

## Presidency



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Dear Jan  
Dear Board  
Dear Election Committee  
Dear Imago member societies

I regret to have to inform you that I withdraw my candidacy for the presidency of Imago. I have watched with growing fascination and horror how two candidates who are clearly ineligible for further time on the board have been allowed to have their candidacies put forward. With one week to go, the membership is now erroneously under the impression that these two people are eligible otherwise they wouldn't have been proposed. Having participated in two illegitimate elections I can not in all good conscience participate in a third. As I implied at the time I resigned as treasurer for exactly the same reasons, I can not be part of an organisation that can't even follow a few simple rules they've set themselves. It is beyond me how these two people, who both were lauded for their time at Imago and given awards, and who by their own admission have served three terms on the board previously, could have been proposed by societies who should at least have checked their eligibility before even nominating them instead of putting Imago into difficulty.

In addition, the evident and open hate campaign from certain members of the ITC as well as the ridiculous attempt to mount a kangaroo court against me by a former member of the board who seems to still be allowed to participate even though he openly resigned, makes me realise that Imago will not get better in the foreseeable future. I couldn't possibly see myself trying to preside over a board where too many members display an open hostility based on nothing but unfounded personal animosity. As long as personal vendettas are allowed to flourish and take precedence over the need to work in the interest of cinematographers, Imago will never succeed.

My apologies and thanks to Jan and the Danish society for having put their trust in me three times. I'm honoured but at the same time sad that I couldn't finally fulfil their desire to see me elected. I wish Mustapha, the only remaining legitimate candidate, all the best and hope he gets elected and that Imago can finally move forward.

I will see you at the IEGA to talk about the 2021 accounts if necessary.

I would be much obliged if this letter can be shared with the membership for the sake of full transparency.

Cordially

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