

Motivation letter

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to
ESSR tumour subcommittee

With this letter, I would like to express my interest in becoming a chair of the ESSR tumour subcommittee.

With over 11 years' experience as a professor of MSK radiology at the Faculty of Medicine in Skopje, I believe I would be a perfect person for the subcommittee chair position. I dedicated my life to medical science and research, with special focus on MSK imaging.

I am an author of several books for MSK tumours and MRI of the MSK system, including "Osteosarcoma, a multidisciplinary practical approach to diagnosis and therapy", published in 2020 by the Faculty of Medicine, University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje, and "Imaging of Soft tissue Tumors - Chapter: Synovial lesions", published by Springer in 2017. As an author of over 50 peer-reviewed scientific articles, including the two latest entitled "Percutaneous Imaging-Guided versus Open Musculoskeletal Biopsy: Concepts and Controversies" and "Ultrasound Guided Biopsy of Musculoskeletal Soft-Tissue Tumors: Basic Principles, Usefulness and Limitations", that address the latest advances of the field of MSK imaging-guided biopsies, published in well-established international scientific journals, I think I fulfil the highest criteria for the chairperson position. As a reviewer of several peer-reviewed journals for over a decade, I feel I have necessary experience and skills in the field of scientific research and publishing, which would definitely help me fulfilling my duties as chairperson.

Since the beginning of my career as MSK radiologist, I have dedicated a large part of my working career to diagnostic procedures for evaluation of MSK tumours. In addition, I was involved in several national and international research projects assessing MSK malignancies,

including my PhD thesis entitled “Assessment of Radiological Staging and Histopathological Correlation in Management of Soft Tissue Musculoskeletal Tumors”.

In the past years, I was involved in a number of ESSR projects, including the “Soft Tissue Tumors in Adults: ESSR-Approved Guidelines for Diagnostic Imaging”. Moreover, I am currently working as a coordinator on a consensus paper by the tumour subcommittee of ESSR on the topic of imaging guided biopsies of MSK tumours, with excellent collaboration of all subcommittee members involved, and another ESSR tumour subcommittee project concerning extraosseous Ewing Sarcoma, coordinated by myself, is on the way to begin.

Working as a head of the radiology department in my institution for several years, I have obtained the organizational experience that is necessary for a subcommittee chairperson. I successfully organized numerous national workshops involving imaging of MSK tumours, but also international workshops, ESSR and ISS outreach programs in my country, an experience that would definitely help me to involve in planning, preparing and running the responsible subcommittee tasks with success. I am also a founder and president of the Macedonian Society for Musculoskeletal Radiology, an organization dedicated to improve the MSK diagnostic and interventional radiology in my country and support young professionals and scientists from the field.

I have been part of the ESSR tumour subcommittee since its establishment in 2005. I attended the first subcommittee meeting in 2005. I have been present at all the meetings since, and now I feel I am ready to take the further step forward. Taking into consideration my scientific knowledge and previous experience, leadership, organizational and communication skills, but also my enthusiasm and determination, I am more than sure I would be the right choice for the position of chairperson. I hope to be given a chance, since I am confident I am capable of meeting and even exceeding your expectations.

Thank you very much for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

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