

Dear President of the ESPN, Dear Prof. Emma,
Dear Members of the ESPN Council,

I am writing to express my strong motivation to apply for a position on the Council of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology. In attachment, my CV.

As a paediatric nephrologist at UZ Leuven and professor at KU Leuven, my career has been dedicated to combining clinical care, translational research, and education in the field of rare kidney diseases. I lead a research group focusing on ciliopathies, including autosomal dominant and recessive polycystic kidney disease and tuberous sclerosis complex, with a strong emphasis on early disease mechanisms and biomarker discovery. In parallel, I have been actively involved in building international collaborations, including the development of the global ADPedKD registry, which reflects my commitment to advancing knowledge through shared data and collective expertise.

Throughout my career, I have worked in different European centres and built strong international networks, which has shaped my perspective on the importance of collaboration, inclusiveness, and knowledge exchange across countries and healthcare systems. I have also gained experience in leadership and academic responsibilities, including my current role as Director for pediatric training and as Vice Dean for International Affairs, where I actively foster international partnerships and strategic development.

My motivation for applying to the ESPN Council is to contribute more actively to shaping the future of our field at a European level. I am particularly driven to support initiatives that strengthen collaboration between centres, promote high-quality education and training, and facilitate the integration of research and clinical practice. I believe it is essential to continue supporting early-career colleagues and to ensure that opportunities within our community remain accessible and inclusive.

I am fully committed to contributing actively and constructively to the work of the Council and to dedicating the necessary time and energy throughout the mandate.

I am pleased to mention that my application is supported by colleagues Prof. Justine Bacchetta and Prof. Max Liebau.

It would be a great honor to serve the Society in this role and to contribute to its continued development and impact.

Thank you very much for considering my application.

Kind regards,

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