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Dear ISATT members,

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Outreach Coordinator on the ISATT Executive Committee. My journey with ISATT started in 2001 at the Biennial Conference in Faro, Portugal. I was a PhD student at that time and now I serve as an associate professor in the field of educational leadership in Istanbul. I have also served as the national representative of Turkey for ISATT since 2009. Over the past 16 years, ISATT has become my extended research family, in which colleagues have taken leadership roles and graduate students have become professors. Now I hope to "pay it forward" by cultivating richer international connections and especially mentorship opportunities for young scholars new to ISATT.

As a member of the Executive Committee, I am eager to promote the ISATT community internationally, through creating international communities of practice. I believe that being actively involved in international collaboration activities supports our professional development as scholars, teachers, and leaders. These interactions open paths of collaboration and partnerships for teachers and teacher educators. The notion of social responsibility and engagement with local and international communities should also be infused more thoroughly into ISATT and practiced in ways that include all members, from graduate students to senior scholars, from wealthy countries and developing countries, all working in the fields of teaching and teacher education.

I look forward to applying my expertise and international network connections in support of the strategic goals of ISATT. Finally, I am excited about the opportunity to become Outreach Coordinator as a good colleague and a hard-working friend of teaching and teacher education.

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