

2020 Elections – Steering Committee Application Form

Please return this form at the latest by **November 5, 2020 (midnight, Eastern Daylight Time, EDT)** to the Electoral Board, duly completed, signed and dated, along with a curriculum vitae of one to two pages, **to all members** of the Electoral Board:

Ms. Ananya Bhattacharya (Contact Base, India, Asia-Pacific), Mr. Carlos J. Villaseñor Anaya (Cultural Interactivity and Development (Interactividad Cultural y Desarrollo A.C.), Latin-American and Caribbean States). Mr. Michael Atwood Mason (Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, International)

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Electoral region of the candidate

- Africa (group Va) (two-year term)
- Asia and the Pacific (group IV) (two-year term)
- Western Europe and North America (group I) (two-year term)
- International NGOs (two-year term)

NGO, with its headquarters located in the region:

Name: International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF)

Headquarters in (country): Rue de Flandre 31 • B-1000 Brussels • Belgium

Accreditation date / renewal: 2008/2010/2015/2019

E-mail: straka@iaf.org

The candidate

Mr Ms Other

First Name: Bohumil

Family Name: Straka

E-mail: straka@iaf.org

Desired profile

	Yes	No	Comments
Be member of an accredited NGO under the 2003 Convention	Yes		NGO applied in 2008 Accreditation NGO-90006 Renewed in 2019
Have participated at a minimum of two sessions of the Governing bodies of the 2003 Convention	Yes		Participated in 3.COM (2008), 5.COM(2010), 7.COM(2012), 10.COM(2015), 12.COM(2017), 13.COM(2018)
Have a good working knowledge of English and/or French, both oral and written	Yes		English oral and written
Have access to a good internet connection	Yes		Very good wired as well as mobile
Have a reasonable knowledge and be well connected to ICH NGOs, accredited or not, in his region	Yes		
Be willing to draft and review documents related to the communication tasks of the Committee	Yes		
Be willing to moderate sessions of the Forum	Yes		Having experience in organizing and chairing events
Be willing to undertake activities of representation for the Committee and for the Forum	Yes		Having experience in representation of a community
Have received the approval of the NGO to become member of the Steering Committee	Yes		

Signature of Candidate



The alternate candidate

Mr Ms Other

First Name: Patrizia

Family Name: Cimberio

E-mail: cimberio@iaf.org

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Signature of Alternate Candidate

Signature of the person responsible for the NGO or other authorized person:

Name: Gary Timbrell

Position in the NGO: Executive Officer

Date: November 5th 2020

Seal of the NGO:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Timbrell".

About the candidate

Bohumil Straka

- NGO position: member of the board of directors
- Citizenship: Czech Republic, born in Brno (former Czechoslovakia) in 1971
- Education: Bc. degree in law, MSc. degree in microelectronics, Ph.D. degree in electro-technical science
- ICH meeting participation: 2008 (Istanbul), 2010 (Nairobi), 2012 (Paris), 2015 (Windhoek), 2017 (Jeju), 2018 (Port Louis)
- UNESCO ICH experience: participation at national as well as international levels in all stages of the UNESCO submission - from the first draft to the final success of Falconry as the largest multinational nomination in UNESCO history that resulted in acquiring all necessary knowledge and experience in the field of the Convention and its operational directives
- Working experience: electronics (self-employed researcher), political experience in running public agenda (8 years member of Brno-stred city council), organisation skills in various NGOs as well as in lobbying on behalf of NGOs
- Media experience: writing scientific and popular articles, organizing press conferences, utilizing available medial channels (traditional as well as social networks)
- Languages oral and written (in addition to Czech): English, Russian, Slovak

About the NGO

IAF - International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey

IAF is the global organization for the promotion and advocacy of the ancient and living art of falconry. Although IAF seems to be focused in a single domain of falconry, IAF does have experience in working across several ICH domains, especially: knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe and festive events, social practices, rituals and traditional craftsmanship.

IAF is an accredited NGO under the 2003 Convention under number NGO-90006. IAF applied for its accreditation in 2008 that was successfully renewed in 2015. IAF has a permanent office in Brussels and is a signatory to the Transparency Register of the EU Parliament. In addition, IAF is involved in a number of other international organisations and conventions. IAF is an accredited member of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) since 1996. It has the right to an observer of meetings of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention, and to representation at CITES, CMS and CBD and is one of 3 Co-operating Partners to the UNEP/CMS (the Raptors MoU).

IAF, by nature, is an international NGO representing community of 75,000 falconers from 130 associations and clubs from 89 countries. Therefore, IAF has good means and opportunity to contribute to the implementation of the Convention at the national level in various countries through its representatives and through its member organisations. In general in countries that are States Parties to UNESCO ICH Convention, where possible and desirable, IAF collaborates with national cultural authorities in favour of the

implementation of the Convention by cultural, scientific as well as supportive political means.

IAF played essential role in preparation of nomination, encouraging State authorities and coordinating concerned communities and related NGOs on national and international levels towards the submission of Representative List file "Falconry, a living human heritage" inscribed in 2010 and extended in 2012 and 2016. So far, this file has been the largest multinational nomination in the ICH Convention history. Extreme number of 18 States participated in this multinational nomination. IAF is also proud that this cultural element has been the pioneer and the first item of the ICH Representative List in several countries.

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