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Letter of Recommendation for Anke Brock

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to provide my highest recommendation for Dr. Anke Brock for the IFRATH thesis award 2014.

I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Brock on several occasions. I first met Dr. Brock at the CHI 2012 conference in Austin, Texas, USA, where I first learned about her research in designing accessible mapping tools for people with visual impairments. I next met Dr. Brock, and learned more about her research, when I served as a faculty mentor for the Doctoral Consortium at the ASSETS 2012 conference in Boulder, Colorado, USA. Later, I worked with Dr. Brock to develop and conduct a special interest group (SIG) on non-visual human-computer interaction as part of the CHI 2013 conference in Paris, France. Dr. Brock was the primary organizer for the SIG event, and brought together a wide range of researchers in the area of non-visual interaction from across the world. This summer, Dr. Brock visited us in my former working group at UMBC to present her work and further collaborate on projects concerning assistive technology for people living with visual impairments.

I believe that Dr. Brock is one of the most capable young researchers in the areas of human-computer interaction and accessibility. Dr. Brock's ability to present her research and to organize research events has been demonstrated by her conference presentations and her organization of the CHI 2013 SIG event. Therefore I highly recommend her for the IFRATH thesis award 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Kane'.

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About the recommender:

Dr. Shaun Kane is an assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. Shaun's primary research interests are accessible user interfaces and mobile human-computer interaction. Shaun's work explores ways to make mobile devices easier to use, especially for people with disabilities and people in distracting environments. Shaun received his PhD from The Information School at the University of Washington in 2011.