

Short bio:

Alessandro Ricci is an associate professor of University of Bologna, Department of Computer Science and Engineering (DISI), teaching at Cesena Campus, Italy. He has been contributing to the Agents and Multiagent Systems community for about 20 years, mostly to Engineering MAS topics, agent-oriented and Multi-Agent Oriented programming in particular. In these 20 years, he has authored papers published in reference conferences such as AAMAS and EUMAS, as well as in journals such as JAAMAS, KER, and IJAOSE – in cooperation with different international research groups across the community. The publications include a book "Multi-Agent Oriented Programming" published by MIT Press.

Service to IFAAMAS and community:

In these 20 years, he served as regular member of Program Committees of different workshops (EMAS, COIN, ProMAS to mention some), as well as organiser of editions of some workshops (e.g. EMAS and ProMAS). He is part of the Senior Committee of the EMAS workshop. He has been contributing to the European Agent Systems Summer School (EASSS) in various editions, co-authoring tutorials about AOP/MAP. In 2020, he served as co-program chair of the Blue Sky Track at AAMAS and in 2023 he will be co-program chair of AAMAS.

If elected:

The main motivation for being part of the IFAAMAS Board is for contributing more effectively with ideas and visions about points and directions that seem to me important for the Agents and Multiagent Systems community, among the others:

- strengthening the interdisciplinary connection and interaction with other research communities, for increasing awareness and exploration about the value of agents and multiagent systems applied to real-world problems;
- (related to previous point) strengthening the effort to show up the value of agents and multiagent systems "in practice", by means of effective initiatives and ideas targeted to give value to the construction, sharing and demonstration of agent-based systems;
- strengthening the effort to increase awareness at the academic level – e.g, University courses – about agents and multiagent systems, by means of initiatives and ideas targeted to enhance the cooperation and sharing among teachers, lecturers, students.
- discussing and devising possible further strategies concerning high-quality publication venues for contributions that come from this community.