ELECTIONS TO THE SENATE
May 2016

SCHOOL of ENERGY, GEOSCIENCE, INFRASTRUCTURE and SOCIETY

There are **five** candidates standing for the **three** vacancies for Senators from the School (in random order):

Candidate	Nominated by:	
Dr David Connolly	Prof P Woodward	Prof O Lagrouche
D Connolly Supporting Statement I am standing for election to Senate because I am passionate about promoting the University's values of pursuing excellence, outward looking and shaping the future. In line with the values of transparency, honesty, integrity and objectivity, I will promote high quality educational, welfare and recreational opportunities for all students and staff. I feel that my dedication, motivation and enthusiasm will enable me to excel in this role.		
Professor Joao Pombo	Prof P Woodward	Prof O Lagrouche
J Pombo Supporting Statement I have been Associate Professor within EGIS since December 2014. I am also the coordinator of the recently launched MSc Programme in "High Speed Train and Track Systems". Before joining Heriot Watt University, I occupied a range of positions in Academia and Industry and I have led and participated in several projects in close collaboration with leading international research centres and industry. I am standing for election to the Senate because I believe I can play a valuable part in assisting fulfil Senate's role in governing the academic work and standards of the University, both in teaching and in research, and in regulating the education and discipline of the students of Heriot-Watt in all campuses. I trust that my experience both in Academia and Industry can be useful to promote the University strategic plans in terms of developing advanced and innovative R&D activities working together with business and industry, contributing to the development of the economy. The development of such world-class academic expertise and knowledge can be integrated in the University taught programmes, offering our students advanced and innovative skills and training at all levels contributing, in this way, to increase the rankings and the attractiveness of our University.		
Dr Gabriela Medero	Dr H Haynes	Prof W J McCarter
(no supporting statement provided by G Medero)		
Dr Jingsheng Ma	Prof G Couples	Prof D Stow
(no supporting statement provided by J Ma)		
Dr Sandhya Patidar	Dr M Gul	Dr D Jenkins
S Patidar Supporting Statement Dear electors, As we know, Senate is supreme academic body of the University and play a major role in defining academic standards of the University. Senate support, monitor and direct strategies for effective development of teaching and research in the University. To this year's round of election, I propose myself as a highly motivated and enthusiastic candidate to represents academic staff of EGIS. As an applied Statistician, I had/and have privileged opportunity to work closely with many research groups and staff members in our school. Through my past experience and association with Heriot-Watt University (since 2009) I developed a good understanding of various aspects and key issues related to various research theme of our school e.g. energy, water, buildings, environment, infrastructure etc. I can understand various teaching related aspects/issues of our school as well. I sincerely believe that with my knowledge, expertise and skills I should be able to provide a right direction and voice to influence decision-making process in safeguarding our common interests. I request you to please vote me and I promise that I will do my best to get our voice heard. Thanks.		

Notes:

- Nominations were sought between 29 April and 13 May 2016.
- All candidates had the opportunity to submit statements in support of their candidacy.
- The election contest shall be held according to the stipulations of Ordinance C1.
- Ballot papers and instructions on the election have been emailed to all eligible voters.
- All completed ballot papers must reach John McDermott **by Monday 30 May 2016 (4.00pm UK time).**
- John McDermott can provide more information on request

Issued on behalf of the Secretary of the University by:

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