

ESID Juniors Country Representative Candidate 2024-2026

MOTIVATION LETTER

Dear ESID Juniors,

I would like to put forward my candidacy to renew my nomination as ESID Junior country representative for Greece. It was a great honour to be selected as the ESID Junior country representative for the last two years and a great opportunity to increase exchange of experiences and practical knowledge in the field of IEI between new and established ESID Juniors members in Greece and abroad. In this period, the Greek ESID Junior members have significantly increased in number since 2022 and were actively involved in ESID Junior Working Party activities. More educational activities were established over the years with the addition of Journal Club and Clinical Cases online presentations with poll questions, in which I was honoured to participate.

I am a specialist Paediatrician holding a PhD in Paediatric Infectious Diseases/Immunology from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Following the completion of my Paediatrics Training and my successful Board examination, I attended for 2 years as a Clinical Fellow the Department of Immunology in "Agia Sophia" Children's Hospital of Athens. This department is the main Referral Centre for Primary Immunodeficiencies in Greece and at the same time responsible for the diagnosis and management of this sensitive part of population. Since then, I am a clinical fellowship in Immunology and Histocompatibility Department, Evangelismos General Hospital, Athens, Greece.

My interest in PID blossomed during my participation in the ESID Summer School 2021 in Greece and empowered in the 1st PID Care in Development School 2022 in Croatia. It was a great opportunity that updated my everyday clinical knowledge in PID through the diagnostic work up of the presented clinical cases and gave me the opportunity of networking with young colleagues and researchers in this field. Supporting all the above, I also attended 20th Biennial Meeting of ESID 2022 meeting in Sweden and ESID Diagnostic workshop 2023 in Germany, having the enormous value to learn new diagnostic tools in the field of PID directly from excellent professionals. On the other hand, the interaction with the other students in and outside the educational halls was a unique experience that also gave me some good friends. I met a lot of interesting people with great ideas and different point of views which was really inspiring. So many countries, so many physicians and researchers. ESID community, a global network of spreading knowledge and experience in the field of IEI in an accessible way, that's exactly what it is.

Having the experience above and my enthusiasm for IEI, I would like to keep motivating my colleagues interested in PID in my country and above to participate in ESID vision and become the next generation of active and successful ESID members.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

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