

Ms Christine Dubois

Executive Director

European CF Society

Dear Christine,

It gives me great pleasure to write in support of Carsten Schwarz who is seeking re-election to the ECFS Board. Carsten is an engaged and valued contributor to Board discussions, always respectful of others' views and voices. He undertakes activities relating to the role diligently and in a timely manner. His passion for CF and his dedication to our Society is evidenced by his CV; he has chaired the Fungal Pathogens Working Group since 2017, supported our annual conference through Steering Committee membership, and holds multiple national leadership positions. He has published widely and is highly active in both research and clinical, striving to improve outcomes for people living with CF. I will be delighted if he is voted to remain a Board member in the next round of elections.

Warm regards, Jane



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Dear Christine, dear ECFS Members,

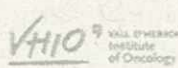
I strongly support Carsten Schwarz as candidate for the upcoming ECFS board election. He served already in the last three years as an ECFS board member and did a great job. He is an adult pneumologist who is working on the current topics in CF such as an ageing population with new and rising comorbidities. He has a kind and motivating personality and a lot of experiences in the field of cystic fibrosis. He is a person who thinks and acts global and is connected to CF care givers in several European countries with the aim to bring people together and solve problems as a team. In addition, in recent years he established and led the ECFS Fungal Pathogens Working Group that also involves people from several European countries in order to include different perspectives of clinicians and microbiologists. He is an internationally recognized and invited speaker for many CF topics who involves the perspective of CF care givers as well as the patients' perspectives.

In summary, in the last three years Carsten showed already as a board member that his experiences fit perfectly into the ECFS board. He would be a valuable addition to the ECFS board and a supporter of the societies aims. Thus, he has my full support and I am confident that he is again a very good choice for this position.

Sincerely,

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**Support for Professor Carsten Schwarz**

Dear ECFS members,

It is with great pleasure that I provide my strong support for Carsten Schwarz to renew his position on the ECFS Board to serve a second term. Carsten is a proven leader in the field of CF, with a strong clinical research background and track record. He has enthusiastically and successfully led many ECFS projects including the Fungal Pathogens Working Group and ECFS Scientific Committees. He has an excellent ability to bring people together, working collaboratively and collegiately across teams for the effective translation of good research ideas to meaningful end products in the clinic. He is a global leader in clinical trials and a dynamic teacher/lecturer. He has published widely over the years and has successfully obtained numerous research grants.

I have had the pleasure of working with him on a number of projects over the years and have seen first-hand his dedication for improving outcomes for people with CF, while supporting other members of the CF research and clinical team in achieving this collective goal. I am very confident that one more term as a ECFS Board Member will bring further success and achievements.

Kind regards,

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