

**World Federation of Science Journalists
Board of Elections**

April 23, 2019

Dear Nomination Committee for the WFSJ Board,

It is with great enthusiasm and confidence that I recommend **Andrada Fiscutean** for the election to the Board of the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ). She is one of the best science and technology reporters in Eastern Europe and a very active board member in the Balkan Network of Science Journalists.

I met Andrada three years ago, and I was immediately drawn to her work. She is passionate when talking about her stories, which are often unusual and very difficult to research, tackling topics such as cybercrime or science in North Korea. As a freelancer, she has written for Nature, WIRED, Ars Technica, and ZDNet, being a very successful science journalist on the international scene.

On top of that, she's a respected member of the Romanian journalists' community. She's the chief editor of one of the oldest commercial radio stations in Romania, ProFM, where she has recently built a news desk tasked to deliver local content to towns all across the country, showing great leadership abilities.

Due to her excellent work and dedication to journalism, last year, my colleagues in the Balkan Network of Science Journalists and I decided to nominate Andrada for the European Science Writer of the Year award. She is also the recipient of two 'SuperScrier' (SuperWritings) Awards, the highest distinctions in Romanian journalism, for a feature story about a city trying to address the issue of an increased population of birds.

In addition to her daily job, she's very involved in the Balkan community of science journalists. She has recently participated in a workshop in Belgrade, where she shared the tools she uses when working for international media, encouraging other reporters to do the same. She will also have a presentation at the WCSJ19 Balkan workshop in Lausanne.

Andrada has also contributed to panels, has mentored young reporters, and has been a highly supporting member for our group. Everyone loves working with her! It is hard to overstate the meaningful contributions she has made to our association, making everyone more collaborative. She never says no, and takes initiative to grow science journalism in the region.

On top of that, I've always appreciated Andrada's positivity and kindness, her readiness to help a colleague or a friend, both professionally and personally. She's a good listener and can easily make friends. These come in addition to her thirst for knowledge, her genuine curiosity, professionalism, and work ethics.

On behalf of the Balkan Network of Science Journalists, I wholeheartedly recommend Andrada for the WFSJ Board. I'm confident that she will be an outstanding addition to the WFSJ Board.

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