

# IFAAMAS Board Nomination

Rafael Bordini

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Rafael Bordini has been an associate professor at PUCRS since March 2012. He obtained a PhD in Computer Science from University College London in 1999 and held positions at the University of Liverpool, Durham University, and INF-UFRGS. In 2019, he took a sabbatical leave (funded by CAPES) at the University of Genoa. His main research interests are in programming languages and verification techniques for autonomous intelligent software systems, particularly multi-agent systems, and using techniques such as multi-agent planning, argumentation, and ontologies as part of such systems; the main areas of application are healthcare, law, and disaster rescue. He has published over 150 papers and has co-edited 2 books and 4 proceedings as well as co-authored books about the Jason and JaCaMo multi-agent development platforms published by Wiley and MIT Press, respectively. Rafael Bordini was Programme Co-Chair for AAMAS (International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems) in 2015. He is in the editorial board of JAAMAS (Journal of Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems) and has been (Senior) Programme Committee Member for all the top conferences in Artificial Intelligence and Multi-Agent Systems. He is an emeritus member of the IFAAMAS (International Foundation for Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems) board of directors and of the EURAMAS (European Association for Multi-Agent Systems) board of directors.

My previous term as IFAAMAS board member ended in 2016. During that term, I was first involved in the Conference Committee and then in the Membership Committee, which I eventually chaired. As chair of that committee, my main contribution to the board was in automating the whole process of running IFAAMAS board elections. If given an opportunity to join the board again, I would be happy to contribute to any of the board committees. Regardless of the committee I join, one thing I would definitely be working towards as a board member is to improve AAMAS diversity and inclusion with various activities that other events (such as IJCAI but also many others) have been promoting. As a Brazilian gay man I appreciate the importance of such actions and I hope to be able to contribute a great deal towards helping AAMAS improve its diversity and inclusion activities.