



## Re: Application for ESPA Board Member position

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Dear ESPA President, dear ExBo,

I know ESPA very well from within serving in the ExBo years ago. I am currently Head of the Research Unit at Gaslini Hospital, Genova, and Associate Professor. I have a good understanding of the overall ESPA organization.

### Motivations:

1. The first plan is to help the Board and ESPA to be innovative and dynamic, reacting quickly to constructive proposals from members
2. I am heavily involved in various international initiatives, like Safetots.org, and I have an active role in worldwide initiatives. This makes me easy to interact and intervene in large European and non-European initiatives.
3. My research and academic backgrounds are highlighted in my CV. However, being Board Member means providing expertise and knowledge, but also political and social experience. I have shown my enthusiasm in many occasions, my strong commitment with ESPA, but also my ability to be diplomatic and charismatic. I will bring all my energy into the ESPA Board, if nominated.
4. Gender equity, AI and Research, support for low- and medium-income countries, sustainability: some upcoming challenges but also opportunities for attracting funding from EU. This is the time to prepare for the next generation of anaesthesiologists and intensivists under the ESPA guidance.

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