

Personal Statement

It is a great honour to submit my candidacy for the position of ESID Junior Country Representative in 2024.

At this time, I hold the position of a second-year fellow resident at Bulent Ecevit University in Zonguldak, Turkey, where I am working in the Department of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology.

Since the beginning of my pediatric residency years, I longed for becoming an immunologist and continued my life-long education in this direction. It is for sure that immunology is the pillar of many medical branches and sure will strengthen its position in the next coming decades. It is the future's science field. Yet it is crucial that scientists from different countries and regions must share their experiences with each other. Only by this way, we can fasten the advances in the field. At this point, I believe communication is the key point.

I am extremely interested in inborn errors of immunity as they are quite commonly seen in my country, Turkey, due to high rates of consanguinity. However they are often non-recognized and non-diagnosed. That's because every single case may come with a different clinical presentation and sharing the experiences is of the utmost importance when there is so much diversity.

I became an ESID junior member in 2023, a short time after I started my clinical immunology fellowship and I was selected and received a travel grant for ESID PIDCD School in 2023, in Split, Croatia. There I had the opportunity to be informed about different PID cases from all over the World. When I come to think how great the opportunity was, my enthusiasm to bridge the gap between the colleagues interested in immunology from my country and ESID grew stronger. I would be very honored if I could have the chance to keep local colleagues up-to-date about the latest news and advances in immunology via ESID.