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Candidate election statements
IAPS Board Elections – 2020-2024

The Election Committee of IAPS is pleased to request the participation of the IAPS membership in the election of **TWO (2)** members to the IAPS Board.

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 20th of June 2020 to the following addresses: scollado@unizar.es ; and ombretta.r.romice@strath.ac.uk.

The voting papers will be verified by the IAPS Election Committee. **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 2020. 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.

Candidates: IAPS Board / Election statements

1. Henk Staats (The Netherlands)

| Election Statement | |
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| a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities | <p>Almost all of my work has been focused on environmental psychology: in teaching, research, and editorial and managerial work.</p> <p>I teach Environmental Psychology in the Urban Studies Program of Leiden University. Although formally retired I still supervise master and PhD theses and internships that are always focusing on a topic in Environmental Psychology.</p> <p>My specific research interests include environmental preferences, psychological restoration, and the analysis and change of pro-environmental behavior. I cooperate with other disciplines (ecologists, architects, landscape architects, engineers), to research approaches that increase sustainability, biodiversity, scenic beauty, and well-being. Relevant publications can be found on Web of Science, ResearchGate and GoogleScholar.</p> <p>I am a former Senior Associate Editor of Environment and Behavior, and member of the editorial boards of Environment and Behavior, the Journal of Environmental Psychology, Frontiers in Psychology, PsyEcology, and Applied Psychology: Health and Wellbeing.</p> |
| 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. | <p>I have been a board member for 4 years and have taken over the role of Editor in Chief for the IAPS Bulletin. I want to do that for a couple of years more, benefitting from the experience I have acquired. Apart from being Editor I have organized the Young Researchers Workshop (YRW) during the 2018 IAPS Conference in Rome, together with Taciano Milfont and am involved in the YRW in Quebec. This I also find very important and like to continue.</p> |

NOMINATOR: [José A. Corraliza]

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| <i>Nominator's short supporting statement</i> | <p>Henk Staats has developed his teaching and research work at the Department of Social and Organizational Psychology at Leiden University. His research interests include environmental preferences, psychological restoration, and the analysis and change of pro-environmental behaviour, among others. He has a broad vision of people-environment studies and usually collaborates with professionals and researchers from other disciplines to research approaches that increase sustainability, biodiversity, scenic beauty, and well-being. He has been associate editor of <i>Environment and Behavior</i>, and member of editorial boards of international people-environment studies journals. He has participated intensively in IAPS activities. In addition, he regularly collaborates with international research teams. His participation in the IAPS board can be very useful for the association. I propose that he be re-elected as a member of the IAPS board.</p> |
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SECONDER: [Terry Hartig]

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| <i>Seconder's short supporting statement on the candidate</i> | <p>I wholeheartedly endorse Henk Staats as a returning candidate for the IAPS Board. He has a wealth of experience in the fields of relevance to IAPS. He has long demonstrated his commitment to the organization through his membership, participation in conferences, involvement in the restorative Environments Network, and service on the Board. He has for many years also demonstrated a strong commitment to the environment-behavior-design field in general, through his scholarly and practical activities, his teaching and mentorship, his service to organizations, of which IAPS is only one, his work as an Associate Editor for <i>Environment and Behavior</i>, and more. He has done this work with enthusiasm and energy that he has spread to others, and with a critical capability well-tempered by kindness that is widely appreciated. He inspires and engages. He is the kind of person that an organization like IAPS needs and can be proud to have in its leadership.</p> |
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2. Adriana Portella (Brazil)

| <i>Election Statement</i> | |
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| <i>a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities</i> | <p>My research interests are cross-disciplinary spanning urban design, urban planning, architecture and environmental psychology, exploring theoretical concepts of social inequalities, health and well-being, ageing- in-place (www.placeage.org), sense of place, resilience and historical heritage. I am committed to investigate how to integrate vulnerable groups and older adults in the design of planning strategies to promote inclusive and better cities for all. My research is underpinned by a participatory framework, engaging participants as co-researchers. I have expertise in the design and application of innovative methods including photo-diaries and participatory mapping. I am also focused on quantitative research based on statistical analysis, in particular non- parametric tests. I have been working alongside vulnerable groups, including residents living in `favelas` and gentrification areas in Rio de Janeiro. In 2018, I went to the UN in Geneva to present my work: `The Olympic Legacy of Rio 2016: A City for Whom?`. My current research interest now is in the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health and well-being of Venezuelan refugees living in Brazil and Colombia.</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>I have begun in the IAPS as collaborator in few activities of IAPS Newsletter and later I decided to participate of the board election, which I was successful. I am in the IAPS Board since July 2016, and I am one of the Conveners of the Environment and Gerontology network since then. My activities in the IAPS Board are related with the network, social media, membership and Bulletin. Last year, I organized the 2019 IAPS Symposium `Ageing in Place in a World of Inequalities: How to Design Healthy Cities for All` that took place from 27 to 30 November 2019 in Brazil, in the city of Pelotas (https://wp.ufpel.edu.br/placeage/en/). I would like to be part of the IAPS Board for the next four years and continuous support all group in all they need. The idea of bringing together built environment and design perspectives to IAPS activities is something that I would like to continuous to collaborate as I am an architect with urban design background. I would also like to continuous contribute with research discussions bringing issues related to environment studies developed in the Global South. I also believe that a multidisciplinary network is an important step to disseminate the importance of studies related with human behaviour, and I would like to continuous contribute with this through the Environment and Gerontology network, IAPS meeting, symposiums, conference and publications (e.g. IAPS Bulletin).</p> |

NOMINATOR: [Tony Craig]

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| <p><i>Nominator's short supporting statement</i></p> | <p>I have known Adriana for several years, and over the last 4 years, she has played a very active and important role on the IAPS board. Adriana brings a welcome built-environment perspective to board discussions. This is increasingly important, as people-environment studies has always embraced interdisciplinarity, and Adriana is someone I see as an exceptional interdisciplinary scholar of people-environment studies. Her work on the board has always been of high quality, and her work ethic is astounding. Soon after joining the board, Adriana took on the task of successfully managing the IAPS social media presence. She has also done an amazing job of maintaining the IAPS website with a high level of efficiency. I very much value Adriana's presence on the IAPS board and am nominating her because she brings a welcome "can-do" attitude to board activities, and her presence on the board is a clear benefit to the membership. I look forward to working with her in the coming years.</p> |
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SECONDER: [Ricardo García Mira]

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| <p><i>Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate</i></p> | <p>Adriana Portella is a dynamic and experienced researcher, who has contributed to the field of people-environment studies both from the scientific and the management area. She has participated actively in international collaborative research, with an active role as coordinator, on relevant topics within IAPS scope, as ageing friendly communities, design interventions to enable active and healthy lifestyles for older residents, and other innovative approaches from an architectural and urban planning perspective. In the management side, she has served as a member of the board of IAPS during some years, where she was a key member in the dissemination of activities and social networks. Given her experience and good organizational abilities she is an excellent candidate for the IAPS board, who will encourage the efficiency of our organization.</p> |
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3. Caseysimone (The Netherlands)

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| a) Current interests of the candidate and work in environment-behaviour research/activities | Caseysimone is especially focused on the future digital augmentations of the built environment — but sees these interventions as inherently spatial. Her undergraduate work was and professional consulting is focused on how environmental design affects pro-social outcomes, with a primary focus on subjective perceptions of wellbeing. |
| 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 young professional, and a new member of IAPS, Caseysimone is looking to grow deeper roots in the environment-behavior sector. She also is deeply committed to seeing adjacent industries (architecture, social psychology, etc.) have more familiarity with the vast and burgeoning research in space, place, and human behavior studies. She is also a dedicated collaborator and eager to work hand in hand with the rest of the board to support the emerging needs of IAPS. |

NOMINATOR: **[Ashraf M. Salama]**

Nominator's short supporting statement

As a spatial UX consultant (with clients ranging from Nike to Cisco) who will be returning to academia this fall to complete her Masters at TU Delf, Caseysimone Ballestas brings both industry and academic experience to the table. After focusing her undergraduate work on how built environments effect pro-social interactions in learning environments, and six years in technology sector helping companies concept and validate digital-spatial interventions, her return to academia signals a deepening commitment to bridging industry and academic research in the field of Place, Space, Environment Studies. As a new member, she is eager to support IAPS and promote the visibility of the association and its findings.

SECONDER: **[Delphine Labbé]**

Secunder's short supporting statement on the candidate

Caseysimone Ballestas has experience researching and designing environments in support of pro-social interaction in both commercial and academic settings. She is an effective communicator. And has a deep interest in ensuring that the findings of IAPS and its members are well-cataloged and shared. I support her nomination for the board because I believe she could bring a new and strong vision and dedicated commitment to supporting the board, members, and organization in their endeavors.