



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Details:

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Nominated position: Board of Directors (2 x Positions)
Professional affiliations: NGO Karumbe
Country of residence: Uruguay
Geographic area of work: Atlantic Ocean

Section 2: Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

As Karumbé Director, I am involved in a variety of different activities, but principally with ensuring the successful implementation of our research, educational and conservation programs in Uruguay.

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

25 years

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

10 (1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2021)

Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

In 2015-2017 I served for the ISTS Awards Committee. In 2011-2013 I served for the ISTS Nominations Committee (during the last year 2013 I took the responsibility as Committee Chief). Also I participate in the organization of two RETOMALA meetings (2007-2008).

The last five years I served for the ISTS Board of Directors.

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?

Serving as a board member is a role of great responsibility and opportunity. I have worked at ISTS in various roles over the years, especially as a board member for the last 5 years. I have always found great pleasure in contributing my time and experiences to trying to make ISTS stronger and serve our community. I believe that ISTS and the Symposium should enhance research and conservation capacity in key areas by strengthening the exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge between ISTS members from diverse backgrounds. I believe that ISTS has an obligation to support and encourage early career researchers, activists and conservationists. Perhaps not enough is being done to publicize the work of the ISTS and people perceive its role as a Symposium, when it is obviously much more than that, as a global organization dedicated to sea turtles.

How do you envision using the Symposium to advance sea turtle biology and promote conservation?

If I am re-elected, I intend to work on the deep internationalization of society, strengthen regions that due to lack of support or funds are not well connected, strengthen rotation to all parts of the globe. I am thinking of the local work of the different regional groups, strengthened at a global level. Continue with the support of the small grants program, and expand it with a new support for students with innovative ideas.

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 annual Symposium, is a special place, a great opportunity for people from around the world to come together and connect, share, learn and teach about sea turtles. It's the only place, I can stay all day talking about turtles and nobody say, ok... stop please!! What is great is that the event brings all kinds of turtle professionals come together; volunteers, academics, conservationists, educators, etc. Personally, I always leave the Symposium with new knowledge and feeling energized to face whatever issues may arise during the next turtle season. Twenty years ago the symposium opens to me the doors of the turtle world. I feel the responsibility to take this opportunity to new generations of "turtle folks" around the globe. My vision for the near future is of an ISTS that is more focused on developing capacity and backstopping efforts in key areas, countries, and issues facing sea turtle biologists and conservationists through enhanced efforts to decentralize resources and expertise and to promote regional activities. I envision an ISTS that values and celebrates its current diversity of membership, experience, and accomplishments, and does so not at the expense of tradition and convention, but rather by building on its historical foundation. I also envision the ISTS making strategic partnerships and becoming more actively involved with other professional societies and organizations focused on conservation and research issues that could benefit from our collective expertise, and could advance sea turtle conservation around the world.

Please include a 250-word bio

Born in 1976 in Uruguay, Andrés Estrades has extensive experience in turtles, both marine, terrestrial and freshwater species. His beginnings were as a volunteer in Mexico working on the protection of turtle *Dermochelys coriacea* (1997-99). In 1999 he founded Karumbé - Sea Turtles of Uruguay. He currently holds the position of Vice President. In this NGO have played leadership roles in areas such as National Stranding Network (since 2001), National Tagging Programme (since 2001). Since 2004 he has designed and implemented Marine Turtle Centers along the Uruguayan coast. He has experience in the production of audiovisual materials (films, documentaries, commercials) related to marine turtles, protected areas and fishermen. Active member of World Conservation Union MTSG / SSC (since 2006). Andrés has been attending the sea turtle symposia since 1999. He has involved in the organization of the South Atlantic Network, and the meetings since 2003 (representing Uruguay in 2011-2013). Also he was involved in the organization of the sea turtle workshop of Latin-American Congress of Herpetology (Peru 2003) and the tenth RETOMALA (Mexico 2008). He serves in the Patagonian Sea Conservation Forum Network, as member since 2010, and in the board of directors since 2015.

In 2011- 2013 Andrés was elected for the ISTS Nominations Committee (during the 2013 he served as Committee Chief). Continue helping the ISTS with his participation in the

Awards Committee (2015-2017). From 2018-2022 he has served as a member of the Board of Directors.

His experience includes publications on the status, diet, migration and threats, as well as issues of education and conservation of marine turtles in Latin-American and the South Atlantic Ocean.

Photo:

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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 a Board member does not maintain their ISTS membership and demonstrate a high level of commitment to the ISTS as described in the Board members' TORs, they will be asked to resign from the Board. High level of commitment is defined as not missing two consecutive mid-year meetings, except under extenuating circumstances, and annually serving on 1-2 Board task forces, leadership roles, Committees, etc.

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