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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Professor Lorenzo Imbesi for his outstanding leadership and contributions as President of the Cumulus Association. I had the pleasure of meeting Professor Imbesi at the end of 2021 while preparing for the Cumulus Antwerp conference 2023, where I served as the chair. Throughout this period, Professor Imbesi, along with the Cumulus Board and Secretariat, proved to be exceptional coaches, guiding us with expertise and unwavering support.

Professor Imbesi's tenure as President has been marked by his enthusiasm and visionary ideas for the future of Cumulus. His passion for the association is evident in his ambitious initiatives, which often surpass what seems achievable. Under his leadership, Cumulus has seen remarkable advancements, including the establishment of the Cumulus Ph.D. Network, which fosters a global community of design researchers and scholars. This initiative has significantly enhanced the academic and professional development opportunities for members.

Additionally, Professor Imbesi has been instrumental in the creation of the Cumulus Passport, thereby enriching the cultural exchanges within the design community. His efforts have also led to the successful organization of numerous conferences, such as the Design Culture(s) conference hosted by Sapienza University, which was a milestone for the association, especially during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a Full Professor and Sapienza Design Research Director at Sapienza University of Rome, Professor Imbesi brings a wealth of academic experience and a global perspective to his role. His dedication to fostering design research and education is commendable, and his leadership has been pivotal in expanding Cumulus' reach and impact.

I am applying for a position on the Cumulus Board and, if elected, I look forward to collaborating with Professor Imbesi and the esteemed board members. I am confident that with his guidance, Cumulus will continue to flourish and achieve new heights.

Enthusiastic greetings from Antwerp,

Prof. Dr. Kristof Vaes

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