

# Nominating Committee Report for Chapter Elections

Election errands for Chapter meeting no. 2, 2022/23.

## Background

Chapter meeting no. 2, of the operational year 2022/23, was summoned to conduct business on December 13th 2022 with election errands on five (5) board member positions and five (5) chapter functionaries. The vacancies profiles were established and communicated through the [summon](#) and published on the website with reference document [Dr2022-CM-05/001](#). Two (2) of the five (5) members of the nominating committee, Jing Jing and Inês Lourenço, did not participate in the activity of the nominating committee for the elections in the upcoming Chapter meeting.

According to PhD Statutes [Dr2019-CM-01/0002](#), clause §5.11.3, the nominating committee shall:

- a) Interview candidates for the PhD Chapter board and if required consult third parties for relevant information;
- b) Propose nominations to the PhD Chapter board. Nominations are established through a single majority of the committee.

Furthermore, according to §11.2 and §11.3 of the Working Directives [Dr2019-PB-01/0004](#), the nominating committee shall:

- Be responsible for preparing election errands and other vacancies appointed by the Chapter meeting with the following scope of work:
  - To promote the elections that are administered during the current year of operation;
  - To collect nominations and candidacies;
  - To interview candidates and verify the candidates' references;
  - To declare statements and reports about the candidates before the Chapter meeting.
- Unless otherwise specified in a separate policy document, shall be considered as ground for recommendations: suitability of candidate to the vacancy, representativeness and diversity with regards to gender, study programs and other backgrounds deemed applicable such as study mode.

Twelve (12) people were nominated for the Chapter board positions and Chapter functionaries before the deadline, coming from the schools of EECS (8), ITM (2), SCI (1), and ABE (1). Five (5) nominations were accepted: three (3) for the Chapter board positions and two (2) for the Chapter functionaries.

The two (2) nominees whose nominations were assessed and reported in this document are:

- **Sahba Zojaji** for the **Business Liaison** position,
- **Fabio De Ferrari** for the **Treasurer** position and the **Communications Manager** position.

During the interviews, the candidates were also asked if they would consider other vacant board positions and to provide the contact to reference persons.

With that in mind, the nominating committee would like to state to the Chapter meeting that the following candidates are suitable for the election as board members:

- [Sahba Zojaji](#) for the **Business Liaison** position, based on his qualities displayed during the interview. He is the current Business Liaison of the PhD Chapter board, and has served as the Events Manager in the previous board. If re-elected, he wants to focus on organizing more company visits.

- [Fabio De Ferrari](#) for the **Treasurer** and **Communication Manager** positions, based on his qualities displayed during the interview. His previous experience related to this position includes being the current Communication Manager of the Chapter board, Webmaster of the MST Division at the EECS School and organizing the Planning Conference of the MST Department of EECS. He also has experience with accounting and financial responsibilities, as he runs his own company in Sweden.

Additionally, the nominating committee received a number of nominations for Chapter functionary positions, out of which two (2) nominations were accepted by the nominees:

- [Chrysovalantou Vasiliki Leva](#) for the Head of Female Doctoral Committee (WoP).
- [Saumey Jain](#) for member of the nominating committee.

## Suggestions

Based on the interviews, the nominating committee finds it suitable for the Chapter meeting:

**To<sub>1</sub>** consider for election, **Sahba Zojaji** for the position of **Business Liaison**;

**To<sub>2</sub>** consider for election, **Fabio De Ferrari** for the position of **Treasurer** and the position of **Communication Manager**;

**To<sub>3</sub>** consider for election, **Chrysovalantou Vasiliki Leva** for the functionary position of **Head of the Female Doctoral Committee (WoP)**;

**To<sub>4</sub>** consider for election, **Saumey Jain** for the functionary position of **member of the nominating committee**.

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