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Dear Pawel,

As President of the International Planetarium Society (IPS), I am writing this letter to recommend you for the prestigious award of the Polish for Science Communicator of the Year 2016.

In all of my many years attending IPS Conferences we have never experienced the overwhelming responses of participants exclaiming their total satisfaction in the professional development they received during the IPS2016 Conference at the Copernicus Science Centre in Warsaw. You, in large part, are responsible for this success.

I commend you for organizing the professional paper sessions, panels and workshops according to the conference themes, enriching the attendees' knowledge. You searched for the appropriate session hosts who had specific knowledge of the educational content of each session. You also collected the supporting material for scientific visual display.

What surprised me is that you were also the host for two sessions, one of which was one of the most popular sessions entitled, "How to make the planetarium an inclusive experience for all." I also want to thank you for all the work you did with the IPS Education Committee in preparing all of their visual materials which helped to make their presentation a great success!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you. Your superb organizational skills and knowledge of best educational practices for communicating science was key to what we believe was the most successful conference ever!

Sincerely yours,

Joanne Young
President
International Planetarium Society