1. **Name**: Bhimanagouda Patil, ISHS membership number: 13099

2. **Name of Division**: Horticulture and Human Health

3. **Bio sketch**

   Dr. Patil has devoted a significant part of his professional life to ‘**Foods for Health**’ research, education, and outreach and his activities have helped his colleagues, students, agricultural producers, and consumers. He has secured $16.5 million for his research and educational programs, published 180 peer-reviewed articles (7524 citations, H-index of 50, i10-index of 145, based on Google Scholar), and has been invited to present at 48 international meetings (10 keynote/plenary talks), 98 national, and 51 regional meetings. Dr. Patil’s exemplary credentials are also evident from his leadership in professional societies such as ISHS, American Horticultural Sciences and American Chemical Society. He has chaired/co-chaired 23 symposia/colloquia.

4. **A record of past activities or involvements with ISHS**
   
   - Co-founded the international symposium “Fruits and Vegetables Effects on Human Health Properties (FAVHealth)”, with Yves Desjardins
   - Section Chair- Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, ISHS (2014-2018)
   - Editor, three volumes of *Acta Horticulturae* (1125, 1040, and 841)
   - Executive Committee Member, ISHS
   - Convener, Second FAVHealth symposium, 2007, October 9–13 Houston, TX.
   - Co-convener:
     - First FAV Health 2005, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada
     - Third FAV Health 2009, Avignon, France.
     - Sixth FAV Health 2014, Brisbane, Australia.
   - Advances in Production and Processing of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Symposium (S29)-2018, Istanbul, Turkey
   - Co-convener- First workshop (WS23) "Networking the FAV and Health Networks" during the 28th ISHS meeting, Lisbon, Portugal.
   - Chair, Citrus Biochemistry session, 11th International Citrus Congress, October 26–30, 2008, Wuhan, China

5. **Expertise related to Division**

   In 2015, Yves Dejardins and Bhimu Patil co-founded FAVHealth and organized these symposia at different sites around the world (2007-USA, 2009-France, 2013-India, 2014-Australia). Dr. Patil served as convener or co-convener of FAV Health under the ISHS commission on Fruit and Vegetables and Health and published three *Acta Horticulturae*. Served as Section Chair, MAPs, Co-Chair of Commission of Fruits and Vegetables and Health, and Division Chair, Agriculture and Food Chemistry (AGFD) of American Chemical Society (ACS).
6. **Activities and Motivations for working as Chair of the Division**

Having co-chaired commission on Fruits, Vegetable and Health, chaired the Division-AGFD of ACS and MAPS (section chair), I envision that this new division needs to establish a strong relationship with the private sector and global organizations such as WHO and FAO. This division will make a significant global impact for the ISHS by using the power of transdisciplinary scientists and students. I will use my leadership, mentoring, and active listening to promote an inclusive environment that values diverse contributions.

7. **Names of members who are supporting the nomination:**

   a. Yves Dejardins, membership number 80001 (Canada)
   b. Karin Hennweg, membership number 50904 (South Africa)
   c. Dean Kopsell, membership number 40308 (United States)
   d. Christoph Carlen, membership number 35200 (Switzerland)
   e. Monica Bertao, membership number 96572 (Brazil)
   f. Remi Kahane, membership number 2339 (France)
   g. Girigowda Manjunatha, membership number 71688 (India)
   h. Jens Wunsche, membership number 12283 (Germany)
   i. Tim O’ Hare, membership number 22777 (Australia)
   j. Sisir Mitra, membership number 2569 (India)
Mr. Jozef Van Assche,
Executive director,
International Society for Horticulture Science
PO Box 500 – 3001 Leuven 1
Belgium

Object: endorsement of the candidacy of Dr. Bhimu Patil to become Chair of the ISHS division Horticulture for Human Health.

Dear Jozef,

I would like by this letter endorse the candidacy of Dr. Bhimu Patil to become Chair of the ISHS division - Horticulture for Human Health.

I have known Bhimu for close to 15 years now working with him to the organization of the first edition of FAVHEALTH in 2015. I have been acquainted with his research since and have had the chance to collaborate with him to the organization of the other edition of this meeting.

Bhimu has been an active ASHS and ISHS member for many years and he has made some important contribution to the field of health effects of horticultural commodity. Bhimu has contributed in the restructuration of the medicinal plant section of the Society and I know he wants to devote more time to this area in the future. He has very good contacts with industry and could help ISHS develop closer relationships with the private sector.

Bhimu is an affable and very intelligent person who has shown great leadership capabilities as director of his institute and as Chair of ISHS section. He is one person the Society can count on in the restructuration but mostly for the opening to the private sector and large corporations.

I feel very confident that Dr. Patil would be a very good Chair of this important Section of ISHS and I am confident he will be elected if his name is on the ballot.

I thus remain available for any further information I may be able to provide to support his candidature.

