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To,

Ms. Zara Andhyarujina,

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Dear Zara,

This is to express our appreciation for your work as a volunteer at the Science and Maths Workshop for School and Junior College teachers of SSC and CBSE grades 7 – 12, at IWSA from 3rd to 7th June 2024. I am very happy to say that she was the youngest volunteer at the workshop. She assisted with setting up and demonstrating experiments for the teachers including the laser microscope experiment. She also attended with great interest, all the lectures and demonstrations by the eminent resource persons. This speaks about her intense passion for science learning. She has written a good report on her experience at the workshop.

We are also highly appreciative of her design of the attractive tote bags, 400 in numbers, and naming them the “STEMinist” totes. This has created an awareness about women in science in the society. She has been extremely generous in donating the proceeds from the sale of these bags (Rs.2,00,000/-) to IWSA. Out of this donation, Rs.1,00,000 is for a scholarship named as- “Zara Andhyarujina STEMInist Scholarship”, for girls at the undergraduate/post graduate level. She has also made an ongoing commitment to raise this amount every year. The remaining part of Rs.1,00,000/- has been donated by her for the activities of IWSA.

She has also donated 6 new books on women in science and her favourite science books for the underprivileged children attending the Science Nurture classes at IWSA. These books will no doubt spark the curiosity, interest and joy in studying science. In addition, she has donated her 75 fiction books to the Pirojsha Godrej Library of IWSA.

We had given her an idea of making working science models for our Science Museum which is being planned. She has already made the Solar Smart Bag for this. Zara is not only endowed with a great affinity towards science but her involvement in social and community welfare are truly remarkable. We hope she can be an inspiration for other students of her age.

We would very much like her to be a part of IWSA science activities and wish her the best in life to become a renowned scientist!

Dr. Lalitha Dhareshwar

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