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Recommendation Letter for Prof. Anna Meroni

To whom it may concern.

In my role as vice president of Tongji University and past vice president of CUMULUS, I am sincerely pleased to recommend Prof. Anna Meroni for the Cumulus Executive Board (2025–2028).

Prof. Anna Meroni, currently Deputy Dean of the School of Design at Politecnico di Milano, has been well known to myself and my institution for more than 18 years. She is a respected partner in both research and educational initiatives, a trusted academic partner, and, over time, a valued friend.

Since assuming the present role, she has actively endorsed, supported, and fostered the collaboration between Tongji and Polimi, strengthening our partnership and enriching it with new initiatives.

Prof. Meroni has also been an active member of the DESIS Network since its beginning, serving as its first International Coordinator during a pivotal time when the network was being shaped and structured.

Through this long-standing involvement, I had the opportunity to appreciate her pragmatic yet creative approach, always focused on turning ideas into action and doing so in a highly collaborative manner.



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I knew Anna for long time that she is a top-level researcher and committed great teacher. I was so happy that she took the role of vice dean of Polimi in 2022. I regard it as the beginning of unlocking her imbedded unique leadership capacity. I'm even happier when I heard she decided to run the board of CUMULUS. Her strong commitment to serving organizations is a clear guarantee of the valuable contributions she can bring to the Cumulus Executive Board. She has all of my sincere supports.

For these reasons, I strongly endorse the candidacy of Prof. Anna Meroni for the Board. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Best regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lou Yongqi' in Chinese characters.

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