

## ISDRS Executive Board Members election

### Expression of Interest (EOI) for Treasurer and Director of Communications

1. **Marlen Gabriele Arnold**
2. **Gustavo Nicolas Paez**
3. **Prajal Pradhan**

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1. **Prof. Dr. Marlen Gabriele Arnold** Email: [marlen.arnold@wiwi.tu-chemnitz.de](mailto:marlen.arnold@wiwi.tu-chemnitz.de)

Affiliation: TU Chemnitz

Status with respect to ISDRS: Board Member

Track/Topic group affiliation: Track 2a. Provision, Quality of and Access to Education

Executive position: Treasurer or Communication

Profile of professional and organisational activities /experience.

- ✓ <https://www.tu-chemnitz.de/wirtschaft/bwl8/index.php>
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- ✓ Full professorship for Corporate environmental management and sustainability at TU Chemnitz, Germany since 2016
- ✓ Related teaching, researching and training experiences
- ✓ Experience in organising smaller and bigger conferences
- ✓ Experience in supervision of PhD students
- ✓ Academic self-administration (occupation committee, faculty council, etc.)
- ✓ Rectorate representative for Sustainable Campus
- ✓ Member of the advisory group "Strategy for the further development of ESD in Saxony".
- ✓ Member of the Future Advisory Board Innovation of the SMEKUL (until December 2023)
- ✓ Member of the State Rectors' Conference - Working Group Sustainability and Climate Neutrality

Motivation for becoming a member of the ISDRS Executive Board

My ongoing motivation to support the ISDRS Board is to support and develop the ISDRS network further, e.g. fostering the topic groups 2 and others. By being a leading member of the organisation of the best paper awards I can contribute to the ISDRS Board work and progress the global ISDRS network. I am willing to support the Boards' discussions with my knowledge and experience, and especially by providing a "small-scale" German perspective. I can support the ISDRS conference on site as well as in advance reading and evaluating the

respective abstracts and providing feedback. I am willing to address new ideas for progressing the ISDRS network as well as supporting taken decisions.

Having a business management background, I can support the board in the function as treasurer. Consulting the and discussing with the board according business models, esp. in the upcoming questions of launching a journal, and securing a stable financial basis could be a support in the vacant position of the treasurer.

Being supportive for communication I can support Charlotte in her newsletter work and think of progressive communication strategies for spreading the ISDRS idea globally.

2. **Gustavo Nicolas Paez**

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Affiliation: WWF Myanmar

Status with respect to ISDRS: Board

Track/Topic group affiliation: Sustainable Development - Environment.

Executive position: Treasurer

Profile of professional and organisational activities /experience.

I have 10 years of experience working with international organizations and NGOs dedicated to sustainable development. Among them, I have worked on topics that range from education, health, and poverty relief to agriculture and the environment. My approach is methodological rather than thematic, thus, it allows me to participate in creating synergies between field experts and ensuring holistic sustainable development of the projects in which I participate. Finally, while my work is mostly dedicated to supporting local government and communities, most of the tools I have developed have been published to ensure both the accountability and the outreach of the methods. In this way, I am both well-versed in the academic arena as well as in the practical field of sustainable development.

Motivation for becoming a member of the ISDRS Executive Board

My motivation to become an executive board member, and in particular the treasurer, is that I like the way in which the organization is moving forward. I consider ISDRS one of the few spaces that offer a supportive academic community and at the same time takes care to bring other sectors so that academia doesn't silo itself.

While other members that are more dedicated to academic duties can provide more experience in topics such as mentoring programs or publications, my path as project manager allows me to keep organized track of money flows, and I consider these skills useful so society can have clear accountability of their spending/investments. Finally, as my work is mostly quantitative, if I can find a chance to translate the financial reports into quantitative evidence that can support evidence-based decision-making processes, for sure I will do it.

### 3. Prajal Pradhan

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Affiliation: Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

Status with respect to ISDRS: Board Member

Track/Topic group affiliation: Topic 5f Food Security and Agriculture

Executive position: Communications

Profile of professional and organisational activities /experience.

Prajal Pradhan is an interdisciplinary scholar of sustainability science with experiences in food systems, climate change research, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Currently, he is a senior scientist at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) in Germany. Prajal is originally from Nepal. He studied agricultural engineering and environmental management. He was a lead author of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land and a contributing author of the AR6 IPCC WG II and III Reports. He has developed a method to quantify synergies and trade-offs among SDGs systematically. His current research focuses on understanding urban transformations, investigating impacts of climate change on bioeconomy, and identifying interlinkages between bioeconomy and SDGs. Prajal's articles won the ISDRS Best Sustainable Development Article Award 2020 (First) and Best Sustainable Development Article Award 2017 (Second). He is also an editor of journals "Sustainability Science", "Regional Environmental Change," and "PLOS Sustainability and Transformation" and a subject editor of the journal "Anthropocene Science."

Motivation for becoming a member of the ISDRS Executive Board

I am motivated to join the ISDRS Executive position in Communication to enhance visibility and impacts of the ISDRS. In my view, the ISDRS can play an essential role in ongoing debates on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), engaging actively with a broader sustainable development community. As an executive board member on communication, I would like to develop a new communication plan building on the existing one, on quarterly newsletters. This plan includes highlighting key publications, activities (e.g., workshop, conferences, and events), jobs, and project calls, in the field of sustainability. Doing so will attract general members of ISDRS to be more engaged in the ISDRS communities.