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**Promoting City or National Competition for preparing finalists for the International Competitions MATHeatre Europe and MATHFactor Europe 2015**

Dear Dr Makrides,

On behalf of Minister Heinisch-Hosek, let me thank you for your letter of September 19, 2014 and congratulate you on your inspiring approach to generate enthusiasm for mathematics among European pupils. A solid knowledge and a deeper understanding of mathematics lie at the heart of many career paths, from engineering to coding, and are thus the back bone of both the old and the new economy as they create jobs and foster growth.

Enabling a dialogue amongst pupils from all over Europe via the promotion of learning mathematics is a step towards a better future. It combines the enhancement of two important aspects: profound skills and qualifications for future jobs and innovation as well as fostering a sense for European interconnectedness.

Therefore, Austria fully supports your goals and appreciates your efforts. We will inform potentially interested Austrian schools and hope for many participants. We wish you all the best in the run-up to the final competition.

Yours sincerely,

Vienna, 21. October 2014

On behalf of the Minister:

SektChef Mag. Hanspeter Huber


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