

UNICA Secretariat
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Rue d'Egmont 11 | 1000 Brussels
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Dear Steering Committee,

I would like to let you know how privileged and proud I am for having been nominated by the Rector of my University (Autonomous of Madrid) as a candidate to 2019 UNICA Steering Committee member election, that will take place at the UNICA General Assembly at King's College London, on 28-29 November 2019, it. Indeed, if I were elected, I hereby declare my full commitment to carry out in person the mandate as member of Unica SC. As far as I know, Rector Garesse has guaranteed full support of the Institution.

I do think that I comply with all requirements to become a member of the SC. But I also humbly consider myself capable to contribute with my dedication and experience to the network and all its future developments. At the end of this letter, I have Annexed a personal presentation, and have already sent my short CV to Rector Garesse for him to accompany his letter of proposal.

I will be very happy to provide any further clarification or information, would you need it.

Yours faithfully,




Carmela Calés
Vice-Rector for Internationalization
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Annex to Carmela Calés Commitment Letter:

I am presently Vice-Rector for Internationalization of Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, since July 2017 and full professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Department of Biochemistry, School of Medicine.

My research has evolved from classical Biochemistry (protein synthesis) to Molecular and Cell Biology (oncogenes characterization, cell cycle control), and presently is focusing on more Biomedical approaches, exploring the role of epigenetic regulators in hematopoietic stem cells physiology and malignancy at the Instituto de Investigaciones Biomédicas Alberto Sols (IIBAS). My contribution is not quantitatively very large but qualitatively rather consistent (some 30 publications in first quartile journals, some of them top in their area, and a similar number of Masters and PhD thesis). I have also been very active (and very proud!) in training graduate students, postdocs and co-workers that are nowadays fully established and successful scientists, high level research managers, high school teachers or pharmaceutical or biotechnology industry professionals.

My experience in teaching since 1991 to medical and biochemistry undergraduate and biomedical postgraduate students expands to numerous yearly/regular lectures, practical courses, workshops and seminars to involvement in developing Teaching and Learning projects, having been directly involved in the design of new Bachelor and Master degrees as well as of innovative courses.

Regarding HE management, I have been supervising all ongoing and established international activity, but also developing the University Internationalization Strategy for two years now, being actively involved since the very beginning of CIVIS, the European University that has been selected in this 2019 first pilot project. Additionally, I am in the process of setting a specific program for plurilingualism for students. I have already launched a new and successful program of language training for administrative staff, as well as seed funding programs, one for internationalization activities (for all student, academic and administrative staff), one for international master degrees proposals, with a specific focus on Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees, and soon for increasing the courses/degrees taught in English. Since 2018, I am one of the three elected vocal members of the CRUE (Spanish Rectors Conference) Executive Board for Internationalization and Development.

Previously, from 2010 to 2017, I was the Director of UAM Scientific Culture Unit, developing a dissemination Online Journal and App (UAM Gazette, ISSN 2386-8287), developed different interesting projects aimed at introducing scientific experiments in both primary and secondary schools (“Doing Research in School” and “Search for an Answer Contest”, respectively), and designed/coordinated a postgraduate diploma of “Expert in Public Communication of Science”. Before that I have also been Vice-Dean for Research of the School of Medicine (1999-2001), and Vice-Director at the IIBAS (2001-2003).



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To Unica Steering Committee,

As Rector of Autonomous University of Madrid, I would hereby like to nominate our Vice-Rector for Internationalization, Prof. Carmela Calés Bourdet, to 2019 UNICA Steering Committee member election, which will take place at the UNICA General Assembly at King's College London, on 28-29 November 2019. Enclosed is a short CV of the candidate.

Prof. Calés is fully committed to carry out in person the mandate as member of Unica SC and to comply with all requirements. Likewise, the Institution will give her full support, in the event of being elected.

Please do not doubt in contacting me if you need further information.

Sincerely Yours,



Prof. Rafael Garesse

Bucharest, 12 August 2019

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To whom it may concern

As the Rector of the University of Bucharest, I am pleased to write a reference letter in strong support for Prof. Carmela Calés Bourdet, the Vice-Rector of the Autonomous University of Madrid, as an endorsement for her nomination to 2019 UNICA Steering Committee member election, which will take place at the UNICA General Assembly at King's College London, on 28-29 November 2019.

I am more than confident that Prof. Carmela Calés Bourdet, with her expertise, enthusiasm and energy will greatly contribute to the management of UNICA.



Sincerely Yours,


Prof. Mircea Dumitru
Rector
University of Bucharest



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To whom it may concern,

As the Rector of Sapienza University of Rome (Italy), I am pleased to write a reference letter for Carmela Calés Bourdet, the Vice-Rector for Internationalization of the Autonomous University of Madrid, as an endorsement for his nomination to 2019 UNICA Steering Committee member election, which will take place at the UNICA General Assembly at King's College London, on 28-29 November 2019.

Sincerely Yours,

Eugenio Gaudio


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