

13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear IAPS members,

In the following pages, you will find the profiles of the 9 candidates who submitted their name for consideration in the 2022 IAPS Board Elections of 9 Board positions. As you might recall, the submission of candidature expired yesterday, the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Each page contains:

Candidate name and affiliation;

Nominator and Secondor

Their statements in response to the 3 questions:

- A. Motivation to stand for the Board and how it relates to one or several of the profiles described
- B. Refer to how your experience and skill set might fit with the tasks of one or several of the IAPS Board profiles, and how you think you might contribute to the organization
- C. Order of preference of the 3 IAPS Board profiles

According to IAPS' Constitution, and in particular Article 11.3 (Nomination to Executive Committee) which states that:

*“(3) Nominations for election to the Executive committee must be made by members of the Association in writing and must be in the hands of the secretary of the Executive committee at least 14 days before the annual general meeting. **Should nominations exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot.**”*

we can declare **the 9 candidates below to be formally appointed to the Board** that will commence its mandate at the forthcoming AGM, with no further need for ballot.

Therefore, the new Board will comprise:

<b>Board commencing at IAPS 2022 AGM</b>
<b>Adina Dumitru, President (Spain)</b>
Henk Staats (The Netherlands)
Adriana Portella (Brasil)
<b><i>As a result of the 2022 nomination process</i></b>
Susana Batel (Portugal)- re-elected
Giuseppe Carrus (Italy) – re-elected (4 years max)
Silvia Collado Salas (Spain) – re-elected
Karin Dijkstra (The Netherlands) - new
Ferdinando Fornara (Italy) – re-elected
Hartmut Günther (Brazil) – re-elected (Max 4 years)
Sarah Payne (UK) – re-elected
Wouter Poortinga (UK) – re-elected
Eleanor (Ellie) Ratcliffe (UK) – new

We encourage all members to familiarise themselves with the profiles of both continuing and new members and take the opportunity to meet them all at the forthcoming AGM (6<sup>th</sup> of July, 17:30).

We wish the incoming Board success in taking the IAPS mission forward over the next years under Adina Dumitru's leadership, and thank all exiting Board members (Tony Craig (UK), Karine Weiss (France), Nathalie Jean Baptiste (Germany), Patricia Ortega Andeane (México) and in particular Tony Craig for their hard work and commitment over the past years.

With best wishes,

**IAPS Election Committee**

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## Susana Batel

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**N: Adina Dumitru**

**S: Karine Weiss**

- A. I have been on IAPS' Board in the last four years and during that time I have contributed to open discussions about new directions that IAPS can take as an association in order to better engage with its mission on social and environmental sustainability and justice across the globe and on interdisciplinarity. For that I have engaged with colleagues from other disciplines, such as human geography and ecological economics, and brought them to contribute to IAPS' activities, such as the ECRW and the conference; I have also contributed to the ECRWs, IAPS newsletter and to update the guidelines for organising IAPS' conferences with a view to contributing to those two key main aims. I have also represented IAPS at PSICAMB and ICEP events, fostering the closer relationships between these different associations. This has however happened during the pandemic, which clearly caused challenges to IAPS as an association and to our work as Board members, and so I feel that I can still contribute more in taking IAPS in new directions towards increased sustainability and interdisciplinarity in its activities and mission if I am re-elected for the next years.
- B. 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). My research has been developing a critical and interdisciplinary approach to people-environment studies, namely towards a better understanding of the socio-environmental justice and psychosocial implications of the transitions towards carbon neutrality, as well as the role of place attachments in those. My work has also contributed to advancing socio-psychological and environmental theories and methods. As such, my work has developed innovative interdisciplinary 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, namely towards environmental sustainability in a just and inclusive way. I have also been an Associate Editor of *Frontiers in Environmental Psychology* and of the new journal *Global Environmental Psychology* for which I have also been contributing towards increasing interdisciplinarity, inclusion and multi-methods approaches in people-environment studies. In this way, I think I have relevant skills and expertise to contribute to take IAPS's work and mission towards being even more engaged and appealing as a space for people to come together who aim to contribute to better understand people-environment relations and tackle related societal problems.
- C. 3. Trailblazing – to improve membership value
1. Managing IAPS knowledge communities and event
  2. Visibility of IAPS, its expertise and products

## Giuseppe Carrus

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**N: Tony Craig**

**S: Ferdinando Fornara**

A. I'm standing for a new mandate in the board after having served on it for two mandates. In my previous experience as a board member I had the responsibility of editing the Bulletin and I also served as Secretary for 2 years.

