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Expression of Interest to contribute to the CETAF community as an Ordinary Member of the CETAF Executive Committee

Dear CETAF Chair, dear Executive Director, dear members of the Executive Committee and Governing Board,

Please let me express my thanks for having been nominated for the position of an Ordinary Member of the CETAF Executive Committee. I express my sincere interest to contribute to the community through my work and commitment in the next CETAF Executive Committee.

During the three years that I have been participating in CETAF meetings and CETAF-initiated activities, I have got a sense of the enormous commitment and interest of the community to promote natural history collections and collection-based science for the benefit of biodiversity, the environment and a sustainable societal development. This community commitment has brought about an extremely successful development, resulting among others in the acceptance of DiSSCo on the ESFRI roadmap, the granting of many different projects serving the development of our collections, the confirmation of strategic partnerships and the representation of CETAF in important international bodies.

During the time of my employment as a Science Policy Coordinator at the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin, Germany (BGBM), I took an active interest in the initiatives of the CETAF community. Being convinced that we need the expertise of our community and the information harbored by our collections to tackle some of our most pressing societal challenges, I have contributed as a co-editor to formulate the science case of the DiSSCo roadmap application. To facilitate and support the design and development of DiSSCo, I have joined the Management Committee of the COST Action MOBILISE that aims at integrating and linking all the institutions and current initiatives that contribute to the development of a joint digital infrastructure of scientific collections. Within MOBILISE, I

lead the Data Management Working Group to promote communication in the community on this central topic.

One of my major interests is the development of research perspectives in the collections and biodiversity research community, also in connection with other disciplines. Accordingly, I participate in the respective work packages of the EU projects SYNTHESYS+ and, if granted, DiSSCo Prepare. It is my ambition to promote the implementation of the CETAF strategy and strategic development plan with a focus on research activities and science policy. To this end, I have joined the CETAF Strategy Group and I would be pleased to intensify my efforts as a member of the CETAF Executive Committee. I am convinced that CETAF and CETAF institutions should be involved in the development of research programs at national and the European level as much as possible.

My scientific background is in botany. I have completed my PhD at the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin on the phylogeny of an *Asteraceae* tribe (*Cardueae*), taking into consideration evolutionary and ecological aspects. Having received a sound ecology training during my university courses at Würzburg and Bristol, I am especially interested in connecting with different research disciplines to gain knowledge from different perspectives. I have been working as a scientist in the field of plant genetics and breeding research for ten years and thus dealt with the applied side of genes and traits. I think we need all kinds of different perspectives to solve the challenges of our time, and we should develop these research perspectives in a responsible way. I have always been impressed by the high ethical standards in the CETAF community.

I have been working as a Science Policy Coordinator at BGBM for three years now. This position allows me to shape relationships both within the science community and with other stakeholders, in order to promote the goals of our institutions and our science. I also believe that integrating people and interests is the best way to achieve our goals. In this spirit, I would support CETAF's successful work with my best possible efforts and the support of my institution in case of being elected an Ordinary Member of the CETAF Executive Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eva Häffner". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Dr. Eva Häffner