

Dear WFSJ Nominating Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the candidacy of Jelena Kalinić for a position on the board of the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ). Born on January 26, 1983, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Jelena is an accomplished science journalist and communicator with extensive experience in the field.

Jelena is the founder and vice president of the Nauka govori website and works full-time at the Society for Science Advocacy "Science and the World." Over the past decade, she has built an impressive career in science writing, contributing to notable media outlets such as Voice of America and Bloomberg Adria. Her work has been recognized at both the national and international levels, earning her several fellowships and awards, including the prestigious European Science Journalist of the Year award (2022, 2nd place).

Her academic background is equally impressive, holding a Master's degree in World Literature and Film, a Bachelor's degree in Russian Language and Literature, and a diploma in Biology. This diverse educational foundation has allowed her to approach science communication from a unique interdisciplinary perspective, enhancing her ability to engage with a wide audience.

Jelena has been actively involved in numerous conferences, seminars, and roundtables organized by WFSJ and other organizations, where she has demonstrated her excellent communication and organizational skills. She maintains strong relationships with scientists, science communicators, and journalists, particularly within the former Yugoslav region and beyond, further amplifying her impact.

Her mobility and adaptability are remarkable, and she has proven herself as a resourceful and effective leader in the science journalism community. Jelena's dedication to fostering scientific literacy and her passion for science communication make her an ideal candidate for a board position at WFSJ. Undoubtedly, she will bring valuable insights and energy to the organization.

Thank you for considering Jelena Kalinić for this role. I am confident her contributions will greatly benefit WFSJ and the global community of science journalists.

Sincerely,

Nenad Jarić Dauenhauer, science journalist and editor on Croatian web site Index.hr, and freelancer