

Dear Members of the ESID Election Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic candidacy for the position of ESID Junior Country Representative for Serbia. I graduated from Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade in 2022. and enrolled PhD studies at the same faculty where my academic journey was driven by a profound interest in immunology and genetics. My current work is focused on specific genetic determinants in patients with primary immunodeficiencies but also monogenic forms of autoimmune diseases. Until recently I was working at Institute for Molecular Genetics and Genetical Engineering which has allowed me to gain hands-on experience in diagnosing and managing these conditions but also other rare diseases. Currently, I am employed at Clinic of Allergy and Immunology, University Clinical Center of Serbia where I have the opportunity to work closely with patients diagnosed with various PIDs.

As a future Junior Country Representative, I would like to build a collaborative environment among junior members and promote the exchange of knowledge and best practices in the diagnosis and treatment of PIDs. Here are some ideas I propose to enhance ESID junior community:

1. I would like to suggest making of a platform where junior members can share their research, clinical experiences, and case studies. In case we have questions about patients that we cannot resolve, I would like us to be able to communicate through this platform. This network could also facilitate mentorship opportunities and peer-to-peer learning.
2. Host regular online seminars between junior members. These sessions will provide valuable insights into cutting-edge research and innovative treatment approaches similar to ESID grand round webinars.
3. Encourage and support joint research initiatives among junior members across different countries. This collaboration will enhance our understanding of PIDs and lead to the development of new diagnostic and therapeutic strategies.

My vision as a Junior Country Representative is to build a robust and supportive community that empowers junior researchers and clinicians. I am committed using my background in genetics to advance our collective knowledge of PIDs and to foster a culture of collaboration and innovation within ESID. I would like to contribute to the growth and success of our society as the Junior Country Representative and to expand community of young researchers and doctors from Serbia interested in PIDs.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely,

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