

Dear Members of the ECFS,

I hereby present myself as a candidate to serve as a member of the ECFS Board for a second term. I have learned a lot about our organization in my first term which I would like to apply in the second. I recognise that there is a need to represent and support those countries with less well established systems of CF care and feel I am a natural bridge between regions at different stages of development. I also strongly believe in the important role of all MDT members to provide the best care and I would like to continue developing this approach.

I have worked in Cystic Fibrosis for more than 25 years. I am the Head of the Paediatric Cystic Fibrosis Centre of the Institute of Mother and Child, located at Dziekanow Lesny Hospital in Poland, where we care for more than 400 CF patients. Our centre is a member of the Clinical Trial Network and was the first Polish CF Centre to fulfil all international standards. We are proud to have joined the European CF Patients registry.

Our international cooperation has included 3 European Projects, and recently we participated in HIT-CF. To strengthen translational research, I have established a CFTR Biomarkers Lab, which facilitates communication between our clinics and the researchers; from diagnosis in borderline patients or patients with rare mutations, to CFTR activity characterization in patients treated with CFTR modulators.

These achievements would not have been possible without international support and long-term cooperation. In earlier years I was very fortunate to benefit from international experience in leading CF Centres in London, Paris, Graz and Leuven. I have been involved in research in CF for many years, especially into the factors influencing phenotypic variability and the usefulness of new diagnostic methods. Currently we are participating in research into new therapeutic targets. I have completed a term as a member of CTN Executive Committee. I am on the steering committee of the ECFS Neonatal Working Group and I am an active participant in the Diagnostic Network Group, for which I organized the annual meeting in Warsaw. I was a member of the Scientific Committee of ECFC.

My experience of international cooperation has shown me the benefits it can bring to patients in all countries, and in particular to those in regions where standards of care have historically been less developed. If elected I would like to use my time as a member of the ECFS Board to help other centres and colleagues extend their international cooperation in the same way.