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Dissertation defense recommendations

PhD student Mgr. Samuel Amponsah Odei, during his PhD studies at the Faculty of Economics and Administration of the University of Pardubice, completed his individual study plan. He studied all years as the full-time student, which included:

- he participated in the teaching of full-time students in English bachelor's study program, he participated in the lectures and seminars in the Public Finance;
- he participated in research activities within the framework of the GAČR research project (supervisor was the main researcher of this project) and
- he collaborated with other academic staff of our Institute to prepare scientific publications, elaborated several conference papers and participated in scientific conferences.

On September, 18, 2018 he passed the state doctoral exam and started to prepare the final ph.d. thesis in selected topic. In May, 2019 he fulfilled all the necessary conditions for the dissertation defence, which is the last duty for completion of his PhD studies.

I am glad that as a supervisor can say that Ph.D. student Mgr. Odei

- has done a very good dissertation thesis titled *The triple helix model: Factors influencing SMEs' innovation activities in selected EU countries*, which solves a very interesting and necessary topic. The issue was dealt with current trends or situations of university-industry collaboration in the European Union and in tandem offers the best practices and measures that have been taken in countries where university-industry collaborations are successful;
- clearly demonstrated his ability of independent scientific work. He is able to take advantage of all the knowledge and skills (he has acquired during his studies) to present of new scientific knowledge and the results of his scientific analyses. This is evidenced by his publishing activity. He participated in co-authorship on the preparation and publication of one publication in journal with an impact factor;
- during all study years at the University he worked at the Institute of Economic Sciences, he demonstrated his ability to work in a team, cooperation with others. These skills he proves in his current profession, where he leads a team of his co-workers.

PhD student Mgr. Samuel Amponsah Odei is a fully developed personality. That's why I recommend him proudly to **defend his dissertation thesis and, after his successful defence, to award him the title philosophiæ doctor (Ph.D.)**.

