



The Society of Indonesian Science Journalists

Jakarta, 20 April 2019

Dear Nomination Committee,

I am Yosep Suprayogi on behalf of the Society of Indonesian Science Journalists' Board; I would like to support the nomination of **Harry Surjadi** as the candidate of the World Federation of Science Journalists' board member. Harry Surjadi is SISJ's founder and Executive Director of SISJ.

I have known Harry Surjadi for more than 20 years when we started as science journalists in early 1990s. In 2013, we met again in the SjCOOP Asia. When the SjCOOP Asia ended, Harry, other science journalists who are part of the SjCOOP Asia, and I, we found the Society of Indonesian Science Journalists. SISJ is a member of WFSJ.

I know Harry has been consistently practicing science journalism and specialized in environmental issues since the beginning. He is an independent freelance science journalist now. He is an editor for Ekuatorial.com – an online environmental news portal owned by the Society of Indonesian Environmental Journalists that founded by Harry also.

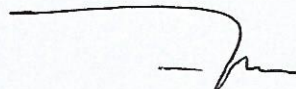
In the last 5 years, he mostly focused, as trainer and mentor, in helping young science journalists became good science journalists. He conducted environmental journalism training workshops through out Indonesia and the region. In March 2019, he helped young Cambodian science journalists to learn science journalism.

He was also an award-winning journalist. He received the Knight International Journalism Fellowship from International Center for Journalists in 2008 and 2011. He was granted the Communication for Social Change Award from the University of Queensland, Australia. He is Ashoka Fellow in Indonesia. And he was the Global Forest Watch Tech Fellow 2018. Beside all those awards, he has passion on helping young journalists who are interested in become science journalists.

We in SISJ believe that he will bring different contribution to science journalism in Asia region and also global south if he is given an opportunity as WFSJ board member. We have seen for years how he inspired many young journalists, especially in environmental reporting. We are sure, he will continue – especially as mentor with his rich experiences as a science journalist.

Therefore with absolutely no reservations, we in SISJ board, strongly recommend Harry to be selected as a candidate for the board member of WFSJ. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. And good luck with your decision.

Sincerely,



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