I finished my board experience with the organization of the 25<sup>th</sup> IAPS conference in Rome in 2018, the last in-person IAPS Conference we could have. I am now ready to step again in, to bring in my experience and my unchanged enthusiasm and my affective commitment to this organization, that accompanied me throughout my professional trajectory since my early academic years.

B. I am full professor in social psychology at the Roma Tre University, Italy.

I think my 3-decades teaching and research experience in the field of people-environment studies could help the new board to develop the IAPS strategies in the coming years.

C. Helping the organization of new IAPS events, in line with the current priorities and challenges in the global environmental field;

Supporting knowledge circulation and co-production in relation to people-environment issues and challenges of the post-pandemic world;

Supporting early career research trajectories and inclusive participation in IAPS activities

## Silvia Collado Salas

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**N: Henk Staats**

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- A. have been an IAPS Board member for the last 4 years and I decided to re stand for the Board because I believe IAPS successfully brings together researchers and practitioners interested in the interrelationship between people and the environment, and I wa nt to continue contributing to that. I have mainly worked as Editor of the IAPS Bulletin, together with the Editor in Chief Henk Staats. We have worked hard to promote scientifically relevant and attractive Bulletin issues, which is closely related to profile 2 (visibility of IAPS). Apart from that, I have beeninvolved in other tasks such as being a mentor at the Early Career Researchers Workshop in Quebec (related to profile 1: managing IAPS knowledge community and events) and helping with the IAPS Board elections in 2020. I have also participated in each of the very insightful discussions that we as a Board have had within the last four years. I would like to continue my work as a member of the IAPS Board in the upcoming years and, if reelected, I will de finitely do my best to help with IAPS current work.
- B. As indicated above, during the past four years I have been involved in several of the activities the Board is committed to, but mainly to the visibility of IAPS through its Bulletin. During this time, Henk Staats and I worked as a team, which requires coordination skills and compromise with one another, as well as with the task we had at hand. Together, we had to carefully think about the content of each Bulletin, encourage and invite possible authors to contribute to the Bulletin and do a close follow up of their contributions. We also had to supervise and, when needed, edit these contributions. Working on the Bulletin requires fluent communication among the Editors as well as with the authors and, ultimately, with the editing company. It also involves the revision of several pdf proofs of the Bulletin. So, through these years, I showed critical thinking, attention to detail, and that I am good at working with others and at planning tasks with enough time to meet IAPS goals. By being involved in the Early Career Research ers' workshop, I also showed my mentoring skills. I have committed to being a mentor in the next edition of the Early Career Researchers' workshop which will take place during the next IAPS conference ( 2022). If re elected, I will be happy to contribute to IAPS on the tasks described above and any others the organization may need.
- C. 1: Visibility of IAPS, its expertise and publications  
2: Managing IAPS knowledge community and events  
3: Trailblazing: innovation/ new directions

## Karin Dijkstra

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**N: Ferdinando Fornara**

**S: Sarah Payne**

- A. As an IAPS member I have always benefitted from the conferences, networks and energy within the association. I consider my attendance at the Young Researcher's Workshop in 2008 as one of those defining moments in finding my way in the field and becoming part of a community. I already served as a mentor at the Young Researcher's Workshop, but would like to contribute to IAPS in a more substantial manner. This would fit perfectly with my new role as a University of Applied Sciences Professor in Community-Based Health Promotion with a specific interest in the living environment. Moving further into the field of healthcare, the relevance of our work within the IAPS community became clear to me. I would like to make this relevance for the domain of healthcare more visible and believe it could provide interesting opportunities to enlarge the impact of our work, by broadening our networks and collaborations. This ambition fits with profile 3.
- B. My international experience, my networking skills and my profile as a researcher (using knowledge from environmental psychology to address large societal issues in the domain of healthcare) can help to achieve the IAPS ambitions of exploring new directions and forming new relationships (i.e. profile 3). This also strongly relates to some of the tasks from profile 1, such as increasing the presence of thematic areas at IAPS conferences.
- C. 3. Trailblazing: innovation/new directions
1. Visibility of IAPS, its expertise and products
  2. Managing IAPS knowledge communities and events

