

Dear Secretary, I wish to stand for election to the position of **President Elect** of ESPES

Statement.

From my most sincere and humble intention, I believe that the time has come to assume a greater responsibility within ESPES, with my commitment to you, colleagues of the Association, since its foundation in 2010.

I intend to dedicate my efforts to make ESPES a larger, more powerful scientific society and, if possible, with a greater international projection. I know that this goal is not easy, as a lot has been done in recent years by previous management teams. What moves ESPES forward is the commitment that comes from each of us.

For all these reasons, my specific objectives are:

1. Consolidate the working groups.
2. Review the Minimally Invasive Surgery Guidelines for Children.
3. Promote collaboration with consolidated institutions: IRCAD, IPEG, EUPSA, WOFAPS, etc.
4. Facilitate multiracial and multicultural integration.
5. Help to promote Minimally Invasive Surgery in territories that need a little push to either introduce it or raise the level, through surgeon exchange agreements and training grants.
6. Create a specific training program with the UEMS Pediatric Surgery Section. As a consequence, the possibility to issue a Certification of skills acquired in this field of surgery.

I must thank all those colleagues and friends who from the beginning have given me their support and help in developing me as an endoscopic surgeon and now they encourage me to take another step forward for this position of president-elect. Thank you very much.

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