



**July 7, 2017**

Damien Chalaud  
Executive Director  
World Federation of Science Journalists

Dear Damien -

It is my pleasure to support the candidacy of Federico Kukso of Argentina for the board of the World Federation of Science Journalists.

Federico has been a leader and a beacon for good science journalism in Argentina and elsewhere in Latin American for many years. A talented freelancer, a first class magazine journalist interested in both research and research ethics, he has also worked to strengthen connections between science journalists, to build the profession's stature, and to help train young science journalists in his country.

He was a Knight Science Journalism Fellow during the 2015-16 academic year and again there proved his dedication to community, to skill-building, and to a deeper understanding of science. As an example, he's continued to help us build stronger connections with our global alumni network, following their achievements and writing them up for the KSJ website. He suggested that himself which should stand as a reminder that he's a self-starter when it comes to connecting science journalists.

In other words, he's exactly the kind of science journalist who will make an outstanding board member and work hard for the WFSJ. I urge you to accept his candidacy. You'll be very glad you did.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Blum'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Deborah Blum, Director  
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