

Dear IETS community,

My name is Daniel Angel-Velez, and I am working on my Ph.D. at Ghent University in Belgium, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Ann Van Soom. I believe that I am a suitable candidate for the Morula's governor position because of my experience as a practitioner and researcher in the field of reproduction and my excellent leadership and soft skills that allow me to collaborate with young fellow researchers.

I graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 2009 at CES University (Medellín, Colombia). After graduation from vet school, I became the resident veterinarian at one of the biggest equine farms in Colombia. During that time, I was in charge of the embryo transfer program, sperm freezing, mares' pregnancy diagnosis, foaling of mares, and internal medicine in general. Meanwhile, I kept interested on doing research. Therefore, I attended several scientific meetings and performed different internships abroad that allowed me to have an international network. In 2018 I finished my Master of Science working on equine oocyte vitrification with the partnership of Dr. Katrin Hinrichs from Texas A&M, Dr. Gabriel Dalvit from Buenos Aires University, and Dr. Diana Gomez from INSER.

The IETS is the place in which science and practice come together, and the Morula's trainee association offers a unique opportunity for students to interact with senior scientists and practitioners. I have seen the amazing work that the Morula board has done during Annual Meetings, and their workshops have helped me develop useful skills in practice and research. The best way to strengthen IETS is by increasing the networking and community feeling within our society. If elected, I would work with enthusiasm to keep Morula's high standards and promote the association among young students. I would also share the great benefits of being a Morula, providing trainees with the opportunity to be exposed to the most recent embryo technologies discoveries, with the ultimate goal of motivating trainees to become integral participants of the society.

Sincerely,

Daniel Angel-Velez.

