

Application for YPNN Vice-Chair Position

I am a French, UK-based paediatric registrar with a developing subspecialty interest in paediatric nephrology. I am applying for the YPNN Vice-Chair position to contribute to strengthening a collaborative, trainee-led European network that advances education, research collaboration, and professional development in paediatric nephrology.

Training within a highly specialised tertiary nephrology service at Evelina Children's Hospital has reinforced the importance of structured communication in cross-centre collaboration. This is particularly important within European networks, where the sharing of knowledge, experience, and best practice relies on effective communication across diverse healthcare systems and training environments.

If appointed, I would support the YPNN in three key areas:

1. Research / QI networks:

My academic interests have centred on collaborative approaches to improving kidney care. I have led multicentre QI projects, with presentations at national and international meetings, including a regional epidemiological study on glomerular disease at ESPN 2025 and AKI QI work to be presented in 2026. Alongside this, I have contributed to peer-reviewed research, including ongoing work on renovascular hypertension imaging protocols and neonatal AKI prediction using machine learning. More recently, involvement in a UK Paediatric AKI Working Group has reinforced the value of collaboration in harmonising definitions, data collection, and implementation of best practice across healthcare systems. I would be particularly interested in developing YPNN-led coordinated approaches to data collection, including standardised datasets, multicentre trainee-led studies and alignment of these initiatives with guideline development and clinical implementation.

2. Education:

Having trained in a high-density academic environment, I would support the development of structured, scalable educational content, including regular case-based webinars, interactive teaching sessions, and shared European teaching resources to improve consistency and reduce duplication across centres. Education has been a major focus of my training; I have held an Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy, have led regional nephrology teaching programmes through the Royal Society of Medicine, and have contributed to national initiatives to improve paediatric training, education and curriculum as the South Thames representative for the RCPCH. Through the YPNN, I would focus on creating educational opportunities that are practical, accessible, and relevant to doctors at different stages of training.

3. Engagement / accessibility:

As a multilingual trainee, I am keen to strengthen participation across diverse linguistic and healthcare backgrounds, ensuring YPNN activities are accessible and inclusive. Through representative roles within the NHS and the BMA, I have coordinated and organised diverse trainee networks, led negotiations with board-level leadership on workforce and contractual issues, and supported the development of sustainable representation structures and channels for dialogue where formal mechanisms had previously been limited. These experiences have highlighted the importance of equitable access and effective communication in building community and supporting collaboration. I would aim to ensure the content and delivery of YPNN activities are designed to promote accessibility and engagement, including structured regional representation, clearer onboarding processes, and improved access across language groups.

As YPNN Vice-Chair, I would be enthusiastic and committed to contributing to a sustainable and active trainee network and to supporting its role in fostering collaboration, education, and professional development among paediatric nephrology trainees across Europe.

Yours sincerely,

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