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To whom it may concern at ESID Secretary,

As a young Paediatric Immunology fellow, I had been encouraged by my superiors and mentors to become part of the European Society for Immunodeficiencies as a Junior Member in 2022.

During these years of Junior, I had the opportunity to take part in different activities the Society has, such as the ESID Summer School that took part of this year in Barcelona and the 2022 ESID Meeting that took part in Gothenburg, Sweden where I presented a case and posters respectively,, improved my knowledge, established collaborative connections, made friends, and realized the great impact that Society has on our field.

Also, this year thanks to the help of the ESID Fellowship Grant, I had the opportunity to live a 6-month experience in the United Kingdom in two recognized centres specialized in HSCT in PID. There I realized that this is the field I want to specialize in the future to help the patients that need this treatment in Argentina, where immunologists are not involved in the process.

From this became my interest in taking part as a Candidate for Junior Country Representative to return something of what I received and encourage other Argentinian juniors to be an active part of the Society. My purpose is to create the perfect background to share and learn from the cases and experiences of other fellows from other countries, and to discuss different ways of working in this fascinating discipline, feeling closer despite the distances.

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