

ELECTION 2009: NOMINATION FORM

POSITION

POSITION: Board Member

NOMINEE

NAME: Mehmet Fatih Tasar

NATIONALITY: TURKEY

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PROPOSER

NAME: MANUELA WELZEL-BREUER

NATIONALITY: GERMANY

SECONDER

NAME: JONATHAN OSBORNE

NATIONALITY: UK

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CANDIDATURE

Please provide a statement of up to 250 words in support of your candidature for the position:



Fatih Tasar is currently an associate professor of science education at Gazi University, Ankara. He earned his PhD from The Pennsylvania State University (2001). His doctoral dissertation is entitled “A case study of a novice college student’s alternative framework and learning of force and motion”. He is an expert of qualitative research methodologies in education and particularly focuses on case studies of learning. He is also engaged in research on history and philosophy of science and inclusion of nature of science in science teaching. Dr. Tasar is a physicist by training. In his master’s thesis he examined the discovery of superconductivity and subsequent efforts for developing theoretical explanations regarding this phenomenon. Dr. Tasar received Doctoral Fellowship from Turkish Higher Education Council (1996), The Pennsylvania State University’s Graduate School Dissertation Award (2001), and Australian Government’s Endeavour Executive Award (2008). Throughout the years he authored, co-authored, and edited numerous conference presentations, journal articles, and books and contributed to the science education research in different capacities. He is actively involved in science teacher education, supervision of graduate students, and in-service teacher training. Between 2003 and 2005 Dr. Tasar served for the Ministry of National Education during the curricula reform period as a member of the Special Commission of Experts under the Board of Education. Besides, Dr. Tasar is the editor-in-chief of the Eurasia Journal of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education and also serves for other scholarly journals as member of editorial board and reviewer. His research interests include in-depth investigations of conceptual change learning and learning process studies, and teaching and learning the nature of science.