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Candidate election statements IAPS Board Elections – 2018-2022

The Election Committee of IAPS is pleased to request the participation of the IAPS membership in the election of **NINE (9)** members to the IAPS Board.

Three members of the Board will have served their four year term by summer 2018 and are therefore due to retire, because they are not standing for re-election. These are: Seungkwang Shon, Karina Landeros, and Caroline Hägerhäll.

In addition, five members of the Board, Ricardo García Mira, Ian Simkins, Petra Schweizer-Ries, Clare Twigger-Ross, and Sigrun Kabisch have served the full 8 year period or the maximum period, and must now retire from the Board. Finally, one member of the Board, Taciano Milfont, has expressed his willingness to leave the board due to professional reasons.

There are therefore **9 positions** on the Board available for election by members.

The candidates for the Board are listed on the attached Voting Form. You must indicate your name and membership number so that we can ensure that you are a paid-up IAPS member and eligible to vote. You will also find attached a biographical description of each candidate. Please complete the attached voting paper as soon as possible and **return it by e-mail no later than the 30 April 2018 to the addresses of the members of the Election Committee:**

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The voting papers will be verified by the IAPS Election Committee, which comprises **Petra Schweizer-Ries** (IAPS Member no 531 Bochum University, Germany), **Edward Edgerton** (IAPS Member no 966, University of West Scotland, UK), and **Roderick Lawrence** (IAPS Member no 277 University of Geneva, Switzerland).

In order to exercise your right to vote, you must be up to date in the payment of your annual membership fee. For example, to vote this year, you must have paid 2018. If it were not, you can make the payment online with our system through the IAPS website. Please, check your status here: <https://members.iaps-association.org/usuario/login>

Please, do not hesitate in email us if you need any clarification or any other thing regarding your status.

Petra Schweizer-Ries

Edward Edgerton

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Candidates: IAPS Board / Election statements

1. Susana Batel (Portugal)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

I am an integrated researcher at the Centre for Psychological Research and Social Intervention of the University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL, Portugal), and a visiting fellow at the University of Exeter (UK) and at the London School of Economics and Political Science (UK). My research has developed a critical and interdisciplinary approach to people environment studies, namely towards a better understanding of: people's attitudes and beliefs about renewable energy generation and associated infrastructures (e.g., high voltage power lines); the related role of place attachment and representations of landscapes; and the socio-psychological and cultural factors associated with beliefs about and practices of public participation in (environmental) decision-making. My work has also focused on advancing socio-psychological and environmental theories and methods (e.g., Theory of Social Representations; place attachment/theory of place; thematic rhetoric analysis) to contribute to a better understanding of how social change happens and how can we transition to more environmentally and socially sustainable societies.

As such, my work has developed innovative research, which is simultaneously empirically founded, theoretically driven and contributing to theory development; whilst also being imminently concerned with how it can translate to solving societal problems. I have published my work in outlets such as the Journal of Environmental Psychology; Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change; Energy Research and Social Science; Energy Policy; and the Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning. I am also part of the Directive Board of PSICAMB – the Iberian Association of Environmental Psychology; the Portuguese representative of Task 28 – Social Acceptance of Wind Energy of the International Energy Agency; and co-editor of the journal Papers on Social Representations.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

I am standing for the Board of IAPS because I would like to contribute to what I see as two of the main cornerstones and vantage points of IAPS. First, by further promoting interdisciplinarity in research on people environment studies, not only by bringing together people from different disciplines (e.g., further involving human geography and land use planning scholars in IAPS activities), but also by providing tools to foster the adoption of an interdisciplinary gaze and approach in each researcher's own practices (e.g., through the Young Researchers Workshop and /or IAPS Bulletin). Second, to promote IAPS' further engagement with social change, by fostering a critical approach to people-environment studies that is more aware of the political and ideological contexts that shape people-environment relations and of how those can change.

NOMINATOR: [Clare Twigger-Ross]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I have got to know Susana through her involvement in IAPS conferences, specifically the IAPS-2014 (Timosoara) and IAPS-2016 (Lund). Her work on renewable energy developments and public participation are key multidisciplinary areas and one that IAPS has engaged with over many years. Her published work shows the rigorous application of theoretical frameworks to applied contexts. She is currently working in Lisbon but also has worked in the UK giving her different perspectives on approaches to person-environment studies which will be useful within the context of the international nature of IAPS. She is part of the board of PSICAMB showing her commitment to environmental psychology and is also the co-editor of Papers on Social Representations. She is hard working, productive and enthusiastic and I know she will bring those qualities to further the work of IAPS. I am very pleased to nominate her the IAPS board elections.

SECONDER: [Claudia Campos Andrade]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

I am very pleased to nominate Susana Batel to the IAPS board elections. I have met Susana more than 10 years ago while we were both PhD students in ISCTE-IUL (Lisbon University Institute) and she has always stood out as a bright, enthusiastic, internationally connected and recognized researcher, with an interdisciplinary approach to people environment studies. She has always been very active in our research centre activities, from being students' mentor, supervisor, or discussant, organizing scientific events, and as part of the SCOPE (Sustainable Communities, Organizations and Places) research group to, more recently, as part of the directive board of the Lisbon Inter university PhD program in Social Psychology. She has also worked in the UK as visiting fellow with Prof. Patrick Devine-Wright and Dr. Caroline Howarth. The quality of her work is reflected in the numerous high-profile publications she has produced on how socio-psychological and cultural factors contribute to people-environment relationships and how to translate that into social change.

We have met in several IAPS and other conferences where she presented her research or was co-author of several papers. In 2016 she contributed to the IAPS' YRW as a mentor of one of the PhD students' groups. She is now part of the board of PSICAMB showing her commitment to the development of the field. She is also a good, friendly and amusing colleague to have around. I trust she will be an excellent addition to IAPS board.

