

Dear WFSJ Nominations Committee

I am writing on behalf of Ashraf Amin, ASJA board member, to support his application for candidacy on the board of the WFSJ in the upcoming elections.

I know Ashraf for nearly nineteen years when we met at the World Conference of Science Journalists in Canada. He has been an active science journalist for twenty years, and has contributed to several of the best regional and international science news outlets. Currently he is the Head of the Science & Health desk, in AlAhram Newspaper.

He is responsible for two weekly pages, one on science and health, and the second on innovation and technology. He is also responsible for the Al-Ahram Science Club, a weekly science session on diverse scientific topics that is open to the public.

For the past few years Ashraf organized several national and regional workshops and conferences on science journalism in collaboration with several entities like the British Council, the Goethe Institut, the DAAD, the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and several pharmaceutical Companies in Egypt. He has given several workshops around the region to journalists on scientific writing skills, science communication, press releases.

If he is elected for WFSJ board, he will help to organize training workshops in developing countries and raise funding from different sectors. He can share his strong experience in his country.

I have no reservation in recommending Ashraf.

Sincerely,
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