

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is José Luis Aróstegui, I am a Professor of Music Education at the University of Granada, Spain. I have been kindly invited by some ISME members to stand for election as President Elect and I have decided to do so. Please let me explain why by presenting my history of service to ISME.

I became a member in 2002 at the conference in Bergen, Norway. Since then, I have attended and presented at all ISME World Conferences except in Baku. I have also participated in some MISTEC seminars.

In 2004, I had the opportunity to collaborate with this Commission by organizing the MISTEC Seminar of that year in Granada. After that I became a commissioner for six years, from 2004 to 2010. During the last two years I was its president.

Also in 2004, I applied to become a member of the IJME Editorial Board for a six-year term and was accepted. In 2010 I reapplied and renewed this position for another six years, until 2016.

In 2012, I stood for election and was elected to the ISME Board for the 2012-2014 biennium and re-elected in 2014 for another two years.

In 2011, Gabriel Rusinek and I proposed to the ISME Board the creation of a peer-reviewed journal in Spanish, the *Revista Internacional de Educación Musical*. This proposal was accepted by the ISME Board and the first issue was published in 2013. I became its editor-in-chief until 2023, the last three years as co-editor, together with Rosa María Serrano and Guadalupe López Íñiguez. A lot of work has been done during these ten years, but to summarize, we started a journal from scratch in 2013, using an open source PKP platform, and now it is a journal published by Sage and indexed in Clarivate JCR-ESCI, among other databases.

Through these experiences, I have had the opportunity to develop my teaching skills and, most importantly, my research skills by learning from other colleagues and sharing my own research. I have also learned a great deal about academic management and the micro-politics of an institution as large and as important to music education as ISME. And I have contributed, as much as I have been able to do so far, to the promotion and development of research infrastructures useful to the community, especially to Ibero-America (i.e. Latin America, Portugal and Spain) and to Spanish-speaking researchers in general.

What I mean is that during this time I have served ISME to the best of my ability, and my past experiences as a leader in ISME (Commission and Board) and in service to the community (IJME and RIEM) led me to believe that I could be a good leader for ISME.

Therefore, I hope that the Committee accepts my application and nominate me for election as ISME President. Whether I am elected or not, I feel very honored to have this opportunity to increase my contribution to ISME.