2. Deborah Cracknell (UK)

Election Statement

<p><i>a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities</i></p>	<p>I am an interdisciplinary researcher with a BSc. in Marine Biology/ Microbiology, and a PhD in Environmental Psychology. My particularly research interests focus on the connections between people and restorative 'blue space' settings, particularly how engaging with nature in such settings can help promote health and well-being. While most of my research to date has focused on the health and well-being benefits associated with viewing aquatic biodiversity in public aquariums, I am also interested in understanding the various relationships between people and natural marine environments. I also have a keen interest in green and blue infrastructure, renaturing towns and cities, and factors that affect connectedness to nature, and pro-environmental and conservation-related behaviours.</p>
<p><i>b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.</i></p>	<p>I would like to stand for the Board as I wish to make a positive contribution to this Association. I have been a member of IAPS since 2012 and firmly believe that the Association provides an invaluable forum for the exchange of ideas and innovation across a range of disciplines. On a personal level, I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with the Association and its members.</p> <p>Although my current research interests align most closely with the Restorative Environment Network, I am sure that participation on the Board would expand my horizons by increasing opportunities to communicate with colleagues in research areas outside my current interests.</p> <p>I believe that I will be a valuable addition to the Board as the interdisciplinary nature of my work has developed through working as a Biologist/Diver, an Environmental Manager, and Lead Researcher at the National Marine Aquarium. This gives me a unique perspective and a broad skill set from which to contribute to the group.</p>

NOMINATOR: [Tony Craig]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I met Deborah at an environmental psychology conference in Eindhoven in 2011. I remember discussing her poster about restoration and aquariums for a long time, and being very impressed to see such an amazing real world application of academic environmental psychology in large real-world setting. It is extremely important for academic work in people-environment studies to be tested and deployed in real-world settings, but this is no simple task. In my opinion, Deborah has a unique combination of academic skill and an infectious enthusiasm that lends itself very well to this type of challenge. I think Deborah has a huge amount to offer the IAPS community, and I am very pleased to support her nomination to the IAPS board.

SECONDER: [Terry Hartig]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

I served as the external examiner for Deborah's viva voice at Plymouth University, in which she capably defended a doctoral dissertation on restorative values of public aquariums. Deborah took as the setting for her research the aquarium where she had been working, and the studies done reflected the ability to take on meaningful scientific questions while also addressing practical concerns with the current and potential uses of aquaria. It is a novel and valuable piece of work, and it well exemplifies the kind of research activity that IAPS seeks to promote. In my interactions with Deborah before and since the viva I have found her to be not only smart, but also pleasant, positive, unpretentious and enthusiastic - the kind of person who helps a Board move forward together. I recommend her without reservation.

3. Silvia Collado Salas (Spain)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

My main area of research is children's experiences in nature and the effects that these may have in their psychological well-being and proenvironmentalism. In relation to well-being, I am interested in children's restorative experiences through contact with nature. I have conducted several studies on the effects that direct and visual contact with nature has on children's psychological restoration as well as on the possible differences in the nature contact-restoration relationship given by different individual factors, such as the person's daily relationship with nature. In line with this idea, I have focused not only on experiences in nature, but also on how introducing nature in daily life settings (e.g., a school) might benefit children in terms of restoration.

I am also interested in examining the positive effects of experiences in nature on children's pro-environmentalism. Moving away from guilt and responsibility about environmental problems as motivators for action, I focus on if and how experiences in nature as children enhance proenvironmentalism. Recently I have also considered the social agents, including parents and peers that might have a role in children's proenvironmental attitudes and behaviors. I believe the link between experiences in nature and pro-environmentalism has been establish, but there is still a lot of work to do on the pathways that lead contact with nature to a more environmentally friendly behavior.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

I decided to stand for the Board because I truly believe the association makes a difference in keeping researchers and professionals in the people-environmental transaction areas together, and I would like contribute to that aim. In my view, by its regular conferences, meetings, bulletins, networks and newsletters, IAPS provides a space in which researchers from different countries can share experiences, get updated on the latest research topics, and network with people with similar interests. I also appreciate the relevance and support that IAPS gives to young researchers. I have attended several IAPS conferences and I believe now I am ready to contribute further by being a member of the Board. If I become part of the team, I will definitely do my best to help with IAPS current work, with a special emphasis in bringing new perspectives to IAPS.

NOMINATOR: [Henk Staats]

Nominator's short supporting statement

Silvia Collado, is a very talented, hardworking, and productive young scholar who already made her marks in environmental psychology through a good number of high quality publications, many conference appearances, and the establishment of a large international network of colleagues. On a personal note I want to add that Silvia is a very sociable, sympathetic colleague whom I had the pleasure of initially supervising and now collaborating with for a number of years. I am sure that, once elected, her skills, enthusiasm, scholarship, and attitude of collaboration will be to the advantage of IAPS.

SECONDER: [Marino Bonaiuto]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

I knew Silvia Collado Salas at an IAPS conference, precisely in the 2010 one which was held in Leipzig. Since then we established a good connection which slowly developed into a collaboration over some research projects, particularly dealing with our overlapping interests on natural places restorative effects, particularly on children. We are sharing some research projects and also some post-doc and PhD student supervisions. Across all these years I fully appreciated Silvia commitment, engagement, and passionate effort in both doing research in first person and also skilfully supervising other persons research activities. I must also recognize not only her theoretical and methodological expertise, especially regarding natural environment and children, but also her social and interpersonal skills within the scientific networks and community, particularly regarding environmental psychology. Finally I must stress her personal skills in properly communicating and dealing within working settings and social networks. I can thus trustfully recommend her candidature for the IAPS Board.

