**ISSFAL BOARD CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

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**Biography:** Dr. Hope Weiler is an Associate Professor and Registered Dietitian in the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at McGill University. Her education includes a B.A.Sc. in Applied Human Nutrition, University of Guelph; and a Ph.D. in Medical Sciences, Cell Biology and Metabolism, McMaster University. Dr. Weiler is currently in receipt of a Canada Research Chair at McGill University where her research focus is on mineral and lipid nutrients, including vitamin D, and long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids and the role in bone mineral acquisition and body composition in children and in adults in urban and Indigenous populations in Canada. To date, Dr. Weiler has authored over 150 peer-reviewed publications based on preclinical and clinical studies as well as epidemiological cohort studies. She has provided graduate training to over 60 graduate trainees and 40 undergraduate students. Dr. Weiler has been awarded prestigious awards from the Canada Research Chairs program, the New Investigator Award from the Canadian Nutrition Society, Norman Kretchmer Memorial Award in Nutrition and Development, ILSI Future Leaders Award and the Wiebe Visser International Nutrition Dairy Prize from the International Dairy Federation for her work in nutrition and bone health. She has served numerous societies, organizations and areas of nutrition including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Dr. Weiler is director of the Mary Emily Clinical Nutrition Research Unit of McGill and is a member of the editorial boards of Nutrition Research and The Journal of Nutrition.

**Statement:** As a Member of the ISSFAL Board, I would extend my contributions beyond my own research focus. For example, I have experience in mentoring junior faculty and would be interested in extending this to the membership of ISSFAL. This could be in the form of symposium targeted to new academic researchers, or to grant writing activities. In addition, mentoring of graduate trainees is something that I would be happy to contribute through the Society. Lastly, peer-review is something I am always heavily involved in, whether it be grants, scholarships, or manuscripts.

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