

February 10, 2025

Dear Cumulus Members,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Professor Anna Meroni's candidacy for a first term on the Cumulus Board. I provide this recommendation in my capacity as a former Chair of the MFA in System Thinking Design at the College for Creative Studies (CCS), a former Detroit Cumulus Conference Chair, a current CCS Professor Emerita, and a first-time candidate for the Cumulus Board myself.

My professional relationship with Professor Meroni spans several years, beginning with her role as the international coordinator of the DESIS Network Association. During this time, she also served as Head of the Master of Science in Product Service System Design (PSSD) at the School of Design, Politecnico di Milano, where we formalized an exchange agreement between our departments. Furthermore, she was a panelist at the DESIS event during the Detroit Cumulus Conference and invited CCS to participate in "INTERDEPENDENCE. Designing Relationships" at Milano Design Week 2024.

Having closely followed Anna's impressive career trajectory, I have witnessed her exceptional ability to bridge diverse design cultures and educational approaches firsthand. Her remarkable organizational skills and leadership make her an asset to the Cumulus community.

Given her outstanding achievements and my knowledge of her capabilities, I wholeheartedly recommend Professor Anna Meroni as a member of the Cumulus Board. I am confident that her leadership will help strengthen Cumulus' position as the leading global network for art and design pedagogy, research, and practice.

Sincerely,



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CCS Professor Emerita