4. Adina Dumitru (Spain)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

I am a Senior Researcher at the University of A Coruna (Spain) and Director of a recently established Specialization Campus in Sustainability Research. My current research focuses on the psychological determinants of sustainable lifestyles, their relationship to wellbeing and the development of indicators for the impact of nature-based solutions on social cohesion, empowerment and health. I am currently a lead researcher (WP lead) in the H2020 projects CONNECTING and SMARTTEES. My previous research work included being part of the scientific coordination of the FP7 GLAMURS project, together with Prof. Ricardo García Mira, and contributing to the development of a theory of social innovation within the TRANSIT project, by focusing on motivations to join social innovation initiatives and the psychological dimensions of agency and empowerment. As part of the advisory boards of other European projects, such as the EUCalc and ProGReg or the Sustainable Lifestyles and Education Programme of the UN, I take active part in the debates at the forefront of people-environment studies. I have received my Doctorate in Psychology from the University of A Coruna, and my MA in Political Science from Washington State University, where I was a junior Fulbright Scholar.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

I have been a member of IAPS since 2008 and I have enthusiastically taken part in the Association's activities and scientific events. I am convinced that IAPS is a highly relevant organization in the European and global arena of people-environment studies, with a key role to play in tackling important and "wicked" environmental and social problems we face. Achieving sustainability transformations at the pace and scale needed to mitigate climate change requires inter- and trans-disciplinary research approaches and I believe IAPS is the right context to foster and further develop such approaches.

I would like to contribute to the development of IAPS and continue the wonderful work done so far by its Board and members, who have made the association an exciting place for scientific debates and have generated and made available a wealth of resources for both senior and young researchers. To give a few examples, I would like to contribute to:

- Help generate new and creative collaborations with other professional and scientific associations in relevant research fields and geographic areas;
- Contribute to further developing resources for members, and to making IAPS a hub for cutting-edge knowledge exchange;
- Help expand scientific and career development resources for both senior and young researchers;
- Support and further develop the activities of IAPS thematic networks.
- Contribute to identifying other membership needs and finding creative solutions to support them.

NOMINATOR: [Ricardo García Mira]

Nominator's short supporting statement

Adina Dumitru is a consolidated researcher in our research group at the University of A Coruna, with a good expertise in the more current approaches to a number of research problems in Environmental Psychology. Her experience coordinating groups at the European level, and her abilities in both identifying priorities and problems to be tackled by current research and policy, will be very useful in mobilizing current programmes and stimulating new ones within the IAPS board.

SECONDER: [David Uzzell]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

Adina Dumitru has been an active supporter of IAPS since she joined and has contributed in many ways to IAPS meetings and conferences. Her interdisciplinary research experience makes her ideally placed to understand the needs of an international and interdisciplinary membership, as well as promote the association through her extensive network. She brings an intellectual creativity and energy which will ensure IAPS continues to be the invaluable and dynamic international

5. Ferdinando Fornara (Italy)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

I am associate professor in social and environmental psychology at the University of Cagliari (Sardinia, Italy), where I teach Group Psychology and Environmental and Architectural Psychology. My research interests include both the main macro-areas in the field of people-environment studies, i.e. i) the contribution of psychology (and other social sciences) to the design and urban planning domains, and ii) the promotion of more sustainable behaviours. About the former, I have been studying the perceived quality of design attributes concerning different places (i.e., healthcare settings, elderly facilities, urban contexts and, more recently, learning environments), with a specific focus on tools measuring lay evaluation of design attributes from a user-centered perspective. About the latter, my focus has been on social-normative influence on proenvironmental intentions and behaviours. I have the opportunity of address these issues as lecturer of the module in Environmental and Architectural Psychology, which is attended by both Psychology and Architecture students. Further research interests have regarded the constructs of place attachment and place identity, the restorative power of attractive urban places and the identitarian meaning of landscapes.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

My academic education has been marked by the interest in people-environment relationship, in fact my Degree thesis and my PhD dissertation were both in Environmental Psychology, and I also got a MSc on this discipline. From the year 2010 I have been in the Editorial Board of the Journal of Environmental Psychology. I have been a IAPS member from the year 2002, when I participated to my first IAPS Conference, held in A Coruña. From then, I participated to all the biennial IAPS Conferences, with presentations and organization of symposia. From the year 2008 I have had the honour to be involved in the Editorial Committee of the IAPS Bulletin. I was also member of the Scientific Committee for the IAPS Conferences in the years 2008 and 2016. Moreover, since from the IAPS Conference 2008 and in all the following ones I have been involved as senior researcher in the Young Research Workshop. Hence, I believe that this long experience as IAPS active attender could be transmitted into the IAPS Board, in order to fruitfully contribute to face the challenges that the Association is called to address. My main intention would be to continue in reinforcing IAPS mission and values, that have to do with its scientific richness and fertility, stemming from its multidisciplinary and its attention to real-world problems.

NOMINATOR: [Tony Craig]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I know Ferdinando from IAPS conferences, and also as a collaborator on the EU funded LOCAW project, where his data analysis and interpretation skills provided extremely useful insights at an important point in the project. I have always found Ferdinando's enthusiasm for both environmental psychology and people environment studies more broadly to be very infectious. He has the ability to inspire others to feel the same enthusiasm on a large number of topics under the broad umbrella of people-environment studies, and I believe that as a member of the IAPS board he would be a great ambassador for the association.

