



Name:

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Short bio:

Born in Munich in 1979, doing memory sports since 2005. I love the sport and I love the community around it. My life would be certainly different without memory sports and the sport has taught me much.

Motivation to stand as a candidate:

I am very happy to have been part of the group that founded IAM in 2016. We were a large number of athletes, arbiters and organizers who simply could not take the situation in the old federation anymore. We wanted our sport that we love so much to be free, democratic and a sport for all. We wanted elections and the opportunity that everybody can express their opinion without being threatened or being banned. I am very happy that I feel we have reached that. These are already the third elections and there will be many more and that is such a good thing. A sport where a governing body does not give its community a chance to participate and to have a voice is poorer for it.

At the last election in 2020, I had the good fortune to be elected to the IAM board, its main gremium for decisions and how to bring the sport forward. The board then elected me chairman of our association, with all the responsibilities connected with that. Looking back, the last two years have not been easy for memory sports. COVID was (and is) a huge challenge, many tournaments needed to be postponed. We could not have a world championship in 2020 and 2021 – but it is already clear that we will have one in 2022. The process is on the way and we had great applications. It will be important to have the biggest event of the year again. Let us all hope that as many people as possible will be able to take part in 2022.

After having been on the board since 2016, I feel there is still much left to do and I feel very motivated to continue my work. It would be great if the voters gave me their trust another time. I would be willing to use such a chance to the very best of my ability.