

Dear colleagues,

I hereby express my interest in a general position on the Executive Board of the European Society of Paediatric Anaesthesiology.

I recently returned to my home country of Malta after subspecialising in paediatric anaesthesiology in the United Kingdom. As a newer member of the paediatric anaesthetist community and also a strong advocate of medical education, I am keen to get involved with ESPA to promote three areas which I think are crucial.

Excellence among paediatric anaesthesiologists

Paediatric anaesthesiology has benefited from many advancements in recent years including development of further defined roles in areas including paediatric regional anaesthesia and chronic pain, alongside the more traditional niche areas of paediatric intensive care and congenital cardiac anaesthesia. Pursuit of excellence within advanced tertiary and quaternary areas of paediatric anaesthesiology should evidently remain a key activity of ESPA.

Familiarity and safety among non-paediatric anaesthesiologists

Children are not always anaesthetised by subspecialist paediatric anaesthesiologists. I believe recognition of this fact necessitates adopting a leadership role via bold, comprehensive educational initiatives to enhance familiarity and ensure safety for our 'occasional' colleagues and their patients. I am eager to work with and within ESPA to encourage achievable, regular parallel education for non-paediatric anaesthesiologists, raising fluency with paediatric practices and perhaps even attracting new recruits to the subspecialty!

Smaller European state representation

Previous experiences as a Maltese national trainee representative have allowed me insight into the unique context of smaller European states where training opportunities, professional development and continuous medical education are concerned. I would be privileged to enthusiastically represent the interests, challenges and perspectives of paediatric anaesthesiologists from smaller European states and islands at an international level, both on behalf of my home country but also other geographically and culturally similar contexts around Europe.

My passion for evidence-based adult learning alongside a deep sense of pride at forming part of the paediatric anaesthesiology community means that I would be grateful for the opportunity to directly support ESPA through participation on its Executive Board in order to achieve these fundamental goals.

Thank you for your time, consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Andrew Grech
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