

Dear Friends,

I hereby apply for the position of Chair of the European Society of Emergency Paediatrics (EuSEP).

I truly believe that the ongoing work of EuSEP members has made the Society a respected medical society; with the help of the society, European Pediatric ED physicians are expected to provide a higher level of care than in previous years.

A few words about me: As a pediatric emergency specialist, I was part of the group of physicians who initially created the Paediatric Branch of EuSEM. Since then, I have remained in close contact with most of these remarkable people who, I can proudly say, have become my friends and colleagues. Professionally speaking, I am the current Chair of the Israeli Society for Pediatric EM, a former Director of the Pediatric ED at Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, Israel, and a full clinical professor at the Technion University. Five months ago, I started a new job as Head of the Division of Pediatrics at Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem. I also serve as the lead of the Israeli Pediatric Emergency Research Network (ISPERN). This new research network has already published 6 research papers in some of the top medical journals, including 'JAMA' and 'Clinical Infection Diseases'.

I have been involved in most of the activities of the Society along the years, including in REPEM, and I am a constant member of the faculty of the EuSEM congress pre-course '*Advanced Paediatric Emergency Care (APEC)*', lead by Prof. Said Hachimi Idrissi. Two years ago, I established the EuSEM congress pre-course '*Paediatric Procedural Sedation and Analgesia (PSA)*', a one-day simulation-based training in sedation.

Here is my plan and vision:

- **Promoting PEM education to ensure high quality of emergency care**
Training workshops in core areas of PEM, such as trauma, pain and sedation, POCUS, toxicology, child abuse, and surgical and medical emergencies can be conducted everywhere in Europe and the Middle East. It is not only the knowledge; I truly believe that workshops like these can potentially function as vehicles for communication between emergency healthcare providers anywhere.
- **Continue strengthening and expanding the relationships between EuSEP and other relevant EM and pediatric organizations**
For example, ICEM (International), EAPS (Europe), EAP (Europe), ACEP (USA), CAEP (Canada), SAEM (USA), and ACEM (Australia), and others.
- **Continue strengthening and expanding the activities of the Special Interest Groups**
- **Making an effort to create a sustainable, long-term funding basis for REPEM**
The successful development of EuSEP brings ED pediatricians from all over the globe to the EuSEM congress each year. This means that EuSEP contributes to the revenues from the congress and, as such, it should be rewarded by EuSEM. The way that I see it, some of the EuSEM congress revenues each year should be dedicated to EuSEP activity. The establishment of specific research grants for PEM is a proper use of these funds. The future grants will allow REPEM to develop formal foundations for research projