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Endorsement of Lorenzo Imbesi for President of Cumulus

I am writing this letter in support of Prof. Lorenzo Imbesi for President of Cumulus. I acknowledge Prof. Imbesi for his international background and his many years of service to Cumulus and the field(s) of design. Personally, I have known Lorenzo for many years and highly appreciate his dedication to the design profession and academia.

Prof. Imbesi's credentials are significant. He is an Architect, PhD and Full Professor of Industrial Design at Sapienza University of Rome, where he is Director of Sapienza Design Research SDR for a second term since 2017. He is a member of the Executive Board of Cumulus Association from 2016, where he is co-chair of ReVeDA, which is the Working Group on design research, and the chair of the Cumulus PhD Network. He co-chaired the 'Design Cultures' Cumulus Roma 2020>2021 international conference and he initiated the Cumulus PhD Network.

Previously, Prof. Lorenzo Imbesi was a Faculty at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada until the end of 2013. Additionally, he has been Visiting Professor for a number of International Universities, while teaching, lecturing and organizing workshops (Columbia, Hong Kong Polytechnic, University of San Diego, Emily Carr University, University of Calgary, University of Toronto). Likewise, he is editor and a member of the editorial board of academic scientific journals and specialized design magazines: Editor of 'DIID Disegno Industriale – Industrial Design' (ListLAB, Trento/Barcellona – ranked Class A Scientific Journal for Anvur), Editor of 'Design Principles and Practices: an International Journal' (Common Ground Publishing, Chicago) and Member of the editorial advisory board of 'The Design Journal' (Bloomsbury Publishing, London). As such he is an important member of the international design community.

I strongly believe that Prof. Lorenzo Imbesi's high energy, expertise and empathy together with his professional credentials, can support the collective vision of Cumulus. I hope you will consider Lorenzo for this most important Cumulus position.

Best regards,

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