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Dear WFSJ,

I would like to endorse Astrid Viciano's application for the position of WFSJ Board member. I believe that as a science reporter and medical doctor with extensive experience in international, collaborative reporting she would be a highly valuable new member of the WFSJ board.

Astrid has been working as a staff reporter at the newspaper Die Zeit, at STERN magazine and, most recently, the newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung, three highly renowned media in Germany. She is of German and Spanish nationality, and has lived and worked in Mexico, France, Spain, and the US. She speaks German, Spanish, English, French, Dutch, some Portuguese and Italian, and has been working in cross-border journalism projects for more than ten years, with international grants and fellowships, working with colleagues from the Netherlands, Denmark, Italy, Spain, Mali, India, and Venezuela, among others.

Astrid Viciano serves as the EFSJ secretary and is highly valued by the EFSJ board for many reasons, including her numerous international contacts. In 2021, Astrid Viciano organized the first European trip for the EFSJ to visit various research institutions on climate research and biotechnology in Barcelona. Currently she is organizing the first science journalism exchange between Switzerland and Germany.

I am convinced that Astrid - if elected - will work with great conviction and energy for the interests of the WFSJ and its members.

Best wishes,

Krijn Soeteman
EFSJ President