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Dear Colleagues:

I would like to introduce myself and put forward my candidacy for the ESID Treasurer at the next ESID board election.

My name is Anna Shcherbina, and I have been working in the field of primary immunodeficiencies since 1992, when I got my first position as a clinical immunologist in the Institute of Pediatric Hematology (Moscow, Russia). Since 1995 I have been lucky to spend four years working in a post-doctoral position in the Center for Blood Research (Harvard Medical School, Boston, US), where I had an opportunity to meet and learn from some of the best world immunologists of the time. In 1998 I became an ESID member and attended my first ESID meeting.

After returning home, I dedicated my carrier to improving diagnosis and care for primary immunodeficiencies in Russia, using the experience I acquired working in Boston and attending subsequent international immunology meetings, including ESID. For years I watched ESID develop to become a powerful organization, gaining clinical and scientific influence not only in Europe, but also worldwide, serving as a platform for professional and personal interactions and collaborative studies in the field of clinical immunology. I feel myself to be a part of ESID community, and at this time I would like to contribute more to the organization.

As a Head of Immunology in my Research Center and as an Executive Director of the Russian National Association of Experts in Primary Immunodeficiencies (NAEPID), I have had extensive experience in organizing multi-center projects in the field of PIDs. These have involved large groups of people, supervising international collaboration and raising and managing funding for my group's research and various NAEPID activities. I think that my training and experience is an ideal fit for the position of Treasurer I am applying for.

If elected, I will keep up the good work my predecessors did while introducing new ideas. For instance, Eastern European countries, including Russia, have been traditionally less active in ESID activities, partially due to the language and financial gaps. I think that educational activities, such as local ESID-sponsored immunology schools, can bridge those gaps and help improve PID care and international collaboration, while raising funding from regional resources. Also, some of the countries' PID registries in development might be helped by ESID logistical support, which would allow those registries to become active and transfer the information into the ESID PID registry.

If elected as a Treasurer I am prepared to be involved in fundraising for ESID's various activities and to ensure accurate and timely financial monitoring and reporting.

I thank you for your attention to my candidacy and hope that you and your families are safe and healthy in this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



Anna Shcherbina