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## **APPLICATIONS OF INTEREST ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR IOAS FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS**

The IOAS is a leading mission driven non-profit organisation incorporated in North Dakota, USA with staff based in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Slovenia, the United Kingdom and the USA. We work in the field of accreditation and assessment of bodies engaged in inspection and certification of organic and sustainable agriculture and related fields. Our work in oversight of conformity assessment assists in the development of various private and regulatory schemes by enhancing fairness for producers and building trust in 'eco-labels' by consumers.

We work with an increasing number of scheme owners (COSMOS, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, European Commission, GlobalG.A.P., GOTS, IFOAM, NATRUE, Textile Exchange) and the accreditation and assessment services we provide cover organic agriculture, sustainable agriculture, organic textiles, organic and natural cosmetics, recycled products, animal welfare claims, fair trade, social compliance and food safety. IOAS clients are based all over the world.

The day-to-day work of the IOAS is performed by 14 staff with support from a number of contracted assessors and technical experts. For more information about our work, please visit [www.ioas.org](http://www.ioas.org).

The IOAS board is constituted in a manner that safeguards impartiality and enables the participation of all parties from various sectors significantly concerned in the development and principles regarding the content and functioning of the accreditation system.

Potential Board members should have a background from one of the following sectors ; conformity assessment (certification & inspection); operators; beneficiaries (consumers, environment, retail, trade, movement); developing world; and regulatory.

We are particularly keen to receive applications from those within the Operator categories and those with business expertise.

Elections to the Board shall be for three-year terms with the possibility of re-appointed.

Candidates shall demonstrate the following requirements:

1. Good knowledge of the English language.
2. Standing and authority in their field.
3. High degree of personal integrity, including ability to maintain confidentiality and show due concern for conflict of interest.
4. Evidence of supporting the aims and objectives of organic agriculture and/or IFOAM's mission
5. Ability to attend, prepare for and actively participate in meetings
6. In the case of those chosen as representatives of the fields of inspection or certification a considerable degree of experience and expertise is required.

**Applications:**

Candidates must apply via email to [info@ioas.org](mailto:info@ioas.org) with the following:

1. A nomination from any organisation or individual.
2. A full curriculum vitae (resumé)
3. A statement of their interest in seeking the appointment.

**Closing date:**

Applications accepted until further notice.