

# MOTIVATION LETTER

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Thessaloniki, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**To the ESID Board**

**Application for the ESID Junior Country Representatives (2022-2024)**

Dear ESID members,

Herewith I am applying for the position of ESID Junior Country Representative, declaring my willingness to represent my home country, Greece, and contribute actively in the networking of all Greek ESID Junior members.

I am a Doctor of Medicine, graduated from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), and I have completed the first two years of my residency in Pediatrics. During my undergraduate studies, I got involved in the research field of Immunology under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Panagiota Boura, who instilled in me the knowledge and the interest in immune-mediated diseases. On her recommendation, since my graduation to date, I have joined the research team of Prof. Dr. Evangelia Farmaki, as a Research Fellow and Clinical Associate in the Pediatric Immunology and Rheumatology Referral Centre of Northern Greece. During fellowship, my training has incorporated diagnosis, immunological investigation and therapeutic management of a wide variety of Inborn Errors of Immunity. Currently, fueled by the encouragement of my mentor Prof. Dr. Evangelia Farmaki, I am attending an MSc course in Precision Medicine at AUTH, strongly believing that the integration of precision medicine principles into clinical care may improve diagnosis, prognosis and treatment in patients belonging to the heterogeneous group of primary immunodeficiency disorders.

As my CV demonstrates, I have worked with dedication and initiative to gain the relevant medical and research experience in the field of Primary Immunodeficiencies (PIDs) to ensure that I can perform to the best of my abilities within each task I have undertaken. Furthermore, as an active member of young European Federation of Immunological Societies (yEFIS) Task Force, since late 2020, I have realized the importance of networking for early career researchers/scientists. Especially, for young scientists in countries as Greece, where the educational and research opportunities in the field of PIDs are not so abundant, networking proves to be an essential element of career development, encouraging international collaborations, promoting exchange of evidence and experience, and hence improving patient management and outcomes.

I believe that my vigorous motivation to raise awareness for Inborn Errors of Immunity in Greece among both undergraduate students and the medical community, my passion for life-long learning, my eagerness to engage in basic and clinical research always with respect to my mentors, my ability to work efficiently in an interdisciplinary team, as well as my zeal to provide personalized therapeutic solutions in this heterogeneous group of immunological disorders, make me a strong candidate for the position of ESID Junior Country Representative. My application has the approval and full support of my mentor Prof. Dr. Evangelia Farmaki.

I look forward to having the opportunity to represent my country in the ESID Juniors Working Party. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

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