertation committees.

The career of professor **Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS** is completed by its international dimension, being a researcher or visiting professor in more than 20 foreign universities: Northwestern University (USA); Bochum, Goettingen and Aachen (Germany); Iasi (Romania); Jagellonian (Poland); Firenze and Padova (Italy); Portucalense (Portugal); Poitiers and Paris Sud (France); Antwerp (Belgium); Bratislava (Slovakia); Javeriana, Autónoma de Occidente and ICESI (Colombia), amongst others.

We are pleased to highlight that Professor **Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS** contributed substantially to the development of the relationship between the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi and the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, of the University of Seville, Spain. He actively supported the signing of the Erasmus agreement between our Faculties, in 2005. As a result, students and staff exchanges, using European funds, are now possible between our universities. Up to now, several Spanish students studied for one semester in Iaşi and several Romanian students attended, for one or two semesters in undergraduate programs in Seville.

Since 2007, he regularly teaches within the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration as visiting professor, in the *Finance and Banks* undergraduate program, *Banks and Financial Markets* and *Public Administration* master programs.

With his support, in 2013 an *Agreement for academic, scientific and cultural cooperation* was signed between the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi and the University of Seville.

He contributed to the internationalization of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration within the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi, encouraging several other professors and researchers from the University of Seville to come to Iasi for teaching activities – associate professor Marisa Luisa Palma and assistant professor Garcia Antonio, as well as three PhD students from the University of Seville who stayed for a three months research period each: Jose Luis García, Ignacio Martínez, Jesus Heredia. Victor Garcia Flores is supposed to come next spring.

Professor Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS has become a regular attendant, supporter and promoter of the GEBA (*Globalization and higher education in Economics and Business Administration*) international conferences, organized by the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, where he presented papers, served as discussant, chairman and member of the scientific board, as well as

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guest editor for the 2016 Special issue of *Scientific Annals of Economics and Business*, dedicated to the conference.

Since 2008 he is a member of the editorial board of the *Scientific* Annals of Economics and Business journal (until 2016 Analele *Ştiințifice ale Universității "Al. I. Cuza" din Iași. Științe economice*), being involved and helping increase its quality and visibility.

In 2009 he published at Alexandru Ioan Cuza publishing house, as co-editor and co-author, a volume dedicated to the European policies, involving a team of 12 professors from both universities.

Following a congress dedicated to the Economics of culture he organized in Seville in March 2018, he is involved in the publishing of a special issue of *Scientific Annals of Economics and Business*, together with Víctor Fernández Blanco from the University of Oviedo.

We offer to professor **Luis Antonio PALMA MARTOS** the distinction of *Honorary Professor* of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi in recognition of both his academic and scientific merits, as well as for the continuing collaboration with our University.

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