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To Whom It May Concern

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I have known Dr. Randy Eaton since 1973 when I participated in one of the international conferences he convened. Since then we have worked together in many projects and programs, and we are very good friends. I highly recommend Dr. Eaton for any position to which he applies. In my mind he is a genius, a visionary leader, kind, creative, caring, warm, and incredibly productive as a teacher, writer and administrator.

Randy Eaton has an international reputation for his prolific work in animal behavior and ecology. He has been a leader internationally in wildlife conservation, and his theoretical work in sociobiology and human behavioral evolution are well known. Randy has made original contributions in several fields. These encompass prehistoric art, semiotics, history of science and philosophy. He proved himself capable of giving leadership to the new philosophy of zoos, and he was the person who recommended the new theme of Woodland Park Zoo, in Seattle, where I was Director of Science, and Acting Director. Randy's concepts for exhibition were adopted by the zoo. He set up the Zoo Animal Behavior Program between the zoo and the University of Washington. The program became recognized around the world for its quality. It was highly integrative and brought together faculty and graduate and undergraduate students from several academic fields. Randy is adept at organizing people and resources into cohesive programs.

Another credit to his impressive career is Randy's organization and direction of conferences, workshops, lecture series and seminars. He seems to know the brightest and the best people in different disciplines, and he is able to draw them together.

Dr. Eaton is a first rate lecturer and teacher. His lectures are insightful, provocative and inspiring. He can integrate diverse ideas and data better than anyone I know.

In promotion Randy Eaton also is superior. He is as good in front of the camera as he is an audience. He is interviewed frequently on TV and in magazines and newspapers. Randy is an excellent communicator.

Dr. Eaton has started up and administered successfully several organizations.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
James W. Foster