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Subject: Recommendation for Sophie Giet – IAC Membership Application

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To the President Mr. Oriol Calvo Vergés and the Council of the International Academy of Ceramics

I am delighted to offer my strong support for Sophie Giet's membership of the International Academy of Ceramics (IAC). As the founder and director of A.I.R. Vallauris, an international artist residency program established in 2001 in the south of France, I have had the privilege of following Sophie's career closely since she participated in our residency program in the summer of 2020. Over the past five years, her artistic journey has continued to impress and inspire those in the ceramic community.

The International Academy of Ceramics (IAC) serves as a global platform for professionals in the field of ceramics. Its primary mission is to foster friendship and communication among ceramicists worldwide, promoting international cooperation to advance ceramic art and maintain high standards of quality across diverse ceramic cultures.

IAC membership is reserved for those who demonstrate outstanding skill and active engagement in the field of ceramics. Prospective members should exhibit a high level of professional excellence, reflected in their skill and achievements in ceramic art or related disciplines. They should also show a commitment to the ceramic community by actively promoting and advancing the art form through exhibitions, publications, or educational initiatives. Additionally, members are expected to foster cultural engagement by supporting cross-cultural exchange and understanding through their work in ceramics.

I consider Sophie Giet a highly qualified candidate for IAC membership for the following reasons:

Professional Excellence: Sophie has demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication to her craft. Her work has been featured in numerous prestigious exhibitions, including the renowned Premio Faenza (Italy) and the VXI International Ceramic Biennale of Manises, (Spain). She also participated in the 2022 IAC Congress (Switzerland). In 2014, she founded the Yawa Creative Ceramic Center in Liège, a significant contribution to the ceramics community that highlights her entrepreneurial spirit and leadership. Additionally, her academic foundation, with a Bachelor of Art with great distinction from the University of Art Saint-Luc Liège, provides a deep technical expertise that informs her innovative practice.

Commitment to the Ceramic Community: Sophie's commitment to advancing ceramic art is evident in her extensive teaching experience. She has served as a professor at the University of Art, Liège, and currently

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teaches at the Expression and Creativity Center. Beyond formal education, Sophie actively supports the growth of emerging artists through workshops and continuous personal development, reinforcing her dedication to the broader ceramic community.

Fostering Cultural Engagement and Cross-Cultural Exchange: Sophie's artistic practice extends beyond technical mastery, reflecting a profound commitment to cultural dialogue. She has participated in international residencies in Denmark (Guldagergaard) and France (A.I.R. Vallauris), engaging with diverse artistic perspectives. Her projects have spanned from archaeological restoration in Skopje to contemporary gallery exhibitions, bridging both traditional and modern approaches to ceramics. This blend of historical awareness and innovative expression fosters cross-cultural understanding and artistic collaboration.

In summary, Sophie Giet embodies the qualities of an IAC member – technical excellence, a deep commitment to the ceramic arts, and a passion for fostering cultural exchange. I am confident that her membership will contribute significantly to the Academy's mission to promote ceramic art worldwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Dorosh', with a large, stylized initial 'D' and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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