

Dear Members of the Cumulus Association,

I am honored to write in support of Sandrine Lebas' candidacy for an executive board position within the Cumulus Association.

Throughout her distinguished international career, Sandrine has consistently demonstrated a deep dedication to promoting collaboration and innovation in design education. In her recent role as Academic Director at Besign-The Sustainable Design School in France, she has been a driving force behind curricular advancements in sustainable design, ensuring that students are not only prepared for the challenges of the future but are also equipped to lead the charge in transforming design practices. Sandrine's work is firmly rooted in sustainability, with a clear focus on research, program development, and cross-disciplinary collaboration, aiming for comprehensive, life-centered solutions that address global challenges. Given Cumulus' growing emphasis on responsible and sustainable design, Sandrine's leadership would be invaluable in shaping the association's direction on these critical issues.

Prior to her work at Besign, Sandrine served as Associate Professor and Chair of Industrial Design at California College of the Arts in San Francisco, where she played a central role in fostering interdisciplinary collaboration across the Design division. This experience aligns directly with Cumulus' mission of building cross-disciplinary initiatives, making Sandrine an ideal candidate for the executive board.

In addition to her academic achievements, Sandrine brings a wealth of industry experience, having worked as a creative director and lead designer at prestigious companies such as LUNAR Design (San Francisco) and STARCK studio (Paris). This unique combination of academic leadership and industry expertise allows her to offer a comprehensive, real-world perspective on design education, balancing research, practice, and pedagogy to ensure that students receive a well-rounded education.

With her global perspective, dedication to sustainability, and proven ability to foster collaboration and innovation, Sandrine is an ideal leader who will contribute meaningfully to the future of Cumulus and its community. I offer my strongest recommendation for her candidacy and encourage the board to consider her for this important role.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information about Sandrine's qualifications.

Warm regards,



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