SECONDER: [Ricardo García Mira]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

I have known Ferdinando Fornara for more than ten years and I can say that he is a very competent researcher who has actively participated in the conferences, symposia, and workshops of IAPS during all these years. In his academic and research career, it can be verified that there is an excellent experience in the field of person-environment studies, both from the Environmental Psychology – his main speciality- and from Architecture point of view. This gives him a broad view of the main fields that bring together the members of our association. He also worked as a researcher in international projects that I coordinated (i.e. LOCAW), where I have proven that he has a great expertise in evaluation, methodology and data analysis applied to the psychological studies of sustainability. Humanly, he is a person who has very good intellectual skills and abilities to work in a team such as the IAPS board where people are needed with his enthusiasm, dynamism and activity.

6. Nathalie Jean-Baptiste (Tanzania/Germany)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

I am applying for the position of IAPS Board Member 2018 with great interest. I am keen to contribute more actively to the Board's activities. I am a Marie Curie Global Fellow associated with the Technical University of Darmstadt and currently leading the Climate Change and Environmental Risk Research Group at Ardhi University in Tanzania. My work focuses on vulnerability assessment and climate related risks in low-income countries and in particular infrastructure systems at risk. Prior to joining the University of Darmstadt, I worked as a Post Doctoral Research Fellow at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, which has extended my international experience bridging science and practice.

I have work experience in Mexico, Australia, Germany, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Tanzania. I am currently coordinating of the Housing Network of the International Association People-Environment Studies (IAPS) and I am the Lead Coordinating Author of the chapter on Housing and Informal Settlements of the Second Assessment Report on Climate Change and cities (ARC3-2). As a member of IAPS for some years, I place a particular focus on people ability to cope with adverse situations and to recover despite disadvantageous socio-economic settings. My work therefore addresses human habitat development in all its complexity, which echoes the core objective of IAPS.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

My contribution is to bring a different set of competence and expertise to the board. I am an architect graduated in Mexico City. I hold a Master of Science and a Doctorate in Urban Studies from the Bauhaus University in Weimar. I have in recent years extended my network in the East and South African community. My work is on urban transition and infrastructure vulnerabilities (www.actus.wastestudies.com).

In 2017 I organized the IAPS Symposium in Dar es Salaam. IAPS 2017 created a buzz at Ardhi University and was the first event to gather more than 90 international scholars from 15 countries, 27 cities and over 25 different institutions. We brought the best communicators in Tanzania and we facilitated intellectual exchanges in a stimulating scientific environment (www.iaps2017.com). The areas of expertise I could contribute to the IAPS board are:

- Knowledge of and experience in urban studies and the interrelations between people and their built and natural habitat.
- Expertise in building networks with the industry, stakeholders, government bodies, funding agencies and maintaining presence of IAPS in international forums
- Building new partnerships with larger international donors

Finally, I am a practical and result driven, I believe my energy and expertise can be put to good use within the IAPS board.

NOMINATOR: [Sigrun Kabisch]

Nominator's short supporting statement

Dr. Nathalie Jean-Baptiste is an active and dynamic researcher who works in Germany and Tanzania. She is a holder of the prestigious Marie Curie Global Fellowship and has an extensive international experience. Since she took the role of conveyor of housing network in 2013, she had brought a new momentum in the discussion on housing bringing her expertise in vulnerability assessment and promoting the resilience of the housing sector to climate variability. She organized successfully the IAPS 2017 Symposium, which was the first of its kind in East Africa. The symposium gave great exposure to the IAPS association and was a tremendous success (www.iaps2017.com) The IAPS board needs new ideas and engaged scholars such as Nathalie to take more decisive steps towards strengthening our scientific knowledge on people –environment studies from an urban studies perspective. I am convinced Nathalie's appointment would be a great contribution to the IAPS board

SECONDER: [Rolf Johansson]

Seconder's short supporting statement on the candidate

Dr. Nathalie Jean-Baptiste took over the Housing Network as coordinator of the IAPS Housing Network a few years ago. Since then she has taken many initiatives to develop the network including the successful organization of IAPS 2017 symposium in Dar es Salaam. She has a great organizational capacity. She is currently working tirelessly to bring forward a publication from the submitted papers. I anticipate the innovative publication she is editing will take a pioneer look at the implications of global environmental changes for the use and management of land in various countries including low-income economies. She is a dynamic scholar who has a strong interest in fostering academic advancement and enabling scientific literacy worldwide but in particular in the Global South. This is just what we need on the IAPS board.

7. Patricia Ortega-Andeane (Mexico)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

Since 1990 has stated about the role the physical environment plays in the reduction and prevention of psychological and social problems of patients, families and staff in health care settings.

She has developed systematic research on models that include aspects of the physical environment of hospitals and their impact on the generation of stress in patients, staff and family members. Such studies have been carried out in private, public, general and highly specialized hospitals. It has also focused on the multicultural investigation of the role of art as a facilitator of psychological restoration in hospitalized patients and primary caregivers, as well as in the restoration process in work, natural and urban scenarios.

She has ventured into the use of spatial syntax for the definition of patterns of use and movements for the facilitation of orientation in several urban and educational contexts.

She has participated in cross-cultural research on the perception and biases of environmental risks in Latin America, and on the perception and community action for the reduction of disaster risks and adaptation to climate change in Mexico; currently participates in a research about motivation to save energy with UK.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

If I were to be elected by the members, I intent to:

- Contribute with my experience in the field of relationships of the environment and behavior.
- Promote the importance of the different individual, social, and cultural context of nations that do not have adequate economic and social development.
- Promote the widening of the fields of interest in research, emphasizing developmental problems posed by non european countries, such as poverty, equity, sustainability, ecological disasters, environmental health and education, problems that by their own nature, must be dealt within their own cultural, social class or racial context.
- Expand the coverage of topics relevant to the developing countries, different from those of the developed countries through ad-hoc approaches that measure the phenomenon without hindering their veracity, in a creative way but related to their own identity.
- Through the channels of dissemination and promotion of the field, achieve an improvement in the quality of the human environment through design-based research and environmental planning through flexible and adjustable actions that invite greater participation of professionals from developing countries.
- Knowledge of the several generations of students that I have trained in the field mainly through the studies of masters in environmental psychology, I think it is important the incorporation of young people with consolidated groups of researchers through the exchange that can be started in the congresses.
- Establish mechanisms to promote less consolidated groups that lack resources for their development through scholarships, grants, among others.
- Promote the dissemination of IAPS main objective and goals, especially among non European countries; looking for the betterment of human environment based on research on environmental design and planning though flexible and fitting actions that invite an increasing participation of members and/ or future members from spanish speaking countries.

