Dear Dr. Nikolaus Zahnen,

Daniel and I met through Marshall Poe, Founder & Editor-in-Chief of the *New Books Network*. Daniel interviewed me about my company, *Academic Language Experts*, and he showed a keen interest in the broader remit of my company, and in particular, in the academic coaching and the monthly *Publication Success* interview series. It pleased me to realize that Daniel understood immediately how my mission extends beyond just the usual editing and translating to include a client's deeper understanding of writing, clarifying their objectives and goals, and a client's long term writing confidence and success beyond just the one project. I was also impressed to notice just how intuitively Daniel grasped the finer points of writing education which are highlighted in his YouTube videos on academic writing. Daniel has been added to my company's list of academic writing coaches, and I am confident that any future clients in STEM will be well served by Daniel's writing expertise and disciplinary savvy.

The other thing about Daniel that impresses me is the podcast he started up, *Scholarly Communication*. I've had the pleasure of being a guest on the show and also the continuing pleasure of listening to Daniel interview guests who range from the semiotician at research to the editor at *Nature*. Across all that range of knowledge and practice, Daniel clearly feels at home, and what I really like is how he manages to draw the abstract down into the concrete and raise the particular up out to the general. His interviews are really interesting discussions, and his guests get an interviewer not plugging them with questions or agenda, but instead the interviewer who knows how to listen and understand, who knows how to comment on just the thing that brings the talk forward, who truly knows how to put the complex into words. Daniel's verbal communication skills are top. And Daniel possesses one further trait not widely represented in academia and publishing: Daniel's got a sense of humor.

I know that any writing center or writing program will have an asset in Daniel, and any tutor at training or any faculty member in collaboration will have in him just the writing support they need. Don’t hesitate to be in touch with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Avi Staiman, CEO

Academic Language Experts LTD.

