

Application for Juniors Working Party Chair
Motivation Letter
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I enjoy international collaborations and networking. I first experienced this as a medical student while involved in the literature search and organization of a EULAR task force for evidence-based recommendations on safety and efficacy of vaccinating pediatric patients with immune diseases. Experts from all over the world came together and later the results were presented at an international conference. I lived and worked in Boston, Nairobi and several places in the Netherlands and have experience in research and clinical collaborations. I'm used to working with different people in different settings and I get a lot of energy from meeting new people.

I would like to organize networking and mentoring events for the ESID junior members, using my experiences in the US, where mentoring is more common. In addition, I would like to make European funding options more visible for junior investigators.

Previously, I have been a representative in the junior board of pediatric residents in the Netherlands (JA-NVK) and in Europe (YEAP). During those two years I focused on creating more opportunities for pediatric residents to work abroad and do research as part of their program. As a clinician-scientist it is a constant challenge how to balance clinical work and research and I would like to create opportunities for juniors to meet more senior peers from different countries to learn how they did this and how to work together to create new opportunities.