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Nomination of Prof. Dr. Laura Bertha Reyes Sánchez for President of IUSS

Distinguished Chair of the IUSS Presidential Election Committee, dear Prof. Swift,

I herewith nominate Prof. Dra. Laura Bertha Reyes Sánchez for President of IUSS.

Over the last decades and especially during my time as President (including elect and past) I met her repeatedly and was always surprised about the scientific effectivity, creativity, and engagement of Prof. Dra. Laura Berta Reyes Sanchez in the various positions she holds and her ability to really include all soil science societies in Latin America as secretary general and at the same time as a representative within FAO .

Dear Roger, I may have only received a small insight in all what she organized and does till today in the Mexican Soil Science Society, as Chair of her Institute in Mexico, and as secretary of the Latin American Soil Science Society. However, what I learned by her and what convinced me completely of her personality was her overwhelming and continuous support and soil science training and education of people from the Kindergarten up to the professionals and most important politicians and NGO representatives across continents. She has documented her scientific and extension approaches with outstanding training documents and scientific papers. All this makes her really an outstanding candidate for the position of the next President of IUSS. Thus, I strongly support her nomination and hope that IUSS takes also the chance to be represented by a woman for the first time in nearly 100 years.

I remain with my best regards

Yours sincerely