NOMINATOR: [Ricardo García Mira]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I have known Patricia Ortega for twelve years, having met her during one of my visits at the UNAM. I have been following her research work during these years and I know she is a well experienced researcher in the field of people-environment studies, focusing on the investigation of factors influencing stress and recovery from illness in hospitals and health care institutions. She is today a leading researcher in the field of environmental psychology and she has trained several generations of young researchers in Mexico. I am convinced that her participation in the IAPS board will be very useful to promote IAPS activities not only in Mexico, but in Latin America in general.

SECONDER: [Edward Edgerton]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

I have come to know Patricia Ortega very well over the last six years through her regular attendance at IAPS and Environmental Psychology conferences in Europe and Mexico. Since we share similar research interests, I can confirm that she is an experienced researcher with an impressive research portfolio across a number of topical and important areas in human-environment transactions. Patricia has also taken a leading role in developing and supporting the careers of many young researchers in Mexico and is a major contributor to the growing and important role of environmental psychology in Latin America. Throughout the time that I have known Patricia, she has been an active and passionate advocate of IAPS and is a regular contributor to IAPS conferences, events and debates; this has always been done in a positive and supportive manner. I am confident that Patricia would be a major benefit to IAPS and I therefore wholeheartedly support her nomination for election to the IAPS Board.

8. Sarah Payne (UK)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

I am Assistant Professor of Health in the Built Environment, teaching Environmental Psychology theories and concepts to geographers, planners, and built environment engineers to help them develop practical and human-centred designs. My research cuts across disciplines (psychology, acoustics, landscape architecture), whilst focussing on two major themes, restorative environments and urban soundscapes. In addition, I am involved with research projects relating to energy behaviours. I am particularly interested on the impact of the built and natural environment on different people's emotional and cognitive health and wellbeing. Overall, my research activities, which include experimental and applied approaches, relate to many IAPS community interests. I am a BPS Chartered Psychologist with a PhD in Architecture. I am currently a guest editor for Frontiers in Psychology, and a Convenor of the IAPS Restorative Environments Network and the Sensory Environments Network.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

I have been involved with IAPS for 10 years now, starting out on a high note by winning the Young Researchers Award 2008. It was a very fruitful workshop, from where I have made lasting colleagues and friends, thus I am grateful for the impact IAPS can have in people's research and careers. I therefore want to contribute further to this important society, ensuring it continues growing in strength and reach to interested academics and practitioners. I have been convening the Restorative Environments Network since 2012 and the Sensory Environments Network since 2015. Both of these networks have grown in strength and numbers across the years and provided important communication links to IAPS members and interested parties in between bi-annual conferences. To help maintain a healthy society and its associated networks, I hope to use my convenor skills and knowledge to further the growth of IAPS and its engagement with those interested in people-environment studies. I consider IAPS to be a much-loved society which supports the development of a sustainable and strong research community, and I want to help it continue achieving that goal by being an active member of the board.

NOMINATOR: [Tony Craig]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I met Sarah at the IAPS conference in Rome in 2008, at which Sarah won the IAPS young researchers award. Since the 2008 Rome conference, Sarah has played an important role in raising the profile of the IAPS restorative environments network, and more recently also the sensory environments network. Sarah's thematic focus is very much at the centre of people environment studies, examining the relationships between various different types of built environments, and psychological outcomes, from a multi-sensory perspective, with a particular focus on soundscapes. I have a great deal of confidence in Sarah's academic and collaborative skills and believe that the IAPS board (and the IAPS membership more widely) would benefit from her input.

SECONDER: [Giuseppe Carrus]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

I know Sarah since many years, first as a young researcher during the 2008 IAPS conference in Rome, and then in many other IAPS conferences and scientific events. I have always appreciated Sarah's enthusiasm and dedication to people-environment studies and to IAPS as an association. For these reasons I am very glad to support her candidature as a member of the IAPS board.

9. Gisele Pereira (Brazil)

Election Statement

<p><i>a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities</i></p>	<p>My name is Gisele Pereira and I am currently working at the Federal University of Pelotas (Brazil) in the Department of Tourism. My academic qualification includes a PhD in Planning from Oxford Brookes University, in the UK (2011), a master's and a bachelor's degree in Tourism from University of Caxias do Sul (2007 and 2002). In my PhD research I looked at the relationship between environmental issues and planning processes of major sports events both in the UK and Brazil. I have examined such a relationship in the context of the Rio 2007 Pan American Games and the London 2012 Olympic Games. My current interests are related to sustainability, tourism, major sports events and sense of place. In terms of latest research I have been working on a project entitled "Place-Making with Older People: Towards Age Friendly Communities", which is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) from the UK. The three-year project (2016-2017) involves four Brazilian and five British universities and was selected by the International Call CONFAP-CNPQ-ESRC-Newton Fund. Its aim is to understand how older people experience the sense of place across different communities in the UK as well as in Brazil. One of my latest publications is the book "Insights on Favelas", which is a product of a research funded by the Brazilian government (CNPQ).</p>
<p><i>b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.</i></p>	<p>Throughout it, we sought to bring together people's narratives around the urban challenges, the role of tourism, evictions and gentrification due to the Rio Olympic in the scope of favelas. As these two major research projects have been led by researchers from the field of architecture and urban design, I felt very encouraged to learn more about environment-behaviour studies. That is the reason why I have recently joined the IAPS Association and are now standing for the Board. I think I could contribute to the field by adding a new perspective based on my tourism background and my previous research experience around issues such as sustainability. As IAPS is a multidisciplinary association, it would be very positive and productive for the association to strengthen the tourism field as one of its research subjects. The impact of this could stimulate tourism researchers both to become members and participate in the conferences, making research collaboration even richer.</p>

