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Candidate statement

Dear colleagues,

My name is Camila Pinheiro Nobre, and I am a full-time professor at the State University of Maranhão (UEMA), Brazil. I have been dedicated to the study of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) since my undergraduate degree in Agronomy and have continued in this field throughout my Master's and Doctorate in Soil Science. My research focuses on the occurrence, diversity, and distribution of AMF across Brazilian ecosystems, particularly in the Amazon rainforest. I am also engaged in applying AMF as nature-based solutions in agricultural systems, especially with farmers. Additionally, I am SPUN underground explorer, contributing to studies of AMF diversity in Amazonian ecosystems and global deep-soil initiatives. Beyond research, I lead an outreach project in soil biology education for children aged 10 to 14, promoting awareness of soil life and environmental stewardship. I also serve as Vice-Coordinator of the Graduate Program in Agricultural Sciences at UEMA and have experience in university administration through the Research Office. These roles have strengthened my skills in academic management, institutional coordination, and scientific communication. I contribute to organizing events and maintain an active presence on social media, including Instagram, sharing scientific content and outreach activities to expand public engagement.

My candidacy for Communication Director of the International Mycorrhizal Society (2026–2030) is driven by a commitment to enhancing the visibility, inclusivity, and global relevance of mycorrhizal science. I aim to expand multimedia communication, and promote geographic diversity, amplifying voices from tropical regions and the Global South. I will foster a collaborative communication network involving early-career researchers and regional representatives, ensuring continuous information flow. Furthermore, I will strengthen outreach by translating scientific advances into accessible language and linking mycorrhizal research to global challenges such as food security and climate change, contributing to a more connected and inclusive IMS community.