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- 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