



# CHIBA UNIVERSITY

24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to offer my full endorsement for Professor João Bonelli's candidacy for the Cumulus Executive Board for the term 2025-2028.

Professor Bonelli is a distinguished Brazilian Designer, Teacher, and Researcher at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio). As a current member of the Cumulus Executive Board, I have witnessed firsthand his long-standing commitment and active involvement with Cumulus. His engagement in various events and initiatives, including his impactful role as a jury member for the Cumulus Green Competition in 2024, highlights his dedication to the association's mission. I can confidently say that Professor Bonelli is a highly professional individual with a deep commitment to international cooperation, particularly in the social and cultural dimensions of design.

PUC-Rio, as a full member institution of Cumulus for many years, has played an essential role in advancing design education globally and regionally. The university's Graduate Program is notable for being the first in South America to offer Master's and Doctoral degrees in design, further solidifying its importance in the field.

I believe that Professor Bonelli would make a significant contribution to Cumulus by facilitating stronger connections between Brazilian and South American institutions within the organization. His previous experiences with Cumulus, along with his ability to foster cross-cultural dialogue, make him an excellent candidate for this role.

It is with great confidence that I recommend João Bonelli for the Executive Board Member position. I am certain he will bring valuable ideas and perspectives, particularly in enhancing the integration of South American design schools within the Cumulus network. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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