

Limoges 2021-05-25

Mr. President of ESPES,

Dear friends,

It is with pleasure that I am running for the Executive Board of ESPES.

Minimally invasive surgery, because of my training department, is part of the DNA of my philosophy of care.

As an intern, I was able to experience the implementation of laparoscopic treatment of pyloric stenosis, and then, 13 years ago, I jumped on the robotic surgery train.

My teaching duties have enabled me to transmit and develop these practices. This recognition was translated by my role of president and secretary of the GECI and by the organization in Limoges of the 25th anniversary of the GECI in the presence of my Masters.

ESPES has now become for me, over the years, a society that allows me to meet and exchange with a group of European and even international friends on these themes of improving the care of children. I particularly appreciate the training role played by ESPES and its role as a forum for sharing good and bad experiences between seniors and younger people.

In 2021, one could believe that minimally invasive surgery is part of the techniques used routinely in children and taught to the younger ones, which would call into question the relevance of learned societies such as the GECI or even the ESPES at the European level. In practice, the dissemination of these techniques remains limited to certain structures and certain indications. I am firmly convinced that we need to go further, particularly with regard to the whole surgical procedure itself. Thus, by applying for this position as a member of the ESPES executive board, I hope to be able to continue to develop what was carried out by my predecessors, i.e. the work of setting up training courses and curricula, including on non-operative technical skills.

It would be a great honour for me to be involved in the decisions of ESPES.

I would like to be sponsored by two eminent members of ESPES, the current President, Mr Mario Mendoza, and the no less eminent Mr Ciro Esposito, whose dynamism and energy towards European collaborative work are an example.

I remain at the disposal of the various bodies

Respectfully

Laurent Fourcade

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