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Letter of support for the CLAIRE initiative



Dear Professor Hoos,

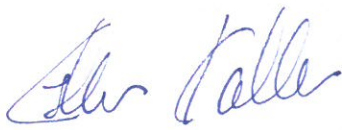
The dramatic increase in computing power, the progress in Artificial Intelligence (AI) research and the recent consolidation around large data platforms have made AI technologies extremely successful and visible to the public. Machine learning methods are increasingly changing our everyday lives: speech recognition, translation into foreign languages, natural language interaction with machines and face recognition have changed the way people interact with each other and with companies. AI is a major driver of future innovation and societal change.

In other parts of the world, huge investments in AI are made by the private and public sector, thereby attracting the best scientists in the field. Europe should react with a coordinated plan for investments in talent, research, technology and innovation in AI. A bottom-up initiative by the European AI community is a valuable and necessary complement to initiatives by the European Commission and the Swiss government for promoting excellence in AI. The Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe (CLAIRE) is supported by thousands of AI experts across Europe. The initiative is their common voice to argue for a long-term commitment in basic and

applied AI research by establishing a network of centers of excellence in AI and competitive conditions for AI researchers in Europe.

The Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences SATW strongly endorses the CLAIRE initiative and shares its vision for a human-centered AI that augments human intelligence and benefits the society. With this letter we would like to express our intention to collaborate closely in order to achieve our common goals.

With best regards



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