

Greetings from Sergei Obiedkov

DEAR DERRICK

When in spring 2005 I sent you an e-mail asking about a possibility of doing a postdoc at UP, your response was so efficient that just three months later you were meeting me at the Johannesburg airport. From my first day in South Africa, I knew that I could count on your advice and I felt your support all the way through, for which I will be grateful forever. You are a wonderful colleague and working with you is a privilege I hope to enjoy again, but even more important to me was your amazing personality and your concern, which was one of the reasons my stay in Pretoria was such a pleasure.

I am sure the life will bring along many talented students for you to work with and many nice and interesting people to talk to. I hope that whatever you start will be fulfilling and rewarding. So, best wishes to you and your family, and, well, many happy returns of the day!

[via EMail: 09 June 2008]