## Ferdinando Fornara

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**N:** *Giuseppe Carrus*

**S:** *Tony Craig*

- A. 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, 2016 and 2018. Moreover, since from the IAPS Conference 2008 and in all the following ones I have been involved as senior researcher in the Young Researcher Workshop, now named Early Career Researcher Workshop.
- B. I am full professor in social and environmental psychology at the University of Cagliari (Sardinia, Italy), where I teach Environmental and Architectural Psychology, and I am currently the Scientific Director of the Italian Inter-University Research Center on Environmental Psychology (CIRPA). 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 addressing 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.
- 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.
- C. 3. Trailblazing: innovation/new directions  
2. Managing IAPS knowledge communities and events  
1. Visibility of IAPS, its expertise and products

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**N: Adriana Portella**

**S: Nirce Saffer Medvedovski**

- A. Since coming to the University of Brasília in 1988, I have contributed to
- (a) Formally bring EP to the academic landscape of Brazil;
  - (b) Co-authored introductory and method books in EP in Portuguese to support research and teaching among (under)graduate students;
  - (c) Supported the foundation and continuation of the EP section in the National Association of Research and Graduate Studies in Psychology (ANPEPP);
  - (d) Supported the foundation of ABRAPA, the Brazilian Association of Person-Environment Studies.
- My motivations to stand for the Board are related to all these activities that I am involved in and are also related to the support I want to enhance of the association with a global perspective about environmental psychology including research and representativity from the global south. Brazil has been my home for many years and I would like to reinforce the Latin America and Global South network in the Association. In addition, I am a senior member of IAPS, I registered myself in the Association in early 2008, and I was an IAPS Board member at that time. Among the duties I most enjoyed was to contribute to the organization of three Young Researcher Workshops: Leipzig, 2010; Glasgow, 2012 and Timisoara, 2014.
- B. The involvements listed above, together with relevant intra- and interuniversity administrative experiences would allow me to contribute to the following IAPS Board profiles:
- 1.3 Increase the presence : IAPS conferences
  - 1.4 Support IAPS conferences and events (including the Early Career Researchers' workshop)
  - 1.5 Coordinate relations with relevant national-level associations
  - 2.3 Increase visibility of IAPS products, events, and expertise of IAPS members at national and international levels and for relevant events
  - 2.4 Continue to increase IAPS attractiveness for early career researchers
    - 3.3 Propose innovative formats for smaller-scale events
    - 3.4 Identify new & worthwhile partnerships, as well as formats for partnerships (e.g. organization of joint events, joint publications or outputs etc).
- C. 2. Managing IAPS knowledge communities and events
1. Visibility of IAPS, its expertise and products
  3. Trailblazing: innovation/new directions

## Sarah Payne

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***S: Susana Batel***

A. I am currently Associate Professor of Health in the Built Environment, at Heriot-Watt University. There I have brought my Environmental Psychology knowledge to geographers, planners, architectural engineers, civil engineers and interior designers, who I believe are all integral to creating the best people-environment relationships.

I have enjoyed working on the IAPS board for the last four years, despite the global difficulties that have arisen in that time, which have affected aspects of the organisation. I feel that there is more I can still contribute to the board though, particularly now aspects of the systems that could be improved have become clearer over time. Furthermore, the global changes in how international teams, knowledge transfer, and events can be run have led to the start of interesting discussions about how IAPS and its conferences could be organised in the future. I would find it rewarding to be a part of those discussions and help shape this environmentally conscious, and social organisation.

B. As IAPS treasurer for the last four years, I have managed the accounts and set budgets for each of the core activities. I have ensured that appropriate funds are available to support the relevant events and to the volunteers that provide their time to events, such as the Early Career Workshop. Global issues have resulted in great financial savings, so now it is time to ensure we can support members with some of these funds, and create appropriate schemes to provide added value to our members, whilst ensuring financial stability for the future of the organisation. I am keen to continue pushing for such member benefits to occur and be publicised to help strengthen the worth of IAPS memberships.

When I first started as treasurer, I created standardised forms for making claims to the organisation to help formalise the financial processes. I also explored different banking options to try and lower their fees, although constitutional aspects hindered changes.

Prior to being a board member I was a convenor of the Restorative Environments Network for 6 years and the Sensory Environments Network for 3 years. Thus, I am aware of the needs of the networks, and am happy to liaise with network convenors to provide support from the board.

