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**Subject:** Candidacy to join the EWGLA Board

Dear Hatice, Diego and Carmen,

It's with pleasure that I submit my application for becoming a member of the EWGLA Board.

I joined the EWGLA community in 2022 when I was a laureate of the EURO Summer Institute on Location Science in Edinburgh. From the very first moment, I was positively struck by the friendly atmosphere that characterises the community. Since then, I haven't missed an opportunity to meet the other *locators*, regularly attending EWGLA meetings and ISOLDE.

From September 2018 to February 2024, I served on the board of the [AIRO Young Researchers Chapter](#), part of the Italian Operational Research Society (AIRO), as social media manager. I believe that my experience will be helpful to increase the social outreach of EWGLA. For instance, I could help the location community with social media, such as LinkedIn, to become a reference point for promoting the work and initiatives of locators.

I thrive on working in teams and undertaking collegiate initiatives, thanks for instance to my experience in organising workshops with AIRO Young and my involvement in technology transfer activities for the [Sportello Matematico](#) - a project promoted by the National Research Council of Italy. I have been working as a member of the Organising Committee of the XXIX EWGLA meeting, and one of my tasks was to create and manage the [conference website](#). The experience I have gained could help me to improve the current EWGLA website.

I would be pleased to take an active part in the activities of the EWGLA Board for the next period and to ensure that locators' sense of belonging to a community (of friends) continues to grow.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my candidacy. Please, don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

Kind regards,

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