

# Nathalie Lecordier

After careful consideration I have decided to stand for election for the IAM board in January 2020.

I have been a memory sports arbiter for a number of years, with my first full championship being the WMC in Oxford in 2005. Since then I have been involved in nearly forty championships covering all classic formats: 1-3 days; open and not; national, European and world; purely paper and mostly digital.

As far as I know I am the only memory sports arbiter to have led arbiting teams in the arbiters' room in 8 different countries ... each in the local language. (I still have not recovered from my linguistic inability in a ninth country 😊!) I have done a lot in the background over the years to raise the level of translations to make the linguistic disciplines as fair as possible, and would now like to contribute towards an ever improving arbiting framework.

While my strengths as an arbiter lie in making things work well through thorough preparation before a championship and careful leadership in the arbiters' room during a championship, I am also very conscious that in a sport where memory is one of our greatest strengths, each competitor deserves to have a memorable championship and I try, without saying so directly, to contribute to positive memories.

Whether studying modern languages, language history or engineering, memory and memory sports have been integral. When some of my classmates decided to explore change processes in local offices, hospitals and businesses, I chose to explore a change process that others were not considering at the time: paperless championships. As digital championships become a part of our present and our future, I am keen to temper progress with well thought-out processes, not only in this area but in other changes that may be considered.

In standing for election, I would like to share my knowledge, experience and passion for memory sports in order to enrich the community and preserve the values and integrity of the sport, whilst taking it into the next era. As a community including a variety of people, I believe it is important to lead from a variety of perspectives, and I should therefore like to bring the arbiter perspective to the board, although people who know me well know that I rarely give my opinion on matters of importance without having tried to consider them from multiple points of view first.

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