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Dear Cumulus election committee,

With this letter, I recommend Prof. Miaosen Gong of Jiangnan University for the Executive Board VIII of the Cumulus association.

I got to know Miaosen during his phd study tutored by Prof. Ezio Manzini. Since then, we have worked together in the field of social innovation and built the DESIS-China regional cluster to promote the emerging issues in China. One of actions is the annual event of DESIS international symposium at Jiangnan University chaired by Miaosen. In last ten years, the research fields on design for social innovation were widely discussed and explored in China. At Jiangnan University, Miaosen and his team designed and incubated Keyihui social design lab, a social enterprise focusing on empowering the people with intellectual disability, which has been a leading NGO at Wuxi.

Jiangnan University is one of leading design schools in China with long history and strong tradition, where Miaosen has been involved well in advancement of design education in his school on the one hand, he is also actively engaged into public events and programs with his expertise and passion. We have many opportunities to work together in the field of design education and research in China. For examples, we are both in founding and working team of the China PhD study symposium, which is biannual event since 2015 to promote and enhance the PHD education in China. It generates great positive impact in last six years.

In Cumulus, Miaosen and his colleagues have been engaged well in related events and programs. In 2018, Jiangnan University hosted Autumn Cumulus conference in Wuxi. It's the second Cumulus conference in China after the first one in 2010 in Shanghai. Both of them provided great experiences and wide connections between cumulus community and design education community in China.

I think Miaosen's personality, academic expertise and international experiences will provide unique contributions to Cumulus. And I strongly recommend Prof. Miaosen Gong to be part of next Executive Board of Cumulus.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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