

## **SC candidate 2019: Anna Del Freo** *Candidate as member of the Steering Committee*

Anna Del Freo, Italy  
Italian National Press Federation (FNSI)

### **CV**

- 1989-2019 staff journalist at Il Sole 24 Ore, the main Italian economic and financial daily newspaper, covering the following sectors:
- 2017-2019 Working in weekly supplement with in-depth reporting on legal, technical and professional matters
- 2009 -2017 Editorial responsibilities on trade, exports, globalization, emerging countries' economy, Italian enterprise in the global market.
- 2003 – 2009 Technological innovation and its impact on the market and on society
- 1998 – 2002 Foreign desk : Export, globalization, economy of the emerging countries, Italian enterprises in the global market.
- 1993 – 1998 Italian economy desk, writing about Job, labour issues, labour market.
- 1989 – 1993 Foreign desk: writing about the EEC (now the EU) and integration issues

### **Education**

1986: graduate summa cum Laude in Political Science, University of Pisa

### **Journalists' trade Union Experience**

- 2019 Confirmed deputy Secretary general of the Italian journalists's Federation or Fnsi (Federazione nazionale della Stampa italiana )
- 2015 Elected deputy Secretary general of the Italian Journalists' Federation ( FNSI)
- 2010-2019 Member of the executive board of ALG, the Journalists' Association in Lombardy (territorial branch of Fnsi), the main Italian region for number of journalists and publishing companies. Worked daily to solve labour disputes between companies and journalists in accordance with Italian law.
- Before 2010 Journalists' elected representative within Il Sole 24 Ore editorial group.



## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I decided to run for Efj president and, when not elected, for the Efj steering Committee.

First of all, I think it's time for a change: the current president has been in office for six years and wants to run for a third term. I thank him for his effort so far but I think that Nine years and three mandates are a lot for the chief of a body that must interpret and try to govern the dizzying changes taking place in the journalistic profession and in working conditions.

I also believe that the time has come to have a woman as President of Efj. The gender gap continues to exist throughout Europe, even among journalists and policies must be put in place to cancel this gap. I think a woman as Efj president could better face this challenge. But mostly I think that, as woman, if elected, I could be a president for everybody, for West and East, North and South, focusing myself on real needs of all European journalists, listening to all people and building a united Efj.

I think I have enough experience to do this.

In recent years, as Fnsi unionist, I have dealt with dozens of labor disputes. Mine was and is active union work. I led negotiations with publishers - as Mondadori, for instance - organized demonstrations for rights and freedoms, listened to colleagues, fought on behalf of temporary workers and for good salaries and against threats to journalists and press freedom.

I firmly believe that the issues related to freedom of expression and of the press are deeply linked to those of work, wages, fight against precariousness. If a journalist is precarious and underpaid, he/she is also less autonomous and the danger that he /she can be blackmailed is much greater.

Today, journalists are under attack all over Europe. Bringing the problems of journalists, guardians of freedom of information, in front of public opinion, will be fundamental. European Union should put the protection of threatened journalists among its priorities.

I think that the Efj should, in the coming years, be more visible, listen more than in the past to our colleagues, go to the newsrooms, be present alongside the local unions where journalists are in danger or where their rights, even economic, are trampled. It is time to envisage a great European demonstration proclaimed together with all the affiliated unions, to be held simultaneously in all the countries that join the Efj.

It is very important to recover a strong category identity through all Europe: if elected, I would fight for this.

In these three years, as a member of the Steering committee, I have tried to push a lot in this direction.

I was in Malta for the first anniversary of Daphne Caruana Galizia murder asking for a public enquiry.

I also believe a good coordination with Ifj is important.