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Dear IAAP colleagues,

When some days ago we learned that Prof. Lori Foster was officially nominated as candidate for President-Elect of the International Association of Applied Psychology for the upcoming elections, we welcomed these news with great enthusiasm. We were very glad to know her appointment as candidate because we knew from her professional and academic career. She has a good deal of knowledge in both the research and applied field of psychology, which constitutes one of the main motto of IAAP.

She has worked for the Obama administration and was one of the two first Behavioural Science Advisors to the UN. She has also worked with international associations such as UNESCO or UNICEF. She has also a lot of experience in the field of IA and digitalisation, two areas where psychologist will have a lot to say in our near future. As we all know, all the hitherto mentioned fields of knowledge are characterised by being multidisciplinary. Far are the days when one person alone could make great breakthroughs. In our time, team work with professionals from different fields of expertise is a must, and considering Dr. Foster experience, she is surely one of the best possible assets IAAP can have for leading international multidisciplinary teams.

Thus, from Division 15 we find here a common bound: the shared interest and desire of building bridges and create further links between the different IAAP Divisions. We would also like to acknowledge Dr. Foster youth. She is quite young, but also she has great experience and has proved her capacity, not only for translating theoretical knowledge into applied practise, but also how to move in the political arena. And all this with a great knowledge of modern technologies and communication channels. And, because of that, we see in her a great example for all the IAAP members who are currently undergraduate or are preparing their PhD. It is for all these reasons that we consider that Dr. Foster will help in pursuing the development of all IAAP Divisions,

including Division 15, as she is very well aware of the importance of the involvement of young career professionals in the work of international associations.

In these times of uncertainty and chaos, it is fundamental to have experienced leaders full of energy who know how to take the helm, and we trust in Dr. Foster for doing so. It is for all the hitherto reasons that Division 15 is pleased to support Dr. Lori Foster nomination for the position of President-Elect of IAAP.

Yours faithfully,



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