

Dear WFSJ Nominations Committee

I hope my email finds you well. My name is Nehal Lasheen, and I'm the president of the Arab Science Journalists Association (ASJA). 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.

Ashraf has been an active science journalist for over fifteen years, and has contributed to several of the best regional and international science news outlets, including *SciDev.Net*, *Nature*, *bild der wissenschaft* and "*Lel Elm*", Scientific American Arabic Edition.

He is a 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.

Ashraf has also been an active member of ASJA since it was founded, and has worked continuously with me and the rest of his colleagues in our efforts to promote science journalism in the Arab world and in the developing world. He has given several workshops around the region to journalists on scientific writing skills, science communication, press releases and how to management press conferences. He targets students of media colleges, ministries and companies.

He has also been actively involved in several of the WFSJ activities, actively participating in many rounds of (WCSJ).

Finally, Ashraf is well-respected and loved among science journalists both regionally and internationally, and he has the support of ASJA in his upcoming bid for candidacy. I am sure he will be an effective member of the board, and will meet the requirements needed to keep the federation an effective tool for all science journalists.

Thank you for your time and I am available to answer any questions you have.

Best regards,

Nehal Lasheen

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