C. 3. Trailblazing – to improve membership value

2. Managing IAPS knowledge communities

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**S: Ferdinando Fornara**

- A. Throughout my academic career I have attempted to build bridges between psychology and the environmental and spatial sciences. I combined my Degree in Social Psychology with a Master's in environmental sciences at the University of Groningen, after being inspired by my mentor's module on 'environment and behaviour'. I received a PhD in environmental studies from the University of East Anglia (UEA), where I applied social science methods to better understand environmental risk perception. I currently have a joint appointment at the Welsh School of Architecture and the School of Psychology, where I teach human-environment interactions to both psychology and architecture students. In my undergraduate Environmental Psychology module I include both conservation psychology (e.g. climate psychology) and ecological psychology (e.g. architectural psychology) to cover all aspects of human-environment interaction research.
- B. I believe that IAPS plays a central role in creating a community that is welcoming to all disciplines and scholars doing research on human-environment interactions. This includes environmental psychology, as well as architecture, urban planning, and environmental design. Furthermore, I believe that IAPS should act like a platform for Open Science to make good-quality research accessible to all, and to internationalise research for and from both the Global South and the Global North. And last but not least, I believe that IAPS needs to use the community's experience to advocate for a better world and living environment, ranging from the local (liveable healthy communities) to the global (climate change). I am motivated to contribute to innovation and new directions for the organisation. I particularly want to help ensure that IAPS remains inclusive and relevant to all its existing and (potential) new members; as well as communities and policy makers that may benefit from human-environment research.
- C. Trailblazing: innovation/new directions  
Managing IAPS's knowledge and communities and events  
Visibility of IAPS, its expertise and products

## Eleanor (Ellie) Ratcliffe

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**N: Tony Craig**

**S: Terry Hartig**

- A. I am a Lecturer in Environmental Psychology at the University of Surrey, United Kingdom. IAPS has been my 'academic home' since 2012 and has provided me with valued friendships, collaborations, and intellectual exchange. I want to make sure those opportunities are visible and accessible to others, especially those new to people-environment studies (e.g., early-career and interdisciplinary researchers, and those combining research and practice).

I wish to stand for the Board to, first, further strengthen the *visibility of IAPS*, and second, to *manage IAPS knowledge communities and events*. In particular I would like to:

- Enhance *visibility* of IAPS and its products through publications and digital communications, and at conferences and related events;
- Facilitate active involvement of *early career researchers (ECRs)* in IAPS events (conferences and symposia) and the overall identity and organisation of IAPS itself; and
- Support *IAPS thematic network* events, and enhance visibility of and synergies between network activities.

- B. I have been a **convener of the IAPS Restorative Environments Network (REN)** since 2018. I have coordinated our newsletter and co-chaired REN symposia at IAPS and ICEP conferences, showcasing our members' research to the wider people-environment studies community. My experience in leading REN will enable me to better understand the needs of other thematic networks, specifically focused toward activities and events, and to find opportunities for connection between them.

I have been using **social media to increase public visibility** of people-environment studies since 2011. I have managed the IAPS REN Twitter account since 2018, and in this time our following has increased by 88%. I am a regular contributor to IAPS and ICEP **conference events**, including organising specific REN sessions (as above) and social activities. I can use my knowledge of these events and their audiences to develop closer relationships between the two communities. I am also keen to facilitate **hybrid conferences/symposia** that afford accessibility and sustainability but maintain the personal connection that I think is so important to our community.

I completed my PhD in 2015. As such I have **recent personal experience of being an ECR** and the challenges specific to this audience – especially the need for mentorship and peer support that IAPS can provide. I also have significant experience in **representing the views of other ECRs** that I would like to utilise via a position on the Board. I promoted the development of an IAPS ECR Network (convened by Everly Jazi, Ting-Ting Cheng, and Ruby Lipson-Smith). To increase inclusivity, I proposed renaming the "Young Researchers' Workshop" to the "ECR Workshop", a suggestion that was then acted upon by the IAPS Board. Outside of IAPS, I have been the ECR representative for the University of Surrey's School of Psychology Research Committee (2019-22). From autumn 2022 I will direct Surrey's MSc in Environmental Psychology, providing a great opportunity to connect scholars with IAPS at an early stage in their training.

- C. 1. Visibility of IAPS, its expertise and products  
2. Managing IAPS knowledge communities and events  
3. Trailblazing: innovation/new directions