

Dear Members of the ESPA Nominations Committee,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in joining the ESPA Executive Committee. As a devoted paediatric anaesthetist and intensivist with a strong commitment to education, research, and clinical excellence, I am deeply motivated to contribute to the continued development and influence of ESPA.

I hold an MD from the University of Gothenburg and a PhD from Karolinska Institutet, followed by postdoctoral training at the Howard Florey Institute in Melbourne. Clinically, I have worked as a paediatric intensivist at Starship Children's Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand, and currently combine paediatric anaesthesia and intensive care practice with an active research programme focused on fluid balance regulation and renal function at Uppsala University Hospital, Sweden.

My research career has been shaped by extensive participation in international collaborations, providing me with a broad and well-established network both within and beyond the field of paediatric anaesthesia. I believe this experience can be of value to ESPA in fostering new partnerships and promoting cross-disciplinary collaboration.

As the primary investigator of the international POAKIDS study, I have first-hand experience of the power of collaborative research in advancing evidence-based care. Within ESPA, I would like to continue promoting this approach, strengthening links between clinical practice, education, and research to improve outcomes for our young patients.

If elected, my priorities would be to:

- Enhance collaboration in clinical, educational, and scientific initiatives
- Support and contribute to the development and implementation of evidence-based practices in paediatric anaesthesia across Europe.
- Make ESPA an even more visible and influential voice within the anaesthesia community
- Contribute to making ESPA an even more inclusive and balanced organisation, encouraging diversity and ensuring that talented colleagues are supported and visible in leading roles

I would be honoured to contribute my energy, experience, and perspective to the ESPA Executive Committee, and to work with colleagues who share a commitment to excellence in paediatric anaesthesia and perioperative care.

With kind regards,

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