



In my second term as member of the board I would like to continue executing the mission statement by the ECFS. I have been active in CF care and in CF related research from my time as a resident in Pediatrics. I have lead the CF team for 14 years and introduced many innovations in the organization of our CF care to reduce the burden for the patients and their family. Most of my research has been and still is dedicated to CF. I feel strongly that improving CF care is a global challenge requiring close collaboration with the networks that are in place. In fact the way CF organizations closely work together at a global level has paid off and showed the way for other orphan disease networks. Over my more than 25 years involvement in CF I have an built up an extensive network both in research as in clinical care. My 7 years of visiting professorship in Seattle and relations with members within the Therapeutics Development Network (TDN) has contributed to the foundation of the ECFS-CTN. Since 2004 I work closely with Prof. Steve Stick from Perth on the diagnosis and monitoring of early CF lung disease.

Major steps have been made in improving the treatment of CF over the last two decades. However many challenges are still ahead of us. To name a few: How to merge the new therapies with the current standard of treatment. Improvement in CF care in low income countries. Early prevention of late complications etc. etc. The ECFS is in a strong position to keep on contributing importantly to the quality of CF care worldwide. The center point is the annual conference which is of superb quality. Of key importance is to invest in young researchers so they will focus their talents on answering the many questions that we are facing. Innovation, collaboration, and standardization are words close to my heart.