NOMINATOR: [Adriana Portella]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I know Gisele since 2007 when we both were doing the PhD in Oxford Brookes University, in UK. She did her PhD in Planning focusing on users' decisions making in the planning process considering perceptions and needs of people of low- income classes. She is very committed and will be a very important member to the IAPS Board, given a multidisciplinary view to the Association.

SECONDER: [Isolda de Araujo Gunther]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

Considering the long standing interest and research of the candidate in the interface between tourism, access and the environmental impact of leisure activities and sports events, I strongly endorse the nomination of Professor Gisele Silva Pereira to the IAPS Board.

10. Wouter Poortinga (UK)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

I have 20 years' experience in conducting research on human-environment interactions. I have Masters in social psychology and environmental sciences from the University of Groningen, and a PhD in environmental studies from the University of East Anglia (UEA). I am coordinating an undergraduate module on environmental psychology at Cardiff University, and supervise both psychology and architecture students on topics relating to human-environment interactions. My research straddles the disciplines of psychology, architecture, and the environmental sciences – showing my commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship in this area. My main research interests are in sustainable lifestyles and behaviour, public perceptions of environmental risks, and the relationships between housing, neighbourhoods and health. Examples of recent major research initiatives include work on plastic bag and coffee cup charges; the design of a climate change and energy module for the European Social Survey (ESS); and a research programme on the health benefits of energy-efficiency improvements to low-income households, respectively. I have provided written an oral evidence to the environmental audit committee's plastic bag and coffee cup & plastic bottle enquiries on the behavioural and attitudinal effects of charges to reduce single-use plastics and packaging. These contributions have made me aware of the importance of conducting research that is relevant to policy makers while upholding academic integrity.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

I have been a committed member of the environmental psychology community since 1998. My first ever conference was the 2000 IAPS conference in Paris, where, as a young research assistant with a short term contract, I presented my early work on household and transport energy use. My participation in this conference had a big impact on me, and made me realise there was group of people with similar research interests as me. Most importantly, I was heartened by the sense of community and the support provided to early career researchers. It is an absolute privilege to work with such a supportive group of people. The reason that I am standing is that I feel that It is time to return the support I have received, and continue the excellent work done by the IAPS organisation. I am an enthusiastic promotor of the field of environmental psychology, and I would want to work closely with the other board members to strengthen the community's engagement with policy makers and communities. This is needed to ensure our work is used effectively to help improve the environment and quality of life. The IAPS organisation and conference attendance has grown substantially in the past decade, in particular by early career researchers. Being an established academic in environmental psychology now, I would want to support young researchers and practitioners in developing their careers in human-environment interaction research and policy.

NOMINATOR: [Taciano L Milfont]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I nominate Prof Poortinga because I strongly believe he will make fantastic academic and leadership contributions as a Board Member of IAPS. Besides his stellar research outputs, Prof Poortinga is well-known for taking an interdisciplinary approach in his research (and his joint appointment in architecture and psychology illustrates this), has developed sustained relationships with stakeholders (government agencies, business, community group, and NGOs) in developing and disseminating research projects, and has held leadership positions. I believe his experiences and skills will contribute with further expansion and success of IAPS in conjunction with other Board Members.

SECONDER: [Tony Craig]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

Wouter is a fantastic ambassador for environmental psychology within the broad field of people-environment studies, and I wholeheartedly support his nomination to the IAPS board. His close connection to both psychology and architecture makes his candidature for the board particularly strong, as interdisciplinary collaboration has always been an extremely important part of what make IAPS what it is. Wouter is an exceptionally good science communicator, and has very well honed skills in joining academic research with policy-making discussions, and the application of research findings in helping to solve complex real world problems.

11. Judith Sixsmith (UK)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

Currently I am engaged in a program of work which contests the notion of aging-in-place and responds to a more nuance understanding of the way older people inhabit place though time. This programme involves the study of age-friendly cities and the forced relocation of older people. In particular, and theoretically, I explore notions of placemaking and how the are articulated in community locations as well as care home and private settings. Here, older people are understood within an intersectional context. Basically, I research from a position of social justice and seek in my research to work with older people themselves to make a positive difference to their lives in community, in care home and relational contexts.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

I have been Involved in environmental psychology for many years, enjoying the freedom it gave me to work in a field alongside people from other disciplines such as sociologists, geographers and policy makers. This has cemented an interest in transdisciplinary approach to research and a conviction that environment psychology has a strong and important role to play in shaping people's lives through the construction, co-construction and reproduction of the dynamics spaces and places that people inhabit. I feel that my broad experience working within transdisciplinary contexts enables me to adopt several different perspectives which can provide innovative perspectives on the 'wicked' social and environmental problems that beset society today. Moreover, working with participatory and collaborative approaches, I seek to support the expansion of highly inclusive, team oriented academic spaces in institutions and associations which I feel is in line with IAPS goals.

NOMINATOR: [Adriana Portella]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I am working with Judith since 2016 in our ESRC Research Project about ageing in local communities. Judith is an outstanding research partner with a huge knowledge about research impact, dissemination, and publications. She is a high academic and researcher in the field of psychology. Her participation will be an important contribution to the Board and her experience in multidisciplinary research will help the Association becomes more multidisciplinary.

