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Dear Colleagues -

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend science editor Subhra Priyardarshini – smart, capable, focused, wonderfully kind – as a candidate for the board of the World Federation of Science Journalists.

I met Suhbra at a WFSJ conference more than a decade ago and I have followed her work with admiration since, both in her previous position as editor of Nature India and, today, as editor in chief for Global Supported Projects at Nature, working out of its London headquarters. She has been a fearless reporter, in search of honesty and integrity in science, and she is a dedicated and respected administrator, as her current position shows.

I've learned to value those qualities myself, both as a former board member (representing the United States) of the WFSJ and as the director of the Knight Science journalism Program here at MIT. I believe Subhra would bring that passion for doing in good and journalism and for upholding integrity in science reporting to a position on the WFSJ board. I also believe that her organization skills and strong work ethic would make her an extremely strong addition to the group.

But I want to stress some other qualities here as well. She cares about science journalism in her home country of India, her present home in the UK, and in a truly deeply global sense. She's the kind of person who wants to make a difference in improving journalism everywhere. And she's just a lovely person – someone who deeply values kindness and cooperation as essential in working with others.



You could not make a better choice, and I urge you to enthusiastically support her as a board candidate.

Yours Sincerely,

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