

Board of Directors: Nominator form Members – IISL

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Nominee (Name, email)	Prof. Dr. Olavo de Oliveira Bittencourt Neto
Please, specify the reasons why the nominee deserves to be considered for the position (Maximum length: 500 words)	<p>I take great pleasure in nominating Olavo Bittencourt to re-join the IISL Board of Directors. He has been an active member of the IISL for many years, he is an excellent scholar, he is young and hardworking, and he represents a region that is underrepresented in the Board. He served a first term on the Board between 2013 and 2016 during my presidency, and I appreciated him as a dedicated and active member. Olavo continued to serve IISL after this, and is currently the coordinator of the IISL-ECSL symposium at COPUOS, where he serves since many years on the Brazilian delegation. He obtained his LLM and his PhD in space law at the prestigious University of Sao Paulo, and is a professor at the University of Santos. He also teaches at other universities, including in Lisbon and Leiden. I can say from personal experience that students greatly enjoy his lectures, he is an enthusiastic and competent teacher. I have worked with Olavo for more than a decade, for instance in organizing an international symposium in Leiden on legal and policy aspects of Europe-BRICS space cooperation in 2013, and most recently in his capacity as co-chair of the Hague Working Group on the Governance of Space resources, where he has taken on the task of coordinating the writing of a commentary to the building blocks that this group has elaborated in the past four years. I know that Olavo will be a great asset to the board, not only because of his dedication and expertise, but also because he will bring more diversity in terms of regional representation and age. I sincerely hope he will get the chance to serve on the Board once again. Tanja Masson-Zwaan</p>

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