

Cumulus International Association of
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Media

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Subject: Letter of endorsement for Lorenzo Imbesi for second term as President of Cumulus Association

Dear Cumulus community,

three years ago, I endorsed Lorenzo Imbesi's candidacy for Cumulus President with strong confidence in his abilities. Today, having witnessed his remarkable leadership during this first term, I am even more convinced of his exceptional qualities and enthusiastically support his candidacy for a second term as President of Cumulus Association (2025-2028).

As Dean of RUFA - Rome University of Fine Arts, I have had the opportunity to observe closely how Professor Imbesi has successfully bridged the worlds of art and design education, fostering innovative collaborations across disciplines. His understanding of both traditional art academies and modern design institutions has brought a unique perspective to Cumulus's leadership, enriching our association's cultural dialogue.

During his presidency, he has shown an impressive ability to balance tradition with innovation. The successful transition of Cumulus to an independent association while preserving its core values demonstrates his strategic vision and diplomatic skills. His initiatives to bring together diverse educational approaches - from fine arts to digital design, from crafts to technological innovation - have created new opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

What particularly impresses me is his commitment to making Cumulus truly global while maintaining strong connections with local design communities. His understanding of both international dynamics and local needs has helped strengthen our network's relevance across different cultural contexts.

Based on these achievements and his clear vision for the future, I strongly believe Professor Imbesi is the ideal leader to guide Cumulus through its next phase of development.

Kind Regards,
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Dean of RUFA - Rome University of Fine Arts

