



Presidential vision for Zadar 2019

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a brief welcome

It is my utmost pleasure to have been given the opportunity to preside Zadar 2019 - the 29th National Selection Conference of EYP Croatia. With that being said, it is my honor to present you with the vision I have been working on.

I am eagerly awaiting your applications and cannot wait to work on further developing the session with the rest (of the) future leadership.

In order to deliver the vision in the most comprehensible manner, I will have multiple segments elaborating on how the vision pertains to the various roles of the leadership, as well as a general overview of the vision at the beginning. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact!

general overview of the vision

My idea for Zadar 2019 will be concentrated around various elements, the first of which is the freedom of expression and ownership of the academic output. What this implies is that members of the sessions' leadership will have equal input in shaping the session and its structure. All ideas will be welcomed and taken into consideration in order to provide the delegates with the best content and overall picture of what this lovely organization of ours has to offer. I find it personally important to have all members freely share their thoughts and ideas; in order to have ownership, we must feel comfortable with expressing said thoughts. This is something I have always been committed to and will continue to foster, especially during this session.

Secondly, I would put the impetus on creativity, as well as emphasizing innovation and interaction pertaining to training. Initially, it may appear as an element exclusive to the chair's team, but I do not interpret it in such a way. Therefore, my aim is to have the entire leadership contribute to the training programme in whatever capacity they can and feel comfortable with. Whether it be through the aid of the Editor by creating visuals for the chairs training or the Head of Jury formulating a strategy of cooperation with the chairs, as well as a plethora of other means. I believe that only by collaborating can we truly foster creativity and innovation that is of practical use as well as beneficial to the teams of the session.

Thirdly, I plan to focus on personal development as it is something I find extremely important. I am a firm believer that responsibility is what drives us to move forward, and that we are the creators of that responsibility through our passions. Personally, I am consecrated to the advancement of individuals and this is something that the members of my team can expect. My plan is to dedicate my team as much time as necessary.

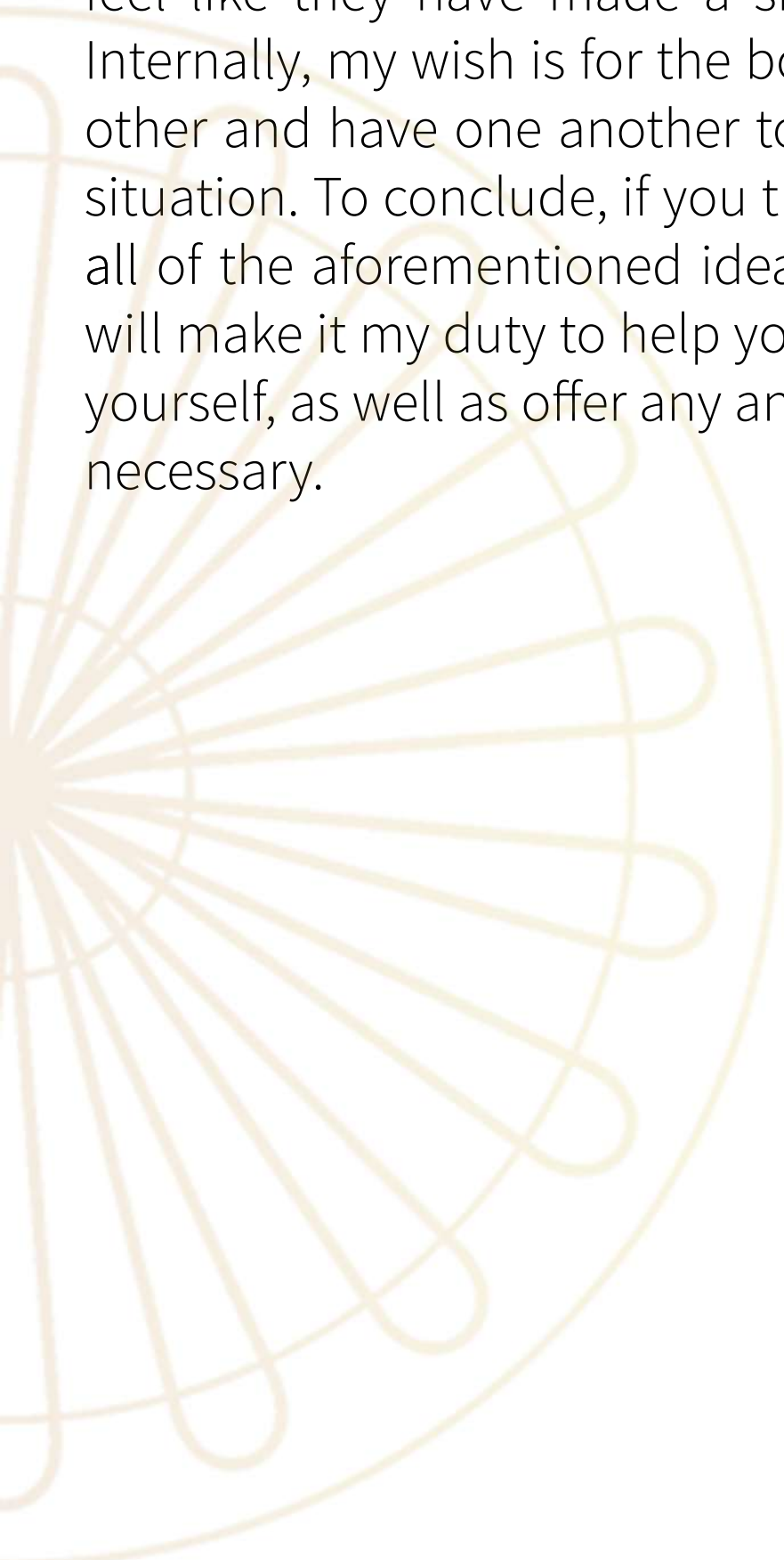
However, I intend to take each individual's inclinations in mind, increasing or decreasing my presence depending on an individual's needs. This is important in order to have a balance between the support necessary and the freedom of expression. Personal development is something that is created by two individuals and ultimately this is the approach I will take in order to bring out the hidden potential of my team members.

