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Education and experience – a bit about me and salt

My passion for all thing salt started in 1996 when I worked as a coordinator for summer youth camps in the salinas of Imón in Guadalajara, Spain, where I met like-minded people, with whom I gradually started to work in favour of the local salt landscapes. We founded the Association of Friends of Inland Salinas, now the **Institute of Saltscapes and Salt Heritage (IPAISAL)** in 2002, which I coordinate ever since. This NGO is devoted to the research, dissemination and sound use of the cultural, natural and human values of saltscapes and salt heritage, offering technical assistance and expertise in these areas, with **conservation, planning and management of salinas and saline wetlands**. We also offer publications (I am the **co-editor of *El Alfolí***, an interdisciplinary online popular science journal on salt-related topics, and author/editor of 8 salt-themed books) as well as training (in collaboration with universities, NGOs and public administrations), exhibits and events (meetings, conferences, field trips).

We also participate in research projects, both at local as international level. The most recent long-term projects we are involved in are the **certification of salt produced in protected areas**, in cooperation with the University of Murcia, and the **determination and prevention of microplastic pollution in solar evaporation salinas**, in cooperation with the Comillas Pontifical University in Madrid.

My training as a **MSc in Biology** at Leiden University in the Netherlands (1997) and as **postgraduate specialist in protected area management** at the Universidad Autónoma in Madrid, Spain (2003), helped with these tasks. I later obtained my **PhD on sustainability and local development of artisanal saltscapes** at the University of Barcelona in Spain (2017). In addition, I have more than 20 years of experience as a consultant in environment, protected area management and local development in several countries in Europe, America and Africa.

I am also **adjunct professor at ICAI/Comillas Pontifical University** in Madrid specialised in environmental management and engineering and teach postgraduate courses on nature-based sustainable tourism at the University Rey Juan Carlos in Madrid. I am a **member of different scientific and conservation-oriented societies** devoted to the conservation of geological and industrial heritage (SEDPGYM, TICCIH, INCUNA) and the cultural values of wetlands and landscapes in general (Ramsar Culture Network, World Wetland Network, IALE-Europe).

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Candidate's statement

I have always felt at home at the ISSLR ever since I joined it in 2008 (when I was pregnant with my first child!), even though I am not a tenure track scientist or do not fit in the most usual specialities of the Society, I have always felt the “**salinology spirit**” present, in the sense that the society is open to any salt-related discipline and to other sectors of society, such as industry, conservation or policy making.

Given my somewhat eclectic background, my training in the interface between nature, culture, and society as well as my expertise halfway science and practice, I hope to contribute by **giving voice to entities that are usually overlooked by traditional, hard science, such as conservation NGOs, international projects, and local heritage recovery initiatives**. I believe an open relation between conservation, policy and science would benefit all stakeholders involved, cross-fertilize their work and, above all, help achieve one of the main goals of our society, which is to **increase and spread the knowledge on saline lakes and their associated values worldwide**.

Also, given my geographical background, I would be very pleased to try to **stimulate the presence of Spanish and Portuguese scientists in the society**, who will certainly be able to contribute with their expertise and knowledge, built upon the extraordinary richness, abundance, and diversity of Iberian inland saline landscapes.

I thank you very much for your attention and hope to count on your support!



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