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Dr Vicki Funk  
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Dear Vicki

Thanks for sending the proposal regarding the Federation of systematic societies. The Council of the Society of Systematic Biologists has contacted the SASB members, and we have received an overwhelming positive response to joining the Federation. So you may consider us joined.

We would like to nominate Dr Dan Faith as "our" *Systematic Biology* Associate Editor. Dan has previous editorial experience with the journal, and will represent us extremely well.

We think that the "member-at-large" should be our President-elect. The requirement that this position should be occupied by someone over a longer term than the President (who is also on the board) will be met, because the President-elect will become the President and remain on the Federation board, as an ex officio member. We also think that it is fitting with regard to the status of the President-elect. In the first instance this person will thus be Dr Winston Ponder.

Cheers,

Mike Crisp  
President,  
Society of Australian Systematic Biologists