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In Memoriam: Dr. Fabienne Maron



It is with profound sadness and a deep sense of loss that we remember Dr. Fabienne Maron, who passed away unexpectedly on December 30th, 2024. Her untimely departure leaves a void that will be difficult to fill, both within the IIAS and the broader academic community. Dr. Maron was not only an academic leader, manager and scholar but also a beloved colleague and good friend whose warmth and dedication touched many lives. Not only did she devote all her energy to IIAS and EGPA, but she also knew how to work sensitively and collegially with people, to connect colleagues of different cultures and backgrounds, and to fill the rational academic enterprise with her positive charisma and goodness of heart.

Many of us have known Fabienne since the early stages of our academic careers and for numerous young scholars she was the first point of contact when entering the international PA community. As the Scientific Director of IIAS and the Executive Secretary of EGPA, Fabienne impressed us with her organizational skills, her responsiveness and empathy in communication, as well as her creativity in conference organization and enthusiasm in bringing people together across the globe within IIAS, EGPA, LAGPA, AGPA, and IASIA. On top of that, she published herself and was active in research and teaching until the end.

From the perspective of the *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, Fabienne deserves special tribute for her commitment to the French edition of the journal, which she took over in 2024. With her extensive experience, professionalism and prudence, she managed the production of the French edition of *IRAS* from the initiation of the translation of the individual articles to their publication. It is thanks to Fabienne's unique work that *IRAS* was able to continuously attract and retain a wide French-speaking readership. On behalf of the entire Editorial Board and the Global Editorial Committee of *IRAS*, we would like to express our deep appreciation of Fabienne's commitment to the Journal.

Although not always clearly visible and perceptible to everyone, Fabienne contributed, this and other ways, selflessly and sacrificially to the flourishing of the IIAS and international administrative science as a whole. She coordinated and encouraged the activities of Study Groups, initiated and promoted dissemination strategies, and shouldered a lion's share of internal management tasks with commitment, proactivity, foresight, and altruism. Beyond her professional achievements, Fabienne was known for her empathetic approach and genuine care for her colleagues and students. She believed in nurturing talent and was always willing to lend her support to those embarking on their academic journeys. Her mentorship has left an indelible mark on many young scholars, who will carry forward her legacy of intellectual curiosity and dedication. Fabienne's sudden passing is a profound loss to the global academic community. Her contributions to the field of administrative sciences and her impact on the IIAS will be remembered for years to come.

Our condolences and sympathy go out to her family, friends and all those to whom Fabienne was dear. As we mourn her loss, we also celebrate her life and the remarkable legacy she leaves behind.

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