To conclude the general portion of the vision, the last point I would underline is confidence. My aim is to empower all participants to be confident, take matters into their own hands, have the courage to say what is on their mind and be the best version of themselves. I see the theme of the session perfectly fitting the idea of confidence, which is something I would like to have materialized. Rise and shine, it is up to you to define; I wish all of the participants to indeed rise and shine and I intend to stand with them and help each step of the way.

to the future board

In regards to the future board, I stay true to the idea of ownership and freedom of expression. My plan of execution would be to involve them from the very beginning to the very end such as having the members of the board actively involved in the selection process. Secondly, my idea is to equally distribute the board's work, having every board member in charge of a segment of the session, whether it be the training, delegate interaction etc. This way all of us can be proud of the work done.

Insofar as creativity and innovation are concerned, my aim is to realize this through the training segment of the session. What this means is that as the board we will focus on a diverse pallet of modules that are innovative, but also practical. The modules should aim to prepare the chairs for the session itself; however, they should also have a transcending element to them, with positive traits the chairs can use in the future.



In regards to the ideas of personal development and ultimately confidence, the aim for the board is to help instill confidence in the chairs team and allow them to feel like they have made a significant leap forward. Internally, my wish is for the board to help guide each other and have one another to actively rely on in any situation. To conclude, if you think you can commit to all of the aforementioned ideas as a Vice-President, I will make it my duty to help you be the best version of yourself, as well as offer any and all support you deem necessary.

to the future chairs team

My main aim for the chairs is to have them feel like they have progressed further, that they have made steps that they felt they needed to take in order to better themselves and be closer to where they want to be. Therefore, my goal would be to facilitate that growth by offering them the help necessary. I would do this by working with the board in order to ensure a personalized programme for each member in order to realize their growth, partnered with an active monitoring system in order to minimize the probability for failure as well as build an effective feedbacking system. As I am generally an open person, my aim is to remain accessible and approachable throughout the session. I wish to be open to any questions my team may have for me as well as any feedback they can offer because only by interacting can we ensure reciprocal growth.

Secondly, personal growth is what we will devote most of our time to. As mentioned, my idea is to create a program that will optimize your strengths and minimize your weaknesses.

My plan is for you to be pleased with the programme and in order to achieve this, the board will engage with the chairs team actively pre-session, as well as further following up at the session itself. My plan to achieve this will be extensive, thorough things such as individual pre-session video calls, needs analysis etc.

Lastly, on the idea of confidence - where you stand currently is not important, I encourage you to apply because I plan to stand beside you and help each step of the way in order for you to grow into the person you know yourself to truly be. Therefore, I encourage you again to apply and put your faith in me as I plan to do the same.

to the future editor

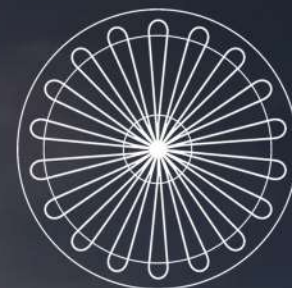
As someone with a very limited knowledge on media, I will try to keep this portion brief as I intend to full-heartedly intrust this duty to you, the future editor(s) of the session. As a part of the leadership, I wish to rely on you, as well as have you rely on me in order to make this session a success.

What I can offer is support in whichever way I am personally able to extend, freedom to express your vision by whatever means you deem appropriate. Ultimately, my vision is for us to comfortably work side by side in order to breathe life into the session and make it an enjoyable experience for everyone.

to the future head of jury

I am aware that this position can be deeply challenging, as I have gone through this myself. I am aware that assessing performances can be a mental drain for some. Therefore, I am looking for someone that can create a positive atmosphere regardless of the rather harsh duties. As I believe the job is serious enough, I feel that additional excess of seriousness might be to the detriment of the overall experience. For this position, I would focus on balancing a serious as well as a lighthearted approach.

Therefore, if you find yourself to be the person that can be firm when necessary, but also understanding, please do consider applying and help shape the future of EYP Croatia.



**Best of luck
applying and
please remember,
be brave, be
courageous.**

**Eagerly awaiting
your applications.**