



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR MEDICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

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Office of the Secretary-General: Prof. S. M. Krishnan

NOMINEE INFORMATION FORM

Nomination for the position of

Secretary General

Name

Mario Forjaz Secca

Affiliated Society

SPEB (Portuguese Society of Biomedical Engineering)

Current Position

(in Affiliated Society)

President

Current Profession

(in Academia, Hospital, etc.)

Associate Professor of Biophysics

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Brief Biography (not to exceed 200 words)

Born 1957 in Mozambique, finishing High School there. In Sussex University, England, obtained B.Sc., 1977, D.Phil., 1983, both in Physics, and 4 years Post Doc.

Then gave up job, sold everything, and spent 8 months touring the world to think and learn what not learned from formal education.

In 1986 appointed Physics Assistant Professor at Universidade Nova, Lisboa, becoming Biophysics Associate Professor in 2005. In 2001 created one of the first two undergraduate courses in Biomedical Engineering in Portugal and was its coordinator until 2014.

Main research interests are Medical Imaging (Magnetic Resonance Imaging), Biomechanics and Brain.

President of the Portuguese Society of Biomedical Engineering since 2006.

One international patent of a Biomedical device.

Actively involved with IFMBE since 2006: 2008-2012, Chairman of the Societies Committee; 2011-... Chairman of the Working Group on Developing Countries, 2012-2018 member of the Administrative Council, and member of several committees.

Involved in a training program in Central Hospital of Maputo, Mozambique (2011-2106).

Active member of ISMRM, ESMRMB and Portuguese Society of Biomechanics.

Member of Superior Council of Grupo Entrepasto (Portuguese group of companies covering 4 countries and over 2500 employees).

Speaks Portuguese, English, Spanish, French, Italian and basic Swedish.



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Position Statement (not to exceed 200 words)

In 2006, as President of the Portuguese Society, I became involved in IFMBE, through the Secretaries Committee and in 2008 was elected its Chairman, beginning a 7 year period of heavy involvement with IFMBE. Believing the Secretaries Committee was not aptly named I proposed the change of name to Societies Committee, approved in 2011, remaining its Chairman until 2012. In 2011 I was heavily involved in the proposal for the restructure of IFMBE, with the creation of the Council of Societies to give it its due importance and I strongly defend the regional groups.

In 2011 I was appointed Chairman of the Developing Countries WG, promoting BME in the less favoured countries in connection with WHO.

In 2012 I was elected a member of the AC and have been a member of several committees.

I strongly support broadening IFMBE's reach to all areas around the world, in particular Africa and Middle East, and will do my best to achieve that. I believe IFMBE is more than a scientific society and emphasis should be put on education and the profession. I will continue to promote IFMBE's ideals with the same fervor and strongly defend its positions on BME around the world.

I agree to have my name placed in nomination for the above position, and if elected, to serve for the specified term.

Signature of Candidate:

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