International Federation of Accountants

IFAC Candidate Information System

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Nomination For	Member - IFAC Board
Nomination Type	IFAC Member Body
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Explanation for Alternative Country	
Nominating Organization 1	Conseil Superieur de l'Ordre des Experts-Comptables
Nominating Organization 2	Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes
Nominating Organization 3	
Nominating Organization 4	
Nominating Organization 5	
Gender	Male
Profession	Practitioner - Other International Network
If *other* please describe	
Nationality	French
Primary Language	French
Written English Proficiency	Expert
Spoken English Proficiency	Fluent
Professional Designation	CPA/ Auditor
Employing Organization	JPA Paris
Professional Affiliations	CSOEC/ CNCC
Previous Involvement with IFAC	None

Background and Education	Qualified as an accountant and statutory auditor in 1975 -Since 1975: Independent certified public accountant and auditor -1976-87: professor at the Centre de Formation Professionnelle Supérieure de Comptabilité et Gestion -Since 1987: founding Chairman of JPA Paris, JPA International and JPA Consulting International
Career History and Professional Experience	Vice-chairman of a professional association of certified public accountants and auditors (1981-87); elected member of the French board of auditors' Paris and national councils (since 1982); Treasurer of the Compagnie Régionale des Commissaires aux Comptes (Regional Auditors Society) (1982-84); elected member of the Conseil Régional des Experts-Comptables et Comptables Agréés de Paris Ile-de-France (Paris/Ile-de-France Regional Council of Certified Public Accountants) (1984-87); Chairman of the Compagnie Régionale de Paris des Commissaires aux Comptes (Paris Auditors Society) (1985-87); Vice-chairman (1987-89), Chairman of the Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes (French National Auditors Society) (1989-91); Member of the certified public accountant examination panel (1977-90); Senior lecturer at the HEC Entrepreneurs graduate business school (since 1991); Financial expert/consultant, French representative to the European Federation of Accountants' Accountability Committee; Member of the Conseil National de la Comptabilité (National Accounting Council); Member of the Conseil Supérieur de l'Ordre des Experts-comptables et Comptables Agréés (French Institute of Certified Public Accountants) (February 1997); Chairman of the Compagnie des Conseils et Experts Financiers (Society of Financial Consultants and Experts) 1998-2001; FEE Vice-president (2000-2004), FEE Deputy-president (2004-2006) FEE President (2006-2008) Member of the High Level Group of Independent Stakeholders on Administrative Burdens (European Commission, since November 2007).
List the candidate's key achievements relating to the accountancy profession, e.g. in standard-setting, business or government	Throughout his career, Jacques Potdevin has shown himself to be dynamic, active and very committed to the accountancy profession, both on a national and an international front. He has founded his own international accountancy network which today has over 130 members from over 40 different countries in the world. On an institutional level he has his dedication to serving his profession through his work carried out through international cooperation projects aimed at helping developing countries improve their economic and financial frameworks. He was also very much involved in the work of FEE, the European Federation of Accountants where he served first on the Accountability Committee, then as Vice President, Deputy President and finally President (2006-2008). In his time he has built up a good many professional and political relationships with a variety of actors from the financial, regulatory and accountancy worlds of both developed countries and developing countries. If chosen to serve on the IFAC Board, we have no doubt that his

	leadership qualities, his knowledge of the profession and its workings, both on an institutional and technical level, and his wide ranging experience of working with professionals of many different cultures and backgrounds will prove to be of great use to the Board.
Explain why the candidate wishes to be appointed	Jacques Potdevin has always been very interested and very much involved in the furtherance of the accountancy profession, whether it be on a national or international, an academic, institutional or business level. He is of the opinion that the well being and the good reputation of the accountancy profession as a whole lies in good governance, high quality accountancy standards and strong frameworks and sound guidance and ethics. In order to achieve these things the profession requires strong leader organisations working with standard setters (whether internal or external) oversight bodies and regulators. The role that international organisations like FEE and IFAC have to play is vast: they are responsible for providing a voice for and promoting and protecting the interests of the profession. FEE does this on a European level, acting as watchdog and lobbyist at the European Commission and working on technical issues. IFAC achieves this more widely on an international level through providing leadership and technical committees in which international standards and codes of best practise are developed, and responses to the changing financial, accountancy and auditing landscape formed. Their existence and the work they carry out is today, more than ever, indispensable to the profession as a whole. Working daily in an international environment, Jacques Potdevin understands the benefits and the challenges faced by these organisations and having presided and worked with the FEE for a number of years he is well placed to understand the challenges that IFAC faces. He now wishes to help it respond to these challenges as an IFAC Board member.
Explain the candidate's objectives for this position	Jacques Potdevin would like to add his experience and knowledge to that of the other IFAC Board members in order to promote IFAC's objectives and goals and contribute to their implementation in a changing environment.
Explain how the candidate's skills, knowledge and experience are relevant to this position	Jacques Potdevin is well aware of both private and public sector concerns. Through founding and working with his professional networks "JPA Paris" and "JPA international" he is aware of the challenges and difficulties facing today's accountants and auditors and the importance of being able to apply clear standards and follow good guidance. Through working on international cooperation projects and serving at the FEE before becoming President of the organisation in 2006, he recognises the importance and the scale of the works carried out to benefit and guide the profession on a more global level. Throughout his career he has maintained a high level of international activity both in developed and developing countries. Thanks to his experience, he has not only built up a solid network of professional contacts - which includes politicians, regulators, institutional members, technicians and fellow accountants- but also a deep knowledge of the profession, on a political, institutional and technical level. He feels that his experience could be of great use to the IFAC Board.
Please list up to ten major published works	-Author of « Le commissaire aux Comptes » (éditions Delmas, 1996) -Co Author of « Normes IFRS et PME » (éditions Dunod, 2004) -Co-Author « Comptabilité et Droit Penal » (éditions Litec, currently being published)
Has the candidate ever been subject to disciplinary action by accounting bodies, regulators or others?	No
If *yes* please explain	
The candidate confirms to his/her availability for the estimated annual time	Yes

commitment as stated for this position in the Call for Nominations	
The candidate applies for the Travel Subsidy for Developing Nations. See page 6 of the Call for Nominations	No
The candidate will notify the Nominating Committee as soon as possible if his/her employing organization, employment status or country of residence changes	Yes
The candidate would be willing to accept a technical advisor from another nominating organization	No

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Is this a joint nomination?	Yes
Is the candidate being considered for multiple	No

nominations?	
Is the candidate being renominated?	No
What type of support will the nominating organization provide?	Full technical assistance and financial aid to attend meetings
The nominating organization will support the candidate in case of appointment. This support includes that no undue influence, whether financial or otherwise, will be exerted that might impair the member's ability to act with independence, integrity and in the public interest	Yes
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