



To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Miranda Zwiefelhofer and I am interested in becoming an IETS Morulas governor. I am originally from Minnesota; USA and I am currently a PhD student at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. My research project involves using reproductive techniques to develop a germplasm biobank for the conservation of Canadian wood and plains bison. I have been extensively working with oocyte pick-up (OPU) and *in-vitro* production (IVP) of embryos in bison. I am excited to have calves born from my efforts and a news article was just written on our most recent work (<https://news.usask.ca/articles/research/2020/usask-researchers-in-vitro-fertilization-successful-with-baby-bison.php>). I have been to the International Embryo Technology Society Conference for the past 3 years (2018-2020) and the Morulas group has been an influential part of my graduate school experience. I think that attendance at events put on by the Morulas have increased my confidence and enhanced networking at the meeting. Events such as the Career and Mentor luncheons allow for direct interaction with influential members in the society which may be otherwise be difficult to approach outside these settings. Meanwhile, the student mixer allows for students to meet their peers in a more informal setting allowing for lifelong connections. Being an active member at the past meetings has allowed me to envision things that could bring the group closer together. Small things like ensuring all trainees receive their name tag ribbon stating they are part of the Morulas group. This will help them recognize other trainees earlier in the meeting, allowing for more time spent with their peers. I hope that by serving as an IETS Morulas governor, I can help make the IETS meetings a positive experience for all trainees attending.

Please consider me for an IETS Morulas governor and thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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