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Dear Professor Dr Rainer Horn,

**Nomination International Union of Soil Science President: Dr Bruce Lascelles**

I am writing to nominate Dr Bruce Lascelles for the prestigious position of President of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS). Dr Lascelles is an internationally recognised soil scientist in consultancy and academia, delivering significant contributions to the field through research and development, and industry guidance. I have known Bruce for over 15 years and had the privilege of working with him closely over the last 5 years in the British Society of Soil Science Presidential team and the World Congress of Soil Science 22 Working Group.

Dr Lascelles has a longstanding history of leadership and involvement in the soil science community. Within the British Society of Soil Science (BSSS), Bruce has held several senior leadership roles, including President Elect (2019-2020), President (2021-2022), and Past President (2023-2024). This included setting the Society strategy as Chair of the Board of Trustees, ensuring good governance structures are in place and being an international spokesperson for the soil science community.

Additionally, Bruce chaired the BSSS Grants and Awards Committee over two terms, ensuring the fair distribution of resources and recognition of outstanding contributions to soil science. As a member of the BSSS Publications Committee, Bruce has contributed to the dissemination of cutting-edge research and knowledge by supporting the strategic direction of our top-ranking international journals The European Journal of Soil Science and Soil Use and Management. Bruce has an extensive experience in delivering large-scale national infrastructure and restoration projects that demand complex soil science technical expertise. He has delivered numerous presentations at major conferences and meetings (e.g. IUSS Centennial, COP28) highlighting his ongoing commitment to advancing the field of soil science.

Dr Lascelles joined the Institute of Professional Soil Scientists (IPSS) Council in 2006. This membership organisation represented interests of professional soil scientists in the UK and he held the position of Chair of IPSS from 2011 to 2012. He made significant contributions to professional practice and standards and supported the successful merger of IPSS and BSSS in 2012. This achievement demonstrates Bruce's ability to navigate complex organizational dynamics and foster collaboration.

One of Dr Lascelles most notable accomplishments was leading the preparation and successful bid in 2014 to host the 22nd World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS22). As Chair of the WCSS22 Working Group and delivery team he led the project to its successful delivery in 2022, simultaneously serving as Vice President (Congress) of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) and President of the British Society of Soil Science. This brought global recognition to the British Society of Soil Science. In these roles Bruce demonstrated his exceptional leadership, international collaboration, and strategic,

forward-thinking approach. The successful delivery of the WCSS22 clearly highlights Bruce's capacity to manage large-scale international events and work effectively with diverse teams.

In summary, I have no hesitation to propose Dr Lascelles is an exemplary candidate for the Presidency of the IUSS. He possesses the scholarly excellence, leadership and interpersonal skills, and dedication required to lead IUSS into the future, ensuring it is recognised as the leading global union of soil scientists. I am confident that Bruce will make substantial contributions to the IUSS and the global soil science community and to raise awareness of soils to the wider community.

Thank you for considering this nomination. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hannam', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Jacqueline Hannam

President of the British Society of Soil Science