

**Motivation letter for Candidacy for
Inborn Errors Working Party Chairperson**

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Dear ESID members,

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With great enthusiasm, I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of Inborn Errors Working Party (IEWP) chairperson and member of the ESID board.

After visiting my first IEWP annual fall meeting ca. 2004 it quickly became clear to me that this group of enthusiasts (many of whom have become friends over the years) was a perfect fit for my own clinical and scientific interests. It has since become my "home" within ESID and its collaborating society EBMT, and I have actively participated in, published, and initiated various studies of the WP. In 2014, I had the honor to be the local host for the IEWP meeting in Munich.

For the last 4 years, I served as secretary and member of the study committee of this working party under the current chairperson Arjan Lankester, who generously let me learn and participate in creating IEWP sessions at the ESID meetings, organizing the IEWP annual meeting, promoting scientific studies of the IEWP and all things related to this society. In 2020, I was appointed to the board of the European Reference Network rare immunodeficiency, autoinflammatory and autoimmune diseases (ERN RITA), which closely collaborates with ESID.

If elected, I intend to bring the IEWP further forward by:

- introducing novel ways to educate and motivate junior colleagues in the field, by introducing a dedicated educational curriculum/event for IEWP juniors,
- further promoting scientific studies of IEWP, by striving to further improve the infrastructure needed for such studies, and by increasing utilization of the ESID registry for IEWP studies,
- continuing to organize highly interactive and educational IEWP sessions and meetings,
- and by increasing scientific and educational collaborations with other registries, societies and networks (such as i.e. ERN RITA).

Thank you very much for reading this letter and considering my application.

Best regards,

Michael Albert