

IFAAMAS Board Member Candidate Nomination:

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Candidate's statement

I had the opportunity of following and contributing - as far as I could - to the AAMAS community since the beginning of my PhD, early 2000ies - helping organizing the first edition of Joint Conference in Bologna. Since then, besides personal contributions that hopefully have been useful for the community (briefly mentioned in the bio), I have always had a quite strong interest in sharing viewpoints and proposals so as to contribute to the evolution and the development of the the community---in particular by trying to find synergistic links with other research communities (e.g. programming languages). In this path, I had the opportunity to participate to hot debates inside the community (e.g. how to push agents in the mainstream) and interact about, hopefully not creating only interferences. After 2 decades, this interest has grown wiser and stronger. Indeed, as far as I can see, nowadays the community has a great opportunity, given the "AI spring/summer" where agents and agency play a clear role. This opportunity includes going on with initiatives and visions that will allow to fully bring the research community's "patrimony" -- in terms of ideas, achievements, technologies -- to their full appreciation and understanding in the global research panorama and the mainstream.

Candidate's short bio

Alessandro Ricci is Associate Professor at DISI, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the University of Bologna, Italy. He holds a PhD in Computer Science & Engineering. His general research interest concerns agents and multi-agent systems as a paradigm for developing software systems. Alessandro's main contributions to the AAMAS research mainly concern MAS Programming & Engineering (e.g. the "artifact" and "coordination artifact" abstraction, the JaCaMo Platform) and their application to application domains (e.g. Mirror Worlds). Alessandro has been co-organizers of several initiatives and workshops about agents, both inside the AAMAS (ProMAS, EMAS, ALAW (new 2018)) and outside AAMAS---in particular, he co-ideated an ACM SIGPLAN sponsored workshop called AGERE!, running in the SPLASH conference (main conference about programming and software development) since 2011. He is currently member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal on Agent-Oriented Software Engineering (IJAOSE) and member of the Steering Committee of EMAS (Engineering MAS) workshop. Finally, he contributed to various editions of the European Agent Systems Summer Schools (EASSS) with tutorials about Multi-Agent Programming (along with Rafael Bordini, Olivier Boissier, Jomi Hubner).