

Valencia, May 15, 2020

Prof. Janel Gauthier PhD.  
Chair of the Elections Committee  
International Association of Applied Psychology

Dear Prof. Gauthier:

I am pleased hereby to nominate Prof. Lori Foster, PhD. (email address: [lfoster@ncsu.edu](mailto:lfoster@ncsu.edu)) as candidate for President Elect of the International Association of Applied Psychology for the forthcoming election, following the procedure established in the call.

In my view, Dr. Foster presents a number of merits and qualifications that make her an excellent candidate for President of IAAP having in mind the challenges and opportunities IAAP has to face and profit from during the coming decade.

In her research and professional practice, Dr. Foster tackles a number of issues related to digitalization and artificial intelligence, topics that are going to be critical for international collaboration and cooperation in the coming decade. She also deals with humanitarian work psychology and pays attention to a number of humanitarian issues related to important topics considered in the Sustainable Development Goals. Her experience in research and professional practice is often multidisciplinary within psychology and beyond, and it makes her especially sensitive to understanding multidisciplinary cooperation. She is then well prepared to create bonds and build bridges between the different divisions of IAAP, supporting them and creating ground for them to continue flourishing.

Moreover, Dr. Foster has an important and highly qualified experience in bringing Psychology into the policy arena. This is an important challenge for IAAP in the coming decade. Our Association gathers a large number of highly prestigious researchers and practitioners who present a great international human and social capital. It is important that IAAP plays a role in enhancing their contributions for voice, advocacy and policy making. Dr. Foster will bring to the role tremendous experience working with international associations such as UNICEF, UNESCO, OECD and other bodies. Her experience may play a multiplier effect on the contributions of the human capital IAAP membership represents to these global organizations.

I would like to mention another strength of Dr. Foster concerning her experience and skills for communication in the media internationally. She conveys important messages about the role of applied psychology both in local and in global scenarios. These communication skills will be an excellent asset for making applied psychology visible and useful in the international scene.



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Finally, her enthusiasm, engagement and passion for Applied Psychology and her competent leadership will contribute to the growth, visibility and impact of IAAP in the decade to come.

Based on all the above-mentioned reasons, I am pleased to nominate Dr. Lori Foster for the position of President Elect of IAAP.

Your sincerely.

Prof. José M. Peiró PhD  
Former President of IAAP