

Dear ESID Committee Members,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my application for the role of ESID Junior Member Representative for Slovenia. As the country's first formally trained clinical immunologist and allergist, I have a deep passion for advancing the field of inborn errors of immunity (IEI) and immunodeficiency disorders.

Over the past several years, I have demonstrated my commitment to immunology through my academic and professional pursuits. After completing my studies cum laude at the University of Ljubljana, I undertook an academic/clinical fellowship in the UK to further enhance my expertise. The Covid-19 pandemic prompted my return to Slovenia in 2020, where I joined one of the few teams treating presumed IEI patients.

Currently, I am working alongside the renowned Prof. Sinisa Savic in the UK to gain intensive experience diagnosing and managing IEI and systemic autoinflammatory diseases. This specialized training will allow me to elevate immunodeficiency care in Slovenia upon my return.

In addition to my clinical work, I have taken on leadership roles to support the immunology community. Previously, I served as the EAACI National Allergy Society Junior Member Representative for Slovenia. I am now honored to chair the junior member committee, fostering networking and development opportunities for early-career professionals.

If selected as the ESID Junior Member Representative, I will enthusiastically promote the society's mission in Slovenia. I will work tirelessly to increase awareness of IEI, facilitate educational initiatives, and encourage junior members to actively participate. My cross-country training and leadership experience have prepared me well for this role.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be grateful for the opportunity to represent the Slovenian junior membership and contribute to ESID's vital work.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mark Kačar

Bio

I completed my studies with cum laude at the University of Ljubljana, taking up an academic/clinical fellowship post in the UK. Covid (and life) made me return to Slovenia in 2020 where I completed training and am one of a small team of allergists and respiratory physicians treating presumed IEI.

I am currently once again in the UK (in the team lead by prof. Sinisa Savic) in an effort to gain more experience diagnosing and treating IEI and SAID.

I was previously the EAACI national Allergy society junior member representative for Slovenia and am currently the chairman of the NAS JM committee.