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Dear Delegates, Colleagues,

It is my great honour to address you all at this Convention. It is a real honour, as I'm well aware of the important role PIPS has had in shaping Polish informatics for the last 36 years. In my role at ECDL Foundation, I'm privileged to meet IT professionals associated within national informatics societies. I admit without any false pretence that PIPS has to be considered as one of the most active, diverse and influential IT professional associations in Europe.

It is not only an honour but also a pleasure to address you, dear Colleagues, at this important event. A pleasure, as the reason for my letter is to congratulate PIPS for the success in delivering ECDL to Polish candidates in recent years. Since 2012 more than 120,000 people has become ECDL candidates in Poland. By comparison in Germany, less than 93,000 candidates joined our Certification Programme. There is absolutely no exaggeration in stating that, thanks to you, Poland has become a true leader in digital literacy certification.

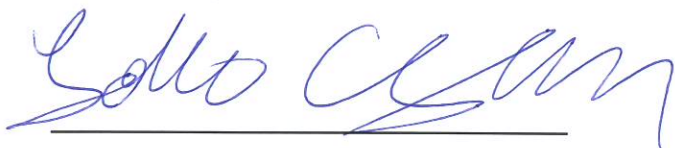
Every success is a result of number of factors, such as arising opportunities, quality product, a stroke of luck but mostly: hard work of people who are dedicated to the cause. I'd like to use this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude to the PIPS Board under the leadership of the Chairman, Professor Marian Noga; all ECDL regional and product coordinators; the ECDL Office team of Ms. Elzbieta Buk, Ms. Ewa Lisowska, Ms. Aleksandra Rutkowska and Mr Adam Wieczorek supported by PIPS secretariat under Ms. Krystyna Pełka-Kamińska's management; ECDL Testers; as well as all PIPS members who support our Programme in various official and unofficial capacities.

My special thanks need to be directed at the ECDL National Coordinator, Dr Jacek Pulwarski. Not only has he managed to transform ECDL Poland operations into a truly professional organisational unit but he has been able to significantly raise the international profile of ECDL Poland and, as a consequence, PIPS. During his tenure, the Polish ECDL Office became winners of two ECDL Best Practice Awards in 2015 and 2017 and Warsaw was chosen as a venue of 2015 ECDL Forum - the most important annual event of ECDL / ICDL global community. Jacek has also dedicated his time to ECDL Foundation Product Strategy Group activity. His work within this group

ensures that there is a significant input from Poland into the process of shaping the ECDL of tomorrow. Each and every member of ECDL and ICDL community is important for the Programme and ECDL Foundation, there are however individuals who can be considered pillars of this community. In my mind, there is no shadow of doubt that Jacek has become one of such 'living pillars'. For that I'm deeply grateful to him as well as to all who have supported him in his role for the last 5 years.

I would like to conclude my short message by wishing you a fruitful Convention. I also hope that your plans for the imminent future will include actions targeted at digital literacy advocacy. I want to assure you that ECDL Foundation will provide any support within its means to assist you in such plans.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jakub Christoph', written over a horizontal line.

Jakub Christoph

European Development Manager.