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Dear Professor Unah,

It is my honor to write you in my capacity as President of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP), and therefore also as President of the 25th World Congress of Philosophy, to be held in Rome, Italy, from August 1-8, 2024, under the theme "Philosophy across Boundaries".

On the basis of decisions made by the Steering Committee of FISP, and upon recommendation of the Program Committee of the Congress, I am kindly inviting you to serve as co-chair of one of the 89 designated sections of the Congress, namely "Metaphysics". We very much rely on your scholarly expertise and experience.

Chairpersons of thematic sections play a key role in enhancing the global reach and the scholarly inclusiveness of the World Congress. They are nominated according to their scholarly expertise, their academic standing, and their capacity to involve scholars in the areas they will oversee. Their primary role consists therefore in bringing together relevant scholarly communities by attracting scholars, including students, and encouraging submissions in their areas.

Each section will include more than one chair. A fair balance of senior and emerging scholars from different areas of the world, from within and beyond philosophy, is indeed instrumental to reflecting the diversity and complexity of scholarly communities across the world. In addition, all sections will have Italian co-chairs designated upon proposal by the Italian Organizing Committee.

I would like to emphasize that chairpersons may occasionally be asked to assess papers submitted for presentation at the Congress. Given the estimated number of chairs and the overall

brevity of submitted papers, we do not expect this task to be particularly demanding. In addition to assessing the quality of the submitted papers, you will also be kindly asked to ensure that all forms of potential discrimination, including contents promoting violence, war, or aggressive nationalism, are detected and considered as grounds for rejection.

Section chairs are also welcome to submit their own proposals, either as individual paper submissions for any section of the Congress or as specific panels to be included in the program of the Congress. Further details are included in the brief description of the functions of the chairs, which you will find attached to this letter along with the First Circular of the Congress. I am, of course, at your disposal for any further query or information.

Finally, chairpersons are encouraged to volunteer chairing some sessions (including student sessions) during the Congress in Rome according to their availability.

As all other WCP functions, chairpersonship of thematic sections is an unremunerated task. Given the wide-ranging scholarly reach of a World Congress and its focus on inclusiveness, we consider this role as a vital and generous professional service in favor of inclusivity and diversity in philosophy and academia worldwide. You certainly have, in advance, the deep gratitude of FISP and of philosophical communities worldwide.

I sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation and I look forward to seeing you in Rome. In the complex time we are going through, this World Congress will provide a timely opportunity to discuss the future of our societies and exchange ideas with colleagues from all regions. As you will see, Sapienza University is a very good location for doing so.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

With kind regards,

Luca M. Scarantino
President

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