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Object: Candidature for the new PhD Steering Committee

The undersigning Ylenia Carotenuto (birth date 09/10/1971) is here presenting her candidature as Member of the PhD Steering Committee for the curriculum of Integrated Marine Ecology.

As permanent Researcher at SZN since 2010, I was Director of Study of 3 Open University-SZN (OU-SZN) PhD students (Dr. Sneha Asai, Dr. Ennio Russo and Dr. Flavio Rotolo), who successfully completed their study and have been awarded the PhD degree. In addition, I was also appointed as Internal Supervisor/Advisor of 3 OU-SZN PhD students (2 currently on going), Exam Panel Chair for PhD viva examination of 4 OU-SZN students and Third-Party Monitor of 3 OU-SZN PhD students. My decadal experience as Researcher and post-graduate student tutor gave me the opportunity to face the challenging task of student training and mentoring, but more importantly, to acquire a deep knowledge of the SZN PhD Programme and its body of rules. I believe that given my personal attitudes towards student mentoring and the competence in the regulations of the SZN PhD programme, I could actively and fruitfully contribute to the guidance and executive functions of the Steering Committee, in consultancy with the

other members of the PhD Board. I expect to give helpful inputs and support ensuring the effectiveness of the programme, in compliance with the PhD body of rules and the quality standards set by the SZN, in agreement with OU and the other Universities. In addition, I will also effectively contribute to the new role of the PhD Steering Committee as coordinator of the seminar activities of the SZN.

It would be for me a source of pride and a responsibility, to be member of the SZN PhD Steering Committee, as I strongly believe that the Third-level training is a fundamental step in the early career of a student and future Researcher.

Your sincerely,

Ylenia Carotenuto