Sincerely yours,

Yves Desjardins, Ph.D. , Agr.
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ISHS Board member
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Dear Jozef,

Re: Letter of support for candidacy of Dr. Bhimu Patil as Chairperson of the ISHS Division Horticulture for Human Health

I would like to endorse Dr. Bhimu Patil as incoming Chairperson of the Division Horticulture for Human Health. Dr. Patil has extensive experience in the field of human nutrition. Together with a strong team at Texas A&M University’s Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center, he has made enormous strides towards making an impact on using food, in particular fruit, for human health. It is critical that horticultural crops are regarded as one of the most important food groups for health in the global context. At the latest Combined Congress held in South Africa in January 2018, he was invited to deliver a keynote presentation on the impact of the importance of nutrition derived from horticultural crops on global nutrition security. It was a very well received, thought-provoking presentation.

Dr. Bhimu is not only active in a number of societies outside of the ISHS, but he has also been, and is, exceptionally active within the ISHS. He has been convenor or co-convenor of a number of Symposia, editor of various volumes of the Acta as well as serving as Chair or Vice-Chair of a number of Sections and/or Commissions.

His leadership ability speaks for itself and he would be the ideal candidate to take over the reins from the outgoing Chairperson, Dr Yves Desjardins.

Sincerely,

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Dr Karin Hannweg
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Dear Mr. Van Assche,

Please accept this letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Bhimu Patil for Chair of the ISHS division – Horticulture for Human Health. I have known Bhimu for over 20 years and our careers in the human health values of specialty crops have intersected many times. Dr. Patil’s research performance in the area of specialty crops for health is beyond compare. His position as Director of the Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center at Texas A&M University allows him to make direct impacts on one of the horticultural industries in the U.S., as well as connections around the world. His accomplishments have been recognized with the distinction of Fellow in the American Chemical Society-Agriculture and Food Division, the American Society for Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, and the Brazilian Horticulture Society.

Dr. Patil has been very active in many scientific societies, and he had organized numerous symposia in the area of human health values of specialty crops. Some examples of Bhimu’s contributions are: as co-founder of International Symposium entitled “Fruits and Vegetables Effects on Human Health Properties (FAVHealth)” with Dr. Yves Desjardins; as convener of the 2nd FAV Health in 2007; as co-convener of the 1st FAV Health in 2005, the 3rd FAV Health in 2009, and the 6th FAV Health in 2014. Bhimu is currently the chair of the ISHS section- Medicinal and Aromatic Plants and serves on the ISHS Executive Committee. He has served as editor of three ACTA Horticulturae editions (1125, 1040, 841). Bhimu was also Vice Chair of the ISHS Commission Fruits, Vegetables and Health. I cannot think of any other scientist who has made as big of an international contribution in the area of foods for health than Dr. Patil.

Bhimu has been a close colleague and friend for many years. His leadership ability and advocacy for horticulture and foods for health is unmatched. He has the background and skills to be an outstanding chair of this new division of ISHS. In my view, you will not find a better, more suitable candidate than Dr. Bhimu Patil. Please feel free to contact me if you need further information as to his qualification.

Sincerely,

Dean A. Kopsell, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair

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Object: Endorsement of the candidature of Dr. Bhimu Patil to become Chair of the ISHS division Horticulture for Human Health

Dear Jozef,

I would like by this letter endorse the candidature of Dr. Bhimu Patil to become Chair of the ISHS division - Horticulture for Human Health. I have known Bhimu since more than 6 years working with him in the ISHS-Section of Medicinal and Aromatic plants, where he has contributed in the restructuration of this section.

Bhimu has devoted a significant part of his professional life to ‘Foods for Health’ research, education and outreach. Bhimu has been an active ISHS member for many years and he has made some important contribution to the field of health effects of horticultural commodity. He has very good contacts with industry and could help ISHS develop closer relationships with the private sector.

Bhimu is an affable and very intelligent person who has shown great leadership capabilities as director of his institute and as Chair of ISHS section.

I feel very confident that Dr. Patil would be a very good Chair of this important Section of ISHS and I am confident he will be elected if his name is on the ballot.

I thus remain available for any further information I may be able to provide to support his candidature.

Sincerely yours,

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Object: endorsement of the candidature of Dr. Bhimu Patil to become Chair of the ISHS division Horticulture for Human Health.

Dear Jozef,

I would like by this letter endorse the candidature of Dr. Bhimu Patil to become Chair of the ISHS division - Horticulture for Human Health.

Dr. Patil has been an active ASHS and ISHS member for many years and he has made exceptional contributions to research and academia. Devoted a significant part of his professional life to ‘Foods for Health’ research and education. Your scientific production is expressive (7524 citations, H-index of 50, i10-index of 146, based on Google Scholar), and was invited to present at 48 international meetings (10 keynote/plenary talks), 98 national, and 51 regional meetings.

In Brazil, Dr. Patil was speaker three times in Brazilian Vegetable Congress (2011 and 2016) and ICS Citrus Congress (2016). Furthermore, in 2016 was keynote speaker at the 56th Brazilian Vegetable Congress and honored by the Brazilian Horticulture Society for “his exceptional research and international collaborations in the area of produce, health, food and nutritional security.”