SECONDER: [Isolda de Araujo Gunther]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

Considering the long standing involvement of the candidate in research dealing with social care and health policy from an environmental psychology perspective, in particular, her interest in the relationship between health, identity and the home, I strongly support the nomination of Professor Judith Sixsmith to the IAPS Board

12. Karine Weiss (France)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

I am currently working specifically on social representations of risks and risks management. My research interest focuses on climate change, with two main topics: (1) the communication during crisis management (especially using NTIC and social media during natural or technological disasters) and (2) perceptions and social representations of emerging risks and their links with social practices linked to these risks. In both cases, I am working with interdisciplinary points of view, by integrating management and communication, and/or environmental sciences. From a scientific point of view, I'm addressing environmental issues with a resolutely qualitative orientation in order to preserve a global point of view, allowing a better understanding of human responses in a complex and constantly changing environment. I focus on adaptation processes that are implemented face to climate change. Nowadays, there are many applied social psychology studies, which lead to think about quick and punctual solutions aimed at changing practices. But with this only kind of research paradigm, we may lose sight of processes that take place at larger temporal and spatial scales, and within IAPS, we need to preserve an epistemological plurality. Currently I'm managing the Master in Environmental Psychology and the director of the Doctoral School "risks and society" in my University (University of Nîmes, South of France).

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

As a representative of environmental psychology in France, I would like to contribute in the development of effective links between the different national associations, and also the improvement of the research network in People-environment studies. I am sure that we now have a long experiment in different countries, which we could intensify with a better coordination. My experience as further vice-president for international relationships, and my present function as director of the Doctoral School in the University of Nîmes, will benefit my contribution the IAPS, especially in terms of networks knowledge and opportunities of international funding, and to support Young Researchers Training. In this framework, it could be interesting to promote "InDoc" internships for Young Researchers, using the IAPS network, in order to facilitate interdisciplinary connexions.

NOMINATOR: [Enric Pol]

Nominator's short supporting statement

Karine Weiss, full professor at the University of Nîmes (Fr) is representative of the different sensibilities that exist in the environmental psychology of the Francophonie. Trained at the Environmental Psychology Laboratory of the University Paris-Descartes, with Gabriel Moser, where he also began his teaching and research career, he passed through different French universities, until he obtained the post as Full Professor at the University of Nîmes. There she currently manages the only Master in Environmental Psychology in France. An untiring researcher in many different subjects, both of urban social dynamics and related to sustainability, has recently focused very specially on Environmental Risk issues. He has published numerous reference books for the Environmental Psychology of the French-speaking area (the last, this 2017), and numerous papers in international journals of prestige and impact. It is - and has been - a key element in the organization of networks of support and exchange in France, such as Arpenv, which regularly organizes scientific meetings and seminars, lately with a strong interaction and exchange with similar organizations at Spanish, Protuges and Italian level, as well as other countries of Latin America and the France Overseas and other European countries. It is for all this that I consider that she is an ideal person to be in the Board of the IAPS

SECONDER: [Sandrine Depeau]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

Karine Weiss is an active, self-determined, well-recognised professor in environmental psychology. Among the numerous projects and moments shared with Karine, I had the opportunity to live and to share her determination to preserve the dynamics of environmental psychology during the creation of the association (Arpenv) in which I was lucky to participate by her side as treasurer, then president. A way of keeping the dynamics Gabriel Moser had introduced and maintained, despite members of the laboratory of Paris being geographically scattered. She is sensitive to the promotion and visibility of the discipline in France as well as at the international level. And her positive position relative to development of environmental psychology contributes to reinforce this field in Psychology. Her last active role in the international exchanges as Vice-President in charge of international relations at university of Nîmes gives evidence of it. Her new assignments as vice-chairman in social action at University of Nîmes, and above all her several scientific responsibilities as director of the Doctoral School of University of Nîmes as well as director of the Master 2 in Psychology are so many assets which could contribute to her involvement in the IAPS board. Last but not least, despite her scientific speciality Karine Weiss is a discerning researcher in environmental psychology open minded to the thematic diversity which constitutes the discipline. So many qualities that lead me to support Karine Weiss' application for the IAPS board.

13. Ryan Woolrych (UK)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

Ryan Woolrych's research interests include environmental gerontology, urban studies and participatory research. Ryan is well practiced in the application of visual methodologies, using creative methods to better understand the relationship between person and place, particularly in undertaking research with marginalised groups. Ryan's early work including his PhD focused on understanding the impact of urban regeneration schemes on the sense of place and well-being of local residents living in a disadvantaged area of the UK.

Ryan's post-doctoral work was undertaken in Vancouver, Canada, where he explored the concept of ageing-in-place, understanding the experiences of vulnerable older adults living in the community including the homeless and those living in precarious housing situations. This work had considerable influence in terms of policy and practice, working alongside local government, housing providers and planners and developers to bring about positive change.

Ryan is currently an Associate Professor at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK. Here he is leading on a number of international research initiatives, currently acting as UK P-1 on a transnational research project with the UK and Brazil, exploring sense of place, identity and belonging amongst older adults ageing across different urban, cultural and social contexts (Place-Making with Older Adults: Towards Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, 2016-19, ESRC). He is also collaborating on an international British Council funded project in Colombia, Harnessing Innovation for Social Equity and Well-being, exploring the role of public space and well-being in the context of social urbanism in Medellin.

Ryan has experience of being an active board member of key international research organisation and committees. He is past secretary-general (current board member) of the International Society for Gerontechnology, where he had responsibility for over 300 International members, organising biennial conferences in Asia, Europe and North America and providing editorial support for the associated Gerontechnology journal. He has developed strong international links, currently acting as adjunct professor with the Gerontology Research Centre, Vancouver, Canada.

Lastly, Ryan is a reviewer for UK and International funding councils and referee on key journals in the area of urban studies, ageing and community studies.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

I will bring my experience of being a secretary-general and board member for key organisations to help support the continued development of the Association. This includes skills and expertise in dissemination, conference organisation and journal publication. Much of my work is transdisciplinary in nature; I will bring this expertise in networking to help bridge the often disparate disciplines of environmental psychology, urban studies and gerontology. I will support the development of a transdisciplinary research culture across the organisation, seeking to ensure that the organisation responds to key challenges and opportunities in the area of environmental psychology and place. Importantly, through my international links, I will ensure that IAPS continues to expand its global reach. To this end, I will work closely with IAPS board members to ensure the association has a key presence in international research agendas across the Global South.

NOMINATOR: [Adriana Portella]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I met Ryan in 2015 in an ESRC networking meeting in London, where we start to plan a new project about aging in local communities. Since then we were awarded an ESRC grant of one million pound to develop guidelines in the ESRC urban transformation scheme. We have been working together since 2015 and Ryan is very committed and responsible; he is an easygoing person who works very well in-group. He also has a leadership character what is very important to make things happen. Ryan's participation in IAPS Board will be essential to keep the Association alive and motivated.

SECONDER: [Harmut Günther]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

Considering the candidate's research on the impact of planning, urban design, outdoor spaces, neighbourhood and housing on ageing populations, I strongly endorse the nomination of Professor Ryan Woolrych to the IAPS Board, given that his participation will strengthen this particular dimension of person-environment research

14. Kayleigh Wyles (UK)

Election Statement

a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities

My research (and personal) interests revolve around the natural environment, specifically aquatic settings. Within this context, I investigate people's use and experience of this natural setting (the restorative aspects of nature) and the human dimension of threats facing this often overlooked environment (e.g. marine litter and overfishing). My overall ambition is to understand and promote a sustainable co-dependent relationship between the environment and its users; such that we understand the impacts nature can have on individuals without compromising the health of the environment, or better still, encouraging pro-environmental behaviours. This work involves collaborating with multiple disciplines (e.g. economists, ecologists, geographers, modellers, and artists), multiple countries (including Brazil, Norway, USA, Chile, South Korea, and Sweden) and multiple sectors (e.g. advisory groups, non-governmental organisations, and governmental bodies). As well as engaging in research and teaching the future generation of environmental psychologists on the University of Surrey's Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes, I also engage in a number of research activities. For example, being on the convening board of the IAPS' Restorative Environments Network, advising the United Nations and UK Parliament regarding microplastics, and am an active member of the Outdoors for All Strategic Research Group in the UK.

b) The reason for standing for the Board and how the candidate thinks he/she can make a contribution to the work of the Board and further the interests of the Association.

Since beginning my PhD, I have identified myself as being a part of the highly collaborative and supportive IAPS community. I have attended every IAPS conference since then, participating in the Young Researcher's Workshop in Glasgow, co-chairing a symposium with Prof. Terry Hartig in Lund, and have presented four talks over the years. I am currently responsibly for the IT aspects of the IAPS' Restorative Environments Network and have jointly organised multiple meetings and socials for REN in conjunction with the main environmental psychology conferences (IAPS and BCEP/ICEP). However, I would like to do more. I value the opportunities IAPS provides to its members, therefore I would like to give more back to help continue to strengthen this multidisciplinary and very active association.

I believe I can make a valuable contribution to the board, in terms of my perspective, networks, and interest. As well as helping the smooth running of the association, I would particularly hope to broaden the IAPS community and links, for example, to further build links with complementary disciplines (e.g. environmental sciences, the arts, economists, education, and environmental politics), as well as increasing IAPS' visibility with decision makers in order to raise our profile and hopefully support implementation of our findings.

NOMINATOR: [Clare Twigger-Ross]

Nominator's short supporting statement

I have known Kayleigh since meeting her at the YRW in Glasgow, 2012 and most recently worked with her on a project on the value of bathing waters for the Scottish Government. Her academic work is focussed on the restorative aspects of aquatic settings together with aspects that might threaten those benefits: e.g. marine litter. She has been an active member of IAPS through her engagement in IAPS conferences and specifically through her membership of the Restorative Environment network. She is engaged and enthusiastic about promoting IAPS as well as organised, efficient and keen to get involved with the detail of running a network making her an excellent candidate for the board. In working with her I have seen that as well as being immensely capable in her chosen area of research she is able to work across disciplines and interpret her work for policy makers: skills that will be very useful to promoting the multidisciplinary focus of IAPS. She has a great combination of energy and commitment and would be a valuable member of the IAPS board. I am very pleased to nominate her for the IAPS board elections.

SECONDER: [Birgitta Gatersleben]

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

I strongly support Kayleigh Wyles' application to become an IAPS board member. I know her well as she was my dissertation student at Surrey in 2009 and I consider myself very lucky that she is now my colleague as a lecturer in Environmental Psychology at Surrey. Kayleigh has an enormous amount of passion and enthusiasm for the field. She is extremely organised and motivated. Kayleigh has developed a lot of experience in research and teaching in the field in her still relatively early career. In Surrey she is contributing to teach a wide range of environmental psychology topics and runs her own module. Her interdisciplinary on environmental restoration and marine litter crosses several topics in Environmental Psychology. Kayleigh is a pleasure to work with. She is passionate, organised and enthusiastic person and I am sure she will make a valuable contribution to IAPS bringing new ideas, developing and organising events and help running the organisation. Having been in the IAPS board myself a few years ago now I can confidently say that Kayleigh will be a real asset to the board.