



*Prof. Dr. Carsten Schwarz, M.D.*

Dear ECFS members, dear friends,

Cystic fibrosis is undergoing a unique transformation. As a ECFS board member over the last 3 years I had already the opportunity to be part of a fantastic group of CF care givers who worked on several important topics such as differences in the availability of diagnostic and therapeutic possibilities in Europe but also on addressing topics of the changing face of CF. During conferences and CF meetings it has always been our goal as ECFS board members to transport these new strategies and topics to a wider audience. We achieved a lot in the last years but still many topics must be addressed for patients as well as for care givers. As I participated in the past three years actively in these processes, I would be honored to continue this work for the ECFS board and the ECFS members for another 3-year-period.

I am an adult pneumologist and work as the head of the CF Center, lung-transplantation program at the HMU-Health and Medical University in Potsdam/Germany.

I completed my clinical training in internal medicine, pneumology and palliative care at the lung hospital Heckeshorn in Berlin where I started to look after patients with CF with the focus on lung transplantation.

It is a pleasure for me to support the ECFS already for several years. Beside my ECFS board membership, I was one of the board members of the ECFC Steering Committee. Since 2017 I work as the chairman of the ECFS Fungal Pathogens Working Group which is the result of collaborations between CF clinicians and microbiologists from different countries.

In my home country I serve as a chairman of the CF Clinician Council of the Mukoviszidose e.V. - the German CF Patient Organization - since 2010.

My research interest is focused on infectious disease in CF with focus on diagnosing and treating bronchopulmonary infections which is a big topic also in the era of modulator therapy. In addition, in an ageing CF population my team is studying complications caused by

CF, e.g. CF arthropathy, cancer in CF, abdominal manifestation of CF, and autoimmune diseases. Another important topic we are working on is the digital CF medicine to enable medical support also over longer distances, maybe in the future also to other countries.

At our CF center in Potsdam/Germany, we are treating children and adolescent as well as adults who are not only from Germany but from Poland, Ukraine, The Netherlands, Wales, Rumania, and USA. This enables us as a CF team to be aware of different topics in different age groups and in different home countries which is in my opinion very important also for the work inside the European Cystic Fibrosis Society.

With all my experiences, motivation, and energy, I would love to support the ECFS for another period as an ECFS board member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Schwarz', written in a cursive style.

*Prof. Dr. Carsten Schwarz*