

Dear Mr. President,
Dear Honorary Secretary,
Dear EB Members,

I wish to stand for election to the position of President Elect of ESPES.

I have been an ESPES member since 2011. All this time, I was an active participant and deeply involved in the life of this high-class scientific community.

As a result, I was elected as Executive Board Member (2013-2015) and Honorary Secretary (2017-2020).

Between 2018 and 2020, I was the Head of the ESPES Educational Committee.

I am the Founder of the "Romanian Society of Pediatric Laparoscopic Surgery and other Minimally Invasive Techniques in Pediatrics" (RSPLS), which, I can proudly say, is the second national society (after SIVI) that has the most active members in ESPES, so it is an important pillar of this society!

During all this time, I organized numerous international scientific events of minimally invasive pediatric surgery (congresses, masterclasses, workshops etc), culminating in the organization in Bucharest, Romania, in 2015, of the 5th ESPES Annual Congress, which was a real success.

My goal for ESPES is its perpetual development, both as intrinsic value and in terms of international recognition, continuing the efforts of those who made ESPES the large-scale scientific association it is today.

As methods to achieve this goal, I think the following would be useful: increasing the number of active members, attracting young people, awarding scholarships and grants (initiation and performance), developing an online educational platform, assiduous high-level publicity activity, a better visibility of ESPES worldwide (social media etc.), easier and simpler access for any pediatric surgeon to the most modern mini-invasive techniques, finding the best mini-invasive treatment techniques for children (ESPES guidelines), encouraging collegial relations between pediatric surgeons from different countries united by a common goal (saving the children's life), stimulating close ties and collaboration between ESPES and the other large-scale international scientific societies (IPEG, EUPSA, WOFAPS, ESPU etc.) and also IRCAD, as well as with national societies (SIVI, RSPLS, GECl etc.), whose members are in fact the ESPES pillars.

Finally, I would like to state that ESPES has never had a President from Central and Eastern Europe or a female President until this moment. Maybe the time has come!

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Thank you very much for your attention!