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To whom it may concern

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***Application as chair of the ESID Clinical Working Party***

Dear Members of the ESID board,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Chair of the ESID Clinical Working Party. With extensive experience in paediatric immunology, vaccinology and rheumatology, as well as leadership in clinical settings, I am confident in my ability to lead the ESID clinical working party towards advancing the field of primary immunodeficiency diseases.

My journey began with the completion of my medical studies at the University of Geneva in 2005, followed by a DPhil in Pediatric Immunology and Vaccinology at the University of Oxford under the mentorship of Prof. Andrew Pollard. My doctoral research focused on memory immune responses to various vaccines, particularly conjugate vaccines in infants.

Following my DPhil, I completed clinical training in paediatric, immunology and rheumatology across Geneva, Zürich, and Vancouver. Currently, I lead the Pediatric Immunology, Vaccinology and Rheumatology Unit at the Geneva University Hospitals' Children's Hospital, a role I have held since February 2023. In this capacity, I oversee the development and implementation of various guidelines, provide expert consultations to patients and paediatricians. I also contribute to national vaccine policy, particularly for immunocompromised patients. My leadership extends beyond the hospital as I regularly present at national and international conferences and engage with media to educate the public on vaccination and immunological disorders. For ESID, I participated to the webinar on vaccines, and I am currently writing the guidelines on vaccination of patients with inborn errors of immunity with various members of the clinical working party, especially Prof Filomeen Haerynck.

My academic contributions include co-authoring a book on vaccination for immunocompromised children and publishing many articles in the field of immunology and vaccinology. These publications underscore my commitment to advancing clinical knowledge and improving patient care.

The opportunity to chair the ESID Clinical Working Party aligns perfectly with my professional goals. I am eager to contribute my clinical expertise, research experience, and leadership skills to advance the mission of ESID. My vision includes fostering collaboration among international experts, developing innovative clinical guidelines, and enhancing the support and resources available to healthcare professionals dealing with primary immunodeficiency diseases.

Thank you for considering my application. Sincerely,

Geraldine Blanchard-Rohner