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Re: application to become the United Kingdom ESID juniors country representative

Dear Dr Antonio Marzollo and ESID juniors members (especially those based in the UK),

As outlined in the attached biography I am a clinician-scientist in Newcastle training in paediatric immunology and developing a research programme investigating novel inborn errors of the immune system specifically disorders of T cell biology using *in vitro* and mouse modelling approaches.

Let me outline the three key reasons why I would be well-suited to become the UK representative for ESID juniors.

1. Commitment and enthusiasm—I am an enthusiastic trainee both with respect to clinical training, IEI and immunology research. I am committed to sharing knowledge, experience and expertise and the schemes and funding that ESID provides to do so (including at centres like Newcastle). I am completely committed to immunology training both academic and clinical as evidenced by completing a PhD in T cell biology (2009-2013), moving to Newcastle to train at an internationally renowned referral centre for IEI and transplant (2018) and successfully applying for paediatric immunology subspecialty training and a clinical lectureship (posts started Sept 2023) and have benefitted from incredible guidance and mentorship throughout all my training which I would like to pass on. I love the immune system, find immunobiology fascinating both in its fundamental principles and how its dysfunction presents and am completely committed to marrying my scientific interests to the clinical imperative of understanding IEI present and are treated in patients.
2. Relevant experience and attributes—I have significant experience setting up networks, coordinating and managing conferences and teaching programs and have created original teaching methods. Examples include the first ever European MD PhD conference in 2012

(now an association with regular meetings), finals revision course (OSCE-Aid 2016) and a paediatric research network (CREST in 2022). I am conscientious and very well-organized.

3. Well-placed—as an immunology subspecialty or “GRID” trainee in a leading centre for paediatric IEI and HSCT, with links to London (medical school and clinical and research collaboration) and Europe (roots in Luxembourg, Dutch passport and a growing network of collaborators and colleagues across the ESID map resulting from attending the ESID summer school, Newcastle being a popular destination for ESID fellowships and budding IEWP studies) I am incredibly well-placed to liaise between the ESID juniors working party and UK based trainees with an interest in IEI and its treatment. Finally, I will be a trainee in the UK (junior) for the relevant period (2024-2026).

It would be my pleasure and privilege to serve as the UK representative for the ESID juniors working party.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Schim van der Loeff'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'I' and a long, sweeping underline.

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