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Recommendation letter

Dear Cumulus election committee,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Professor Miaosen Gong from Jiangnan University for the Executive Board (2025-2028) of the Cumulus Association. Over the past three years, Professor Gong has demonstrated remarkable dedication and outstanding contributions as a board member, particularly in connecting Chinese members and supporting conferences and regional seminars in China.

I first met Professor Gong during his PhD studies. Since then, we have collaborated closely within the DESIS Network as part of the International Coordination Committee. Together, we established the DESIS-China regional cluster to promote emerging issues in China. One of the key initiatives is the annual DESIS International Symposium hosted by Jiangnan University, chaired by Professor Gong.

Jiangnan University is one of the leading design schools in China, with a long history and a strong tradition. Within the Cumulus community, Professor Gong and his colleagues have been actively engaged in various events and programs. In 2018, Jiangnan University successfully hosted the



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Autumn Cumulus Conference in Wuxi. This was the second Cumulus conference held in mainland China, following the first one in Shanghai in 2010. Both conferences have significantly enhanced the connections between the Cumulus community and the design education community in China, fostering valuable exchanges and collaborations.

I firmly believe and have witnessed that Professor Gong' s personal qualities, academic expertise, and extensive international experience may bring unique and valuable contributions to the Cumulus Association. Therefore, I strongly endorse Professor Miaosen Gong for the Executive Board of Cumulus for the upcoming term.

Best regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Lou Yongqi'.

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