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**Ratification of the GSSP defining the base of the Calabrian Stage (Pleistocene Series, Quaternary System)**

Dear Professor Bown:

This is to confirm the receipt of your Commission's request of 12 November, 2011 for ratification of its recommendation that:

The Global Stratotype Section and Point (GSSP) at Vrica, Calabria, Italy define the base of the Calabrian Stage (Pleistocene Series, Quaternary System).

I am pleased to report that, on the basis of the information supporting the proposal and a detailed review of the procedures involved, this recommendation was approved by the IUGS Executive Committee on 5 December 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Riccardi'.

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