Dr. Patil’s exemplary credentials are also evident from his leadership in professional societies such as ISHS, American Horticultural Sciences and American Chemical Society. He has chaired/co-chaired 23 symposia/colloquia.

I believe that Dr. Patil has excellent credentials to act as chair of the ISHS division Horticulture for Human Health and support your candidature

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Mônica R. Bertão
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Letter of support

This is to support Dr. Bhimanagouda Patil [ISHS member Nr. 13099] as candidate to chair the Division Horticulture for Human Health of ISHS in 2018. As former Executive Secretary of the Global Horticulture Initiative for 7 years (2006-13), in charge of the world coordination of horticulture for development, I have been able to appreciate the investments of Bhimu to make horticultural science an impactful instrument for health not only in Northern countries (America and Europe), also in the tropical and sub-tropical world (South Asia and Australia). Many French colleagues of mine acknowledge his dedication and competence in co-managing the section FAVHealth and organizing the series of symposia since 2015. He is in the best scientific environment to supervise and stimulate international events on horticulture for health including food and non-food services, with both perspectives in high-tech and low-tech innovations. He is therefore, the best compromise for chairing the division on horticulture for human health in close coordination with the division on horticulture for development.

I am convinced that Bhimu, although he has little network in Africa and Latin America, will develop his ideas and leadership in these areas as well, looking at synergies between public and private partners, also not to overlap with any ISHS division. In addition to the friendship easily developed by this world citizen, these are the main reasons for me to vote and to recommend you voting for Bhimu.

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Subject: Dr. Bhimu Patil candidature nomination/endorsement to be the chair of ISHS-horticulture for human health -reg

Dear Mr. Jozef Van Assche,

I am very pleased to nominate and endorse the candidature of Dr. Bhimu Patil to become the Chair of ISHS division - Horticulture for Human Health.

I know Dr. Bhimu Patil professionally and personally since 10 years as a mentor and advisor for different research activities in the horticulture sciences. I am happy to note his support and encouragement for youngsters for pursuing the research and his participation in institution building activities in our University and at global level as well, being lead in the various professional organizations such as ACS, ISHS, and ASHS.

Dr. Patil’s exemplary research credentials are also evident in the form of publications in very reputed journals and leader of prestigious organizations. His research work has been providing the lead for scientific progress the area of “food for health”.

The previous accomplishments made by Dr. Bhimu Patil in organizing symposia, meetings and served as co-chair of commission on Fruit and Vegetables and Human Health demonstrate his worthy candidature to be the Chair of the ISHS division - Horticulture for Human Health.

I am sure as “The Chair” of the prestigious body, he will steer the growth of the organization particularly in section of Horticulture for Human Health and ISHS as a whole, through coordinating activities with all stakeholders related to horticulture.

I am gratified to support Dr. Bhimu Patil and like to be associated with him for many more scientific activities in future as part of ISHS.

Sincerely yours

Manjunath G
Membership Number- 71688
Support letter for Dr. Bhimu Patil

Dear Mr. Van Assche, dear Jozef,

I fully endorse the candidacy of Dr. Bhimu Patil, Director of the Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center and Professor of Horticulture at Texas A&M University, USA, in the upcoming election process for ISHS Division Chairpersons. In particular, I support his nomination for the chair of the Division Horticulture for Human Health.

I am very confident that, if elected, he will actively help to continually improve globally the reputation of the ISHS by improving scientific publications, increasing attendance at symposia, further developing our means of communication, and increasing our membership.

The future of the ISHS is very dependent on motivated and future-oriented horticultural scientists like him!

I wish him the very best success with his nomination!

Kindest regards,

Jens Wünsche
28 January 2018

ISHS Division Elections

To whom it may concern,

RE: Letter of Support for Dr Bhimu Patil for ISHS Chair of ‘Horticulture for Human Health’

I would like to wholeheartedly endorse Dr Bhimu Patil’s candidacy for Chair of the newly-formed Division ‘Horticulture for Human Health’. I have known Bhimu for 13 years, after first having the opportunity to meet him at the first FAVHealth conference in Quebec, 2005, and subsequently at all of the FAVHealth conferences. Bhimu is an extremely energetic and enthusiastic member of ISHS, and would perform admirably as Chair.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim O’Hare
Senior Research Fellow
Professor Sisir Mitra  
Chair, Section Tropical and Subtropical Fruits  
ISHS Membership Number 2569

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

25-09-2018,

I am pleased to nominate Professor Bhimanagouda Patil, VFIC, Texas A&M University, Department of Horticulture, College Station, TX 77845, USA for the Chair ISHS Division: Horticulture and Human Health.

I know Professor Patil for a long. He has made significant contribution in ‘Food for Health’ research, education and outreach. Professor Patil is the Chair, Section Medicinal and Aromatic Plants since 2014. He has successfully organized (as convener and co-convener) several ISHS FAV Health symposia and has delivered invited /keynote lecture in about 25 ISHS symposia and colloquia.

I am sure he will be the right choice for the new division Horticulture and Human Health.

I wish him all success.

Prof. Sisir Mitra