



**FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAM**  
**APPLICATION FOR STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**FOR A FELLOWSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, ASSISTANTSHIP OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL GRANT**

**CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF REFERENCE**

This letter of reference must be written by a teacher under whom the applicant has studied or pursued research in the proposed field of study or by someone who has supervised the applicant in work related to the proposed field of study. This letter must be in English. If not in English, then an accurate translation must be forwarded to the Fulbright Program Office in the student's home country.

NAME OF APPLICANT: Giorgio VACCHIANO

COUNTRY: Italy

NAME OF REFEREE: Renzo MOTTA

TITLE Associate Professor in Forest Ecology and Silviculture

INSTITUTION OR BUSINESS Department of Agriculture, Silviculture and Land Management, University of Turin.

CITY AND COUNTRY Torino, Italy.

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT? Since 2002
2. IN WHAT CAPACITY HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?  
 Teacher or Professor    Employer or Job Supervisor    Research Adviser    Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
3. PLEASE PROVIDE A CANDID EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT'S PAST PERFORMANCE AND ABILITY TO PURSUE AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A PROGRAM OF STUDY IN THE PROPOSED FIELD. Your statement will be given considerable importance in reviewing this student's application and should, therefore, be as complete and detailed as possible.

*Mr. Giorgio Vacchiano has attended my Forest Ecology course in 2002; after his master degree, he worked with me on various projects. He is now under my supervision as a PhD student at the Department of Agriculture, Silviculture and Land Management, University of Turin.*

*Giorgio has a number of strengths to offer, some of which being his enthusiasm and willingness to learn. He showed creativity, was well organized and was able to develop innovative and solid methodologies to accomplish his research objectives.*

*His position included both field and research work. His field work duties included establishment and measurement of permanent sample plots in mountain forest stands and data collection for ecosystem and dendroecological studies. He also assisted in different research projects involving writing of project outlines and methodologies, preparing maps, compiling forest ecosystem data and cooperating with regional administration agencies.*

*He has a strong motivation, and works and lives very well with co-workers. His interest in applied research in forest ecology is evident on a daily basis.*

*Therefore, it is without hesitation that I recommend Mr. Vacchiano for the position of Visiting Researcher in the context of the Fulbright program. His general attitude and work ethic would make him a valuable prospect to any research project.*



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4. IN THIS RATING CHART, PLEASE EVALUATE THE APPLICANT IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER STUDENTS WHOM YOU HAVE KNOWN DURING YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Not Applicable
Intellectual Ability		x			
Knowledge of Field	x				
Work Habits		x			
Motivation to Pursue Graduate Study	x				
Seriousness of Purpose		x			
Potential For Significant Future Contribution in Field		x			
Resourcefulness and Initiative		x			
Emotional Maturity		x			
Adaptability to New Situations	x				
Leadership Qualities		x			
Teaching Potential		x			

NAME (print): \_Renzo MOTTA\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_October 26, 2004\_

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