

**World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ)
Board of Elections**

22 April 2019

Dear Nomination Committee for the WFSJ board,

I was delighted to hear that Andrada Fiscutean wants to become a WFSJ board member, thus I want to strongly support her as I cannot think of a better candidate to join your board.

Andrada is an incredibly active science and technology journalist in Romania, internationally recognised, often writing in-depth stories of her native country but also the wider Balkan region on a freelance basis for English-speaking publications. She is also an active member of the Balkan Network of Science Journalists (BNSJ) that supports journalism in the region and was recently voted in as a board member, which undoubtedly will help the network flourish further.

As part of the BNSJ, Andrada is a speaker in a series of workshops for science journalism in the Balkan region. Last month, together, we presented a successful session on what it's like working as freelance in Southeastern Europe. We shared tips, best practices and advice, in hope to encourage other journalists from the region to break into international outlets and spread stories from the region. We've been asked to do another session together for the pre-conference event as part of this year's World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ) in Lausanne which we are now preparing and contentedly collaborating on.

I first met Andrada when we were both participants of the "Science Week at the European Parliament" in Brussels, Belgium, earlier this year. During the week she made full and valuable contributions to all the discussions and activities. Although I've known her only for a short while, she is a pleasure to work with, a reliable colleague and brilliant journalist. I would wholeheartedly recommend her for any opportunity, candidature or assignment related to science journalism.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Best wishes,



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