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Nomination of Prof. Ravi Naidu for IUSS President

Dear Prof. Horn

It is our great pleasure and previlage to nominate Laureate Professor Ravi Naidu, University of Newcastle, Callaghan NSW, Australia as a candidate for the IUSS President. We have known Ravi for many decades and have followed his career and scientific achivenments over the years. Ravi has made a very significant and outstanding contribution to the field of soil science and especially in developing advanced innovative and promising technonologies for the remdeation of contaminated and degraded soils at reginal, national and international levels. His scientific contributions have been recognised by many universities and research organizations by awarding him honorary degrees and awards from national and international organizations, for example, Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award and Medal (2022), European Geosciences Union Alina Kabata-Pendias Medal (2023). World Soil Prize- The Glinka Award (2023) just to name a few.

Ravi has also a very wide network of scientists almost on all continents of the world and he will be able to communicate and spread IUSS vision of soil science accrss the world. The documents attached herewith show more detailed information on his academic background, research interest and achievements, national and international activities and network and a list of his publications of books and peer reviewd research articles.



We feel that Prof. Ravi Naidu is a very good candidate for the position and he will be able to spread the vision of IUSS to large scinetific communities and public bodies nationally and internationally and hence we strongly recommend to the the selection committee of IUSS to select him as a candidate for the IUSS President position.

Regards

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