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Dear WFSJ Election Board Committee,

I wish to provide my support to **Mr. Federico Kukso** and his application to become a new board member of the World Federation of Science Journalists.

I can without reservation attest that Mr. Kukso stands among highly motivated and talented persons and science journalists. He has great interpersonal and journalistic skills and is both well-prepared and willing to work hard in order to foster science journalism in Latin America, a region with a big need of leadership and support on the subject.

I know Mr. Kukso since 2009 and we happened to meet in different training workshops and events on science journalism as the World Conference of Science Journalists 2013 in Helsinki, Finland and the First Hackathon on Science Journalism held in Guadalajara, México in 2014, to name two of them.

Mr. Kukso is member of the Argentinian Network of Science Journalists. He has been a Knight Science Journalist Fellow at MIT and Harvard (2015-16); a science journalist speaker in many important scientific and journalistic events as the 4th. *European Conference for Science Journalists* recently held in Copenhagen, Denmark. And he also has been facilitator in training workshops for Latin American Journalists as he did last year during the *Second International Workshop on Science Journalism. The Challenge to Spread Science* that was organized by the International Center of Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), in Cali, Colombia.

Last, but not least, Mr. Kukso is a great science writer too. His book “Everything you need to know about science” (Todo lo que necesitas saber sobre ciencia, in Spanish) is a must-read. And I know he is “cooking” another book that I hope will be available soon.



Mr. Kukso's English speaking and writing skills are very good too.

In summary, Kukso is an exceptionally talented, self-motivated and productive science journalist who I am sure would be a great contributor to the mission and vision of the World Federation of Science Journalists.

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