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To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support and Recommendation

On behalf of The Glasgow School of Art, I wish to communicate my support for the candidacy of Professor Lorenzo Imbesi of the University of Rome Sapienza for the role of Chair of the Executive Board of Cumulus.

As current President and previous Board Member of Cumulus, Lorenzo brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the role and its challenges. As a renowned academic, essayist and researcher, Professor Imbesi's career is rooted in the contemporary experience of global academia, most obviously in the inauguration of the Cumulus PhD Network and its nourishing of the next generation of scholars and researchers within our intellectual community.

Lorenzo's international working life and educational experiences demonstrate the qualities that he offers to this role – of working across disciplinary boundaries and international borders to create community and opportunity. In a challenging historical moment for Cumulus and the wider world, Lorenzo possesses an understanding of how Cumulus works, of how it must change and evolve and of how the community of member institutions may work together to achieve our common goals.

Therefore, I recommend to you Professor Lorenzo Imbesi as a candidate for election to the Chair of the Cumulus Executive Board.

Yours faithfully

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