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to:
ESID Junior Members
Antonio Marzollo, Chairperson WP Junior
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Dear ESID Junior Members,

I have been the Junior Country Representative for Italy for the past two years. It has been a dynamic teamwork experience and together with the other Italian junior immunologists we strengthened our community. We achieved many of the goals we had set for ourselves and we would like to consolidate them in the two years to come. In particular we would like to:

- **strengthen the network of Italian junior immunologists** by giving continuity to our monthly educational meetings on inborn errors of immunity. In these two year we have approached IEI starting from their organ-specific manifestations. We could now present a new format based on misdiagnoses and challenging cases so that everybody could learn from other's mistakes.
- **learning from patients.** Patients associations and personal patients' experience should be put first. Clinician and scientists should meet the patients and understand their perspective.
- **make the group grow by making immunology more popular.** I would like to bring ESID closer to the medical residents and broadcast these events as widely as possible by harnessing the enthusiasm of the young trainees' associations that are particularly active in Italy and full of passionate young people. Residents should be able to take a closer look to our field that often remains a niche in medical training. More minds to immunology!
- **make the group grow by bringing immunology to non-immunologist.** I would like to open-up our events to all young clinicians from various specialties we collaborate with (all!). We need more and more pulmonologists, haematologists, gastroenterologists, neurologists, nephrologists (to cite some) to get involved in the field of IEI in order to ameliorate multidisciplinary patient care and ease interdisciplinary communication.

The interconnection of Italian immunology centers must start from the youngest in order to fully express its great human potential in terms of research and quality of care. I see in the ESID network of Junior Italian immunologists the cradle of new ideas and a new inclusive way of science.

I hope I can count on your support for the election of the Italian Country Representative for ESID Junior.

Yours sincerely,
Lorenzo