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Application for the ESID Junior Country Representative

I am submitting my application for the position of Romanian ESID Junior Country Representative, for the second term. I will state further the reasons behind my application.

Over the last years of my practice, I switched my medical focus from practicing pediatrics in an emergency hospital dominated by acute diseases to an Immunology unit. I found a mentor willing to dive me into the IEI field and soon, ESID became my learning platform. ESID marked the beginning of a new stage in my career. It enabled collaboration with practitioners from all over the world for genetics and functional testing. It gave me access to scientific meetings and schools of high value.

I was elected Junior Country Representative for the first time in Romania from 2022 to 2024, empowering me with great responsibility. During the last two years as Junior Country Rep, I dedicated my work to:

- Co-organizing winter schools of Immunology (two editions - March 2023, January 2024) for the local young pediatricians interested in immunological disorders (15 to 20 participants per edition)
- Presentations and discussions in the largest pediatric hospital in Romania about IEI classification and diagnosis advances
- Sharing information about fellowships/schools/biennial meetings and Juniors Jornal Club/Clinical Cases organized by ESID or associated societies

During the next two years, if I am elected, I will dedicate my work to:

- Continue to organize local and regional events (Winter Schools, case sessions) to increase knowledge about IEI
- Building a local network for young doctors and facilitating mentorship with local or external experts
- Guiding young doctors to learn more about the organization's purpose and to enroll in the society
- Over the next decade, I wish to take part in the development of an integrative Pediatric Immunology Unit able to coordinate newborn screening for SCID (currently unavailable), diagnose and support IEI patients, and finally, offer HSCT (with very limited access) in our country.

The ESID Junior community continues to expand by integrating more and more young physicians from different countries. I would be honored to continue to be part of this building community and represent my country for the second term in an international network of immunology experts.

Thank you for considering my application.

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