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To:

Honorary Secretary

European Society of Pediatric Endoscopic Surgeons
(ESPES)

Dr. Mario Mendoza-Sagaon

Dear Mario,

In the sequence of your call, I would like to formalize my candidature for Honorary Secretary of the European Society of Pediatric Endoscopic Surgeons (ESPES). For the last years, I had worked with strong commitment promoting research, education and good practice of minimally invasive surgery in my Institutions in Portugal. In fact, we were continually pushing new strategies to minimized surgical aggression in Pediatrics promoting training and application of minimally invasive techniques (endoscopic and/or image-guided) in daily practice. Being these, also the major aims of contribution of ESPES, I feel motivated to apply as candidate for Honorary Secretary in order to support ESPES wide spreading these objectives for all European Pediatric Surgeons and associates. I believe all members can benefit if we could work as a common forum to delineate specific strategies to find a few ESPES-centered research projects (basic, educational, translational or clinical) with poles distributed by all countries and associates of influence of ESPES. Moreover, the promotion of an ESPES program of clinical fellowships in minimally invasive surgery distributed throughout Europe would fit in my view as something that I would like to help ESPES to organize. In summary, these are my main motivations to serve ESPES, if elected as Honorary Secretary.

Yours Sincerely,

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Short Biography

- Full Professor of Pediatric Surgery & Human Physiology at University of Minho (since 2012).
- Director of Pediatric Surgery at Hospital de Braga (since 2011).
- Coordinator of the Surgical Sciences Research Domain from ICVS/3B's-Government Associate Laboratory, Braga/Guimarães, Portugal (55 Researchers | 18 PhD).
- Mentor and coordinator of the international program of hands-on courses from University of Minho in minimally invasive surgery for many surgical specialties/topics (Biliary Surgery, Digestive Surgery, ENT, Fetal & Neonatal Surgery, Therapeutic Endoscopy, Gynecology, Orthopedics, Urology) giving training in minimally invasive techniques to more than 500 surgeons/year (www.med.uminho.pt/en/mis-courses).
- Coordinated several research and surgical training projects, which in total accounted for over EUR 3.5 million.
- Supervised 14 PhD Thesis (completed), 3 research Post-Docs and 2 clinical residents in Pediatric Surgery.
- Faculty/Expert in various international prestigious courses in Pediatric Surgery like at IRCAD/EITS center, Master on Minimal Access Surgery in Bologna, Italy and other events organized either by universities or hospitals most of them under scientific sponsorship of ESPES, EUPSA and IPEG.
- Published over 150 peer-reviewed research articles with mean impact factor of 4.5. Accumulates over 2000 citations with H-index: 23 (Scopus).
- Over 50 research prizes in congresses and scientific societies.
- More than 5000 procedures performed in children with over 500 in Neonates.
- Past-President of the Portuguese Society of Pediatric Surgery (2011-15).