



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1:

Applicant Details

Name: ALan Rees

Date: 21 Jan 2025

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Nominated position: Nominations Committee (ex Board NC)

Professional affiliations: University of Exeter

Country of residence: UK

Geographic area of work: Mediterranean and the Middle East

Section 2:

Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

In a word, varied.

I work for small and large NGOs, Intergovernmental Organisations, and private companies, undertaking research and conservation projects and write guidance documents.

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

30

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

42nd Annual Symposium (Pattaya, Thailand, 2024)

41st Annual Symposium (Cartagena, Colombia, 2023)

40th Annual Symposium (Perth, Australia - held online, 2022)

38th Annual Symposium (Kobe, Japan, 2018)

37th Annual Symposium (Las Vegas, USA, 2017)

36th Annual Symposium (Lima, Peru, 2016)
35th Annual Symposium (Dalaman, Turkey, 2015)
33rd Annual Symposium (Baltimore, USA, 2013)
32nd Annual Symposium (Huatulco, Mexico, 2012)
30th Annual Symposium (Goa, India, 2010)
27th Annual Symposium (South Carolina, USA, 2007)
26th Annual Symposium (Crete, Greece, 2006)
25th Annual Symposium (Savannah, USA, 2005)
23rd Annual Symposium (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2003)
21st Annual Symposium (Philadelphia, USA, 2001)

Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

I am a regional travel chair. I am a long-serving judge for the Archie Carr Student Awards, a session chair several times, and I was on the BoD.

What would you like the Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, and membership to know about you as a candidate for your nominated position?

I'm willing to do the work needed to effectively contribute to the Nominations Committee undertakings and have an understanding of what is needed from the nominated candidates.

In what ways would you like to contribute to the Symposium/ International Sea Turtle Society?

Contribute to the Nominations committee and further student judging and possibly session chairing in addition to presenting my own work to the wide ISTS audience.

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

Keep promoting participation in the Society, collaboration and exchange of expertise.

Why is the ISTS as an organization important to you, professionally and personally?

I made numerous connections with other sea turtle enthusiasts and workers which have inspired me to undertake several projects and now I feel I can give back to the younger generation of turtlers

What is your vision for the ISTS over the next 5 to 10 years?

Continue with a Symposium every year. Hopefully one in the middle east. Have the best people lead the society to be a robust, well funded organization fulfilling its mandate to bring turtlers together.

Please include a 250-word bio Ok Photo:

I am a turtler who started 30 years ago as a volunteer and has since worked my way to be part of the MTSG and regular ISTS contributor.



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

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.