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Motivation letter

I am applying for the position of President of IAPESGW.

As early as 1997, Julika Ullmann, who later became Vice President of the IAPESGW, motivated me to present the results of my dissertation at the IAPESGW Conference in Helsinki / Finland. I was overwhelmed by the spirit and women's power of this international women's sports conference. The statement by Patricia Bowen West about the importance of networks and that women cannot support each other enough, had a lasting impact on my further scientific and voluntary career.

Back in Austria, together with 2 colleagues, I founded the Austria-wide platform Women in Sport, so that women's concerns in organized sport are finally heard and action plans developed. To this day, I am engaged in various committees on GenderEquality in sport in Austria. As a PE teacher and board member of the Austrian Women's Forum Physical Education, I supported the development and spreading of models of good practice for Physical Education for Girls to empower PE teachers as well as students as a fundamental basis for a positive development of women's sport. As a professor at the Institute of Sports Science at the University of Vienna, I have succeeded in making gender issues mandatory for all students in Physical Education and Sport Science. As a researcher, I deal with gender issues in PE, health promotion and space from an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach. Since 1999 I have been involved in national and international research projects and working groups on topics of abuse of power and (sexual) assault in sport. As a representative of IAPESGW I have been involved in the collaborative work with several global organizations (Int. Working Group on Women and Sport, WomenSportInternational, European Women and Sport, Int. Council of Sport Science and Physical Education, Int. Council of Sports Pedagogy, UN, UNESCO, ENGSO, ...).

The 50th anniversary of IAPESGW in 1999 at the famous SmithCollege and the inaugural speech of the newly elected President Margaret Talbot have sparked my interest in international exchange and have since become involved in the more than 70-year-old organization. I am convinced that this international exchange is needed to support the UN right to PE and sport for girls and women worldwide. As a team player, I am aware that such large tasks can best be solved in a strong and diverse team and ...

- through a regular exchange of national and regional representatives,
- through the exchange of scholars and practitioners by setting up topic-specific working and research groups (incl. external experts),
- through continuous exchange and collaboration with relevant global organizations in the field of women's sport advocacy and women's sports (IWG, WSI, ..), Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE, ICSP, AIESEP, ...), sports (IOC, ENGSO, ...), human rights (UN, UNESCO, ...) and other important political players (MINEPS, ...) to contribute to policies and actions around the world,
- by establishing and promoting a network of young scholars and practitioners and the integration of modern forms of communication, and
- by setting up a strategy group to further develop aims and strategies of the organization.

I am aware that the many current social changes and the pandemic also pose great challenges to the IAPESGW, it would be an honor for me to serve the IAPESGW as president within a strong team through the next four years.

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