

## Letter of Recommendation

This is a letter of recommendation to whom it may concern about Leoš Zatloukal, Ph.D., who is an international colleague of mine. I have worked with him and his colleagues for several occasions in his own country, in Olomouc, Czech Republic as a visiting teacher and together with his colleagues he has visited Finland for know-how exchange purposes more than once.

In my opinion, Leoš is a bright and creative individual with a deep -seated understanding of Ericksonian and solution-focused psychology. He is an astute clinician and a formidable teacher, endowed with an endless array of illustrative teaching stories and anecdotes.

I first met Leoš years ago in one of the European solution-focused conferences. We immediately clicked and have kept intensive contact over the years developing ideas, discussing issues and establishing training programs. I have also had the chance to talk to his students, former as well as current, and hearing their comments have become convinced that he is not only a good teacher but also a very well liked person.

Leoš is the director of the training institute called Dalet which has from it's establishment been a sister institute for Helsinki Brief Therapy Institute. Dalet offers training, among other things, in Kids' Skills and Reteaming, solution-focused methods developed here in Finland. Kids' Skills is a solution-focused program for helping children, teens overcome problems with the support of family and friends. Reteaming is a step-by-step coaching program for helping individuals and teams overcome problems, set goals and become energized and motivated in reaching them.

I warmly recommend him to be a founding member for the M. H. Erickson Institute of Czech republic.

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