



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Details:

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Nominated position: Awards Committee (1 x Position)

Professional affiliations: Associate Professor, University of Valencia (Spain)

Country of residence: Spain

Geographic area of work: Mediterranean, Caribbean, South Atlantic

Section 2: Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

Researcher, teacher, conservationist.

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

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Which Annual Sea Turtle Symposia, or Annual Workshops have you attended?

1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018

Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

Scientific Committee, oral and poster sessions' chair, judge for student awards in several conferences. Ex-member of the BoD (2013-2015), ex-member of the Nominattion Committe until 2021 (Ex-BoD member).

What would you like the Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, and membership to know about you as a candidate for your nominated position? In what ways would you like to contribute to the Symposium/ International Sea Turtle Society? How do you envision using the Symposium to advance sea turtle biology and promote conservation?

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Why is the ISTS as an organization important to you, professionally and personally? What is your vision for the ISTS over the next 5 to 10 years?

The ISTS has been essential for my scientific and professional career, also to develop my sea turtle research and conservation projects, and also (most important) to find colleagues to work with and FRIENDS.

Please include a 250-word bio

I am PhD professor at the University of Valencia (Spain), participating in more than 25 national and European projects and contracts on sea turtle research and conservation since 1995, having worked with 6 of the 7 sea turtle species. I have developed studies in nesting beaches in different countries such as Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Dominican Republic, Cameroon, and Spain. I also have carried out studies on ecology, satellite telemetry monitoring and threats (including fisheries interaction and debris ingestion), collaborating with different universities [Universidad Politécnica de Valencia and Universidad de Barcelona (Spain), Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo-UASD (Dominican Republic), Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo-INTEC (Dominican Republic), University of Exeter (United Kingdom), University of Pisa (Italy)] and other institutions [EPHE (France), WWF-Italy, NGO Grupo Jaragua (DR), NGO Karumbé (Uruguay), and others]. I am author and co-author of more than 65 scientific publications, more than 150 communications presented at conferences and several books, book chapters and informative publications, most of them on sea turtles. I am also member of the IUCN Sea Turtle Specialist Group since 2004, and member of the Board of Directors of the International Sea Turtle Society (2012-2015) and of the Nomination Committee of the society until 2021. Plus, I am the best salsa dancer of the Society, and you know it.

Photo:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ZE24POVnpeC0gZeEBKp-B0y3bJ1xLQSE>

Section 3: Declaration

Circle your response to the below statements:

I am a current member of ISTS Yes

I have read and understand the ISTS by-laws and constitution Yes

I have read and understand the terms of reference for the position which I am nominating for: Yes

For Board of Directors nominees, I understand that the Annual Board Retreat is usually in the 3rd week of August: Yes

For Board of Directors nominees: Please read the following statement and add your initials below to confirm you understand the workload involved:

The Board is a working Board. All members of the Board are expected to carry the workload, share the responsibility of assigned tasks, and respond to written communications – this can typically be 40+ hours per year in addition to the Board meeting at the Symposium and the Board Retreat. If Board members do not actively participate, they will be asked to resign.