

Hasselt, December 12th, 2018

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Lorenzo Imbesi to become the President of Cumulus.

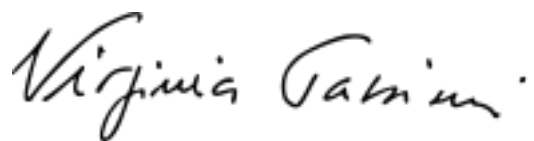
Prof. Imbesi is Full Professor, Design Research Director, Design PhD Curriculum Chair at Sapienza University in Rome, but also Executive Board member of EAD and Cumulus, where he has been showing all his ability in interpersonal skills, his knowledge in the field of design pedagogy and of his leadership in design education.

I had the pleasure of working with Prof. Imbesi and witnessed first hand his efforts to energise design in Canada and in Europe as an active design scholar, as well as critic and essayist for many reviews and journals. He is a frequent keynote speaker, chair and organiser of several international conferences and a curator of design exhibitions and events. All these experiences make of him a very skilled candidate for the Cumulus presidency. While a Professor in Canada, he worked hard to spread word about the Cumulus Association and its activities in Northern America and contributed to the joining of various academic institutions to Cumulus. As a Cumulus Executive Board Member, he has been largely contributed to the network also thanks to his profound knowledge of the field of design and his international engagement with design research and design education. Even before being elected as Executive Board Member in 2015, Prof. Imbesi has shown to be active involved with Cumulus in various international conferences since many years and thanks to his work for the Cumulus Research Working Group he has been co-chairing since 2014. In his years as Cumulus Executive Board Member, he has shown an extraordinary involvement in the Cumulus community, taking part to the more diverse initiatives to strengthen the Cumulus community and enrich it from the pedagogical perspective. To sum up, Lorenzo has a profound knowledge of the Cumulus community and has been showing since long time his commitment to the Association. This makes of him in my opinion an ideal candidate for this position.

Based on my personal experience and the width and depth of his professional, scholarly and international experience as outlined in his curriculum vitae, I strongly support Prof. Imbesi's candidacy to become president of Cumulus. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Virginia Tassinari

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia Tassinari". The script is fluid and cursive, with a small dot at the end of the last word.

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