**Candidate statement**

**Professor Anna Nicolaou**

I am Professor of Biological Chemistry at The University of Manchester, UK. Following my BSc and PhD studies, I trained as postdoctoral fellow at the School of Pharmacy, University of London and spent time studying enzymology, lipid biochemistry and lipidomics in Paris, Marseilles, and Boston, USA. I joined the University of Bradford, UK in 1997, awarded a personal chair in 2008, and moved to my current post in 2013.

My main research effort focuses on the molecular mechanism of action of bioactive lipids. I have been exploring the role of lipid networks in health and disease using lipidomics, with particular emphasis on skin inflammation, the cardiovascular system, neuroinflammation as well as the assessment of nutritional interventions. My work has been supported by research councils, charities and industry. I am currently co-chair of the Lipidomics division of EuroFedLipid, and associate editor for *Prostaglandins Leukotrienes and Essential Fatty Acids* (PLEFA)and the *European Journal of Lipid Science and Technology* (EJLST).

I would be greatly honoured to be elected to serve on the Board of ISSFAL for a second term. I have been a member of ISSFAL since 1997, have attended most meetings and had the pleasure of presenting lectures as well as organising and chairing sessions. During this time I have experienced the expansion of the society and its evolution to cover new emerging topics and keeping the members abreast of new discoveries. Should I have the opportunity to serve on the Board of ISSFAL again I would like to support this forward direction and use my research experience to ensure the society is always at the forefront on new scientific advances in lipid research. I strongly believe that ISSFAL should continue to support and nourish new investigators. We should also ensure that our meetings are always interesting and can act as a forum for discussions that can identify and inspire new directions in lipid bioscience both in terms of research and education.

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