

WPK - The Science Journalists  
Chair of the Board: Nicola Kuhrt

Dear colleagues at the WFSJ,

I would like to endorse Astrid Viciano's application for the position of board member of the WFSJ. I believe she would add an important voice to the WFSJ's work both thanks to her long-standing and in-depth work as a science journalist and her involvement in various projects that have consistently brought together journalists from different European countries.

Astrid is a Spanish/German journalist and MD who has worked as a staff reporter at *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *Die Zeit*, and *stern* in Germany. Today, she is the editor-in-chief of the *German Health News Review* ([medien-doktor.de](http://medien-doktor.de)) and works as a freelance reporter, mainly focusing on cross-border investigations.

In 2003, Astrid worked for the newspaper *Reforma* in Mexico City and from 2012 to 2016, was a freelance reporter based in Paris. Between 2009 and 2011, she completed a Master's in Specialized Journalism at the Annenberg School in Los Angeles (academic excellence award). Astrid has published articles in German, English, French, Dutch, and Spanish and has won numerous journalism awards, grants, and fellowships. She just published her first book, investigating a topic of recent science history in France and Germany. She is a member of the WPK Board and represents the association at the ESFJ and WFSJ.

Astrid's candidacy was unanimously approved at the WPK board meeting on 19 September 2024.

Best regards,

