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Dear ISRS Member,

The International Society for Reef Studies will be holding elections this year to replace outgoing officers and members of the ISRS Council. We will be electing a new Treasurer to replace retiring Treasurer John Ware and a new Recording Secretary to replace retiring Recording Secretary Robert van Woelik. In addition, we will be replacing six retiring members of the ISRS Council: Rolf Bak, Annadel Cabanban, Guillermo Diaz-Pullido, Lawrence McCook, Bernhard Reigel, and Yoshimi Suzuki. (Six members of the ISRS Council will continue for another two years: Andrew Baird, Steve Coles, Michio Hidaka, Dennis Hubbard, Melanie McField, and Caroline Rogers.) The tenure of each elected position is 4 years, beginning January 1, 2009. These positions are open only to members of ISRS.

I am writing to solicit nominations for these positions. Nominations should be sent to me by post or fax, or as an email attachment to imcote@sfu.ca. Nominations submitted as text of an email message must be confirmed by one of the above methods. Each nomination should consist of the person's name, institution and country; the post for which s/he is running; and a short statement. The statement should be one paragraph, *in the third person*, about the candidate's qualifications for the position (a brief history of the candidate's involvement in coral reef work) and objectives while in that position (how the candidate envisions working to the benefit of ISRS). Also required by the Society's bylaws is a statement of disclosure of any financial arrangements the candidate may have with any publisher of scientific literature. Self-nominations are welcome. If you wish to nominate someone other than yourself, please ask that person to mail, fax or email me a confirmation of his/her willingness to run for the office.

DEADLINE: The deadline for receipt of nominations is **11 July**. The biographical sketches of all the candidates will be posted on the ISRS web site, <http://www.fit.edu/isrs/>, until the day ballots are due. Ballots will be emailed to all members and will need to be returned to the Corresponding Secretary in September (exact date to be announced). The results of the election will be announced by email and on the Society's website in October.

This is your chance to participate in running your Society. I look forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely,

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