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RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR CUMULUS Presidency 2022-2025

Att. CUMULUS International Association
of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Media

To whom it may concern

With the present letter, I highly recommend **LORENZO IMBESI**, an Architect, PhD and Full Professor of Industrial Design at Sapienza University of Rome. Since 2018 he is Director of Sapienza Design Research. Previously, he has been a Faculty at Carleton University until 2013 (Ottawa, Canada), where he was the Chair of the Master of Design MDes.

Over the years, he has been Visiting Professor for a number of International Universities, also acting as ICCS fellow – Canada Government and member of the Research Board of National and European research projects, which appears to be valuable for the Research programs that Cumulus could lead in the future. He is keynote speaker, chair and organizer for several international conferences (Design Principles and Practices, DMI, Cumulus), and a curator of design exhibitions and events. He was co-curator of the Milano Cumulus Exhibition and catalogue “Design to Feed the World”, which took place at Cumulus Milano conference in the Summer 2015.

Member of the Executive Board of the European Academy of Design since 2011, he was first representative of Carleton University and a member of the General Assembly at Cumulus Association where at the moment he sits at the Board and is Co-Chair of the Working Group on design scientific research, starting also the new PhD Network initiative. Since his first participation in Cumulus Association he has been very active in promoting international networking and giving an active contribution to the Board for the last six years. In 2021, in very difficult pandemic conditions, he organized in Rome and co-chaired the Cumulus Conference “*Design Cultures*”. All these experiences will be very important for the next post-pandemic years helping revitalise the association keeping in mind its founding values.

Due to the above reasons, I strongly support the candidacy of Lorenzo Imbesi as Cumulus President 2022-2025.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Francesco Zurlo
the Dean