

Eleonora Gambineri, Secretary post 2020

Proposal for Secretary post

Hello to everyone!

I am Eleonora Gambineri from Florence, Italy and I would like to candidate for the ESID Secretary post.

For those who don't know me I am a physician and I've received my medical training at the University of Florence. I did my research fellowship in the States at the University of Washington under Professor Hans Ochs. During my training I also spent one year in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK joining there the BMT Paediatric Immunology Unit with a clinical attachment. Currently, I'm working as Associate Professor at the NEUROFARBA Department of the University of Florence, and I am part of the BMT team within the Haematology/Oncology Unit at the "Anna Meyer" Children's Hospital.

I have been involved in ESID activities since very early in my career. I was one of the founders of the ESID Junior WP back in 2004 and I was the ESID Junior head between 2006 and 2008. Pointless to say that this was a great experience! Trying to gather a group of young people interested in PID and willing to get involved into ESID activities was really challenging, but lots of fun too! It was also a wonderful opportunity for me to learn interacting with several other junior members as well as seniors...a wonderful "growing up" experience! As head of ESID Junior WP I started to be engaged in the executive work of the ESID board. This was a unique chance that has enabled me to get introduced to a lot of new and exciting aspects on how to manage a Society and to get subsequently elected as ESID Treasurer. Playing the role of Treasurer had allowed me to handle contacts, deal with sponsors and promote the future growth of the Society. I feel that somehow my ESID career have been firmly progressing what I have been working out for ESID Junior at the beginning. Looking for a financial support to specific programs was of great help to get actively involved in the educational activities as well. Therefore, I decided to improve my contribution running for Head of Educational WP in 2014. I led the Educational WP for 4 years and I have seen the educational effort grow over the past years as vibrantly as the whole PID field. The successful close alliance with the ESID Junior WP had played a key role in the progress of educational events and provided such a positive enthusiasm contributing to continuous renovation along with the evolution of the field. During my mandate I have initiate the e-learning platform on the ESID website with many interactive cases. Thus, I have turned Summer Schools on yearly base, enlarging the opportunity of education to young trainees. Moreover, I had the idea to organize a worldwide platform of education where young immunologists could come together and share their local experience while making productive networks. Therefore, together with CIS and the other IAPIDS societies, I contributed to the organisation of the first IAPIDS School, which was recently held in Lisboa, Portugal in January 2020, just before the COVID 19 time! Thirty selected participants from all over the world set together in an exciting environment of science and brain storming...needless to say it was an amazing achievement!

I realize that I have contributed a lot during the last decade to the growth of ESID, so you might ask me why I would like to candidate myself for Secretary? Because I believe that my ESID experience can help a lot for future directions. It is always very important to remember where we come from in order to step forward. A Secretary should know every aspects of the Society in order to keep the organisation running smoothly and be able to build up new connections and opportunities. My involvement with ESID for nearly 12 years has fascinated me very much and has contributed a lot to my professional growth. I would love to take this last step to continue to serve this Society and have the chance to blend my long-lasting experience with the new times.

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I am very motivated to work with enthusiasm and commitment and I am looking forward to participating on this aspect of the ESID life! Thus, I hope I can count on your vote and your support for the upcoming elections!

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eleonora Gambineri', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.