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**Subject:** Election of IFIA ExCo members 2022-2024

**RECOMMENDATION**

At present, we highly and responsibly recommend Mr. Avdo Halilović, Expert Associate and member of the General Assembly of our Association, to be elected to the IFIA Executive Committee for the mandate 2022-2024.

Being members of IFIA from 1996, and not just being present but from 1998 actively involved in every IFIA action regardless of its significance, we believe that today, more than ever, maintaining our Associations strong connection and collaboration with IFIA is essential for both parties, to create an impact and sustain invention culture in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Western Balkans region.

For the last 12 years Avdo is a member of our Association, and one of our closest associates. Starting as a volunteer, young inventor, who’s being mentored by Mr. Husein Hujić.

Being an inventor with multiple inventions, considering his scholar, working and entrepreneurial background and experience, working closely with more than 2000 entrepreneurs, social entrepreneurs, and inventors (individual and corporations) in Bosnia and Herzegovina and around the world, Avdo is capable and ready to bring fresh ideas, new energy, and perseverance to fulfill the IFIA Statutes. At his current working position as Innovation Manager in one of the leading WB organizations regarding social entrepreneurship and investments, working with Rockefeller brothers fund, Erste group, EBRD, Swiss, Swedish, UK, USA government and development agencies, Avdo is willing to help youth embrace invention, by creating and presenting different opportunities to learn, prototype, go to market, and find investors. His presence and active involvement in IFIA ExCo Committee will help us to establish IFIA TTOs, IFIA Academy in our country. Throughout his connections, Avdo can provide all the necessary financial, mentoring, networking and other resources to individual and corporate inventors from any of the IFIA member countries.

We have the exceptional honor to recommend Avdo, for minimum three following important reasons:

a) Our Association is actively working and educating the young inventors, especially initiated by the 2006 Seoul 14th International Students Inventions Exhibition, ISIE

b) Among dozens and hundreds young participants in our workshops and contests, Avdo realized the best results

c) Having voluntary been working in our Association during three years, he is last seven years worked with inventors on preparing, filling and applying for national, PCT and EU patents and other industrial property rights.

Representing inventors at the invention fairs in our country and abroad, fundraising and organizing hundreds of workshops for youth inventors and entrepreneurs. Created thousands of business plans and directly helped funding and establishing more than 200 startups. He was one of the creators of first Inventors and Entrepreneurs Virtual Inventions Fair “Sarajevo 2020”.at a time when COVID-19 canceled most of the invention fairs globally. During all these years and work Avdo was able to gain knowledge and experience and to understand all the problems inventors are facing and the circumstances causing them, but more importantly, to embrace invention as a main particle of every change regardless domain it appears in (life, science, technology…).

Sincerely yours!

Hajrudin Šuman, President Husein Hujić, Secretary General