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**Subject:** Dr. Gülsen SARAY's nomination on the WFSJ Executive Board



Dear Nomination Committee Members

It's my humble wish to take responsibilities by the WFSJ as a Board Member by supporting the executive leadership to ensure effective management.

As an active science journalist, I am a full member of WFSJ, a Board Member of the BNSJ, and temporal associate member of EFSJ.

I am fluent in Turkish, English and German at an academic level, and quite familiar with French with an international (40 countries), European (Germany), and regional (Turkey) experience.

I am a Science Journalist (Ph.D.), Political Scientist (M.A.), and a Civil Engineer (B.Sc.), having a direct academic contribution both to engineering and social sciences as an exclusive first-hand study. I have attended the KNIGHT Center for Journalism seminars on various subjects.

I am trying to develop science journalism both at the academic level and in journalistic practice:

- I wrote the first PhD Thesis in science journalism in Turkey, covering nuclear energy news reporting. I was also a pioneering lecturer of the field "Science and Technology Journalism" at the Turkish university.
- I am a freelance columnist for the "24SAAT" newspaper, a publication of Ankara Journalists Association, as an expert on science journalism, science communication and science policies.
- I was promoted by the @WFSJ as the "Science Journalist of the Week" on 21 April 2021, posted in X.
- Currently I'm preparing the "*Science Journalism Guide for Turkey*".

The organizational performance of WFSJ depends on fundraising and external stakeholders. In order to provide resources, it's necessary to ensure the institutional trust in the eyes of the investors who make donations. I believe it's imperative to discuss and resolve the current administrative inconsistencies among the members. Managerial dichotomy polarizes members and the boundaries of decency are to overcome with transparency.

Preserving the institutional prestige of the WFSJ will subdue the temptation for science journalists and donors to turn to alternative international bodies.

I shared my visions and "my motto" in my article "*Science Journalism is the Gateway to World Civilization*", published on 02.07.2024.

Maintaining integrity and ethical standards in science communication is a fundamental principle of the WFSJ. In my opinion it is important to preserve strategic values and strengthen science journalism networks and inform science journalists of the science policy decisions in order to steer the WFSJ towards a sustainable future.

Atlantic structures cover the strategical momentum of geo-political importance. Political dialogue and consultation on regional issues are addressed at the highest level. Regional alliances for the South East Europe, such as the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and the South East European Cooperation Process (SEECPP) with collective participants (Turkey, Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Moldova, Montenegro, Slovenia and Kosovo) cannot remain unnoticed by journalists. The formation of science policies and science diplomacy directly affects science journalists.

I can share my visions for preparing "*WFSJ Science Policy and Science Diplomacy Guide*" as a road map to monitor science diplomacy and science policies for science journalists in developing collaborative projects.

Please accept this letter as my humble call of duty to serve as a Board Member of the WFSJ.

With respect and kindness,

Dr. Gülsen SARAY