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Motivation statement – Chair of ISE Division 1

It would be an honor to serve the analytical electrochemistry community as Chair Elect of ISE Division 1. As the current Division 1 Vice-Chair, I have seen first-hand how much the Division does for our field, and where it can do more. Working with Maria, Emilia and Guabao, we have expanded the Division's reach and presence across the globe, adding value for members and building a community. Science is a community endeavor, and strong communities matter now more than ever. I believe I am well placed to pursue this effort.

As a professor at the University of São Paulo, I am closely connected to Latin America's large community of electrochemists, who remain underrepresented in ISE. Spending most of my scientific career in Europe, first training with Prof. Salvatore Daniele and then for several years working with Prof. Patrick Unwin, allowed me to build a great network of friends and collaborators in Europe, Asia, Oceania and the US, where I am a lifetime member of the Society for Electroanalytical Chemistry. This places me in a strong position to act as a bridge between all these communities, helping to fulfill ISE's overarching goal of bringing electrochemists together.

We will achieve this by continuing our current work in Division 1 of: Expanding presence and representation, adding value to membership and promoting education and best practice. Those familiar with my research know that I believe good electroanalysis rests on a firm grasp of physical-chemical fundamentals. As publications on "electrochemical sensors" multiply, Division 1 should champion that rigor so that fundamentals and applications advance together. This principle will guide our efforts. Having served as Vice-Chair, I see taking on the responsibilities of Division Chair as the natural next step, and I truly believe I can be of great service to the community. I look forward to continuing to work for the Division and would be grateful for your support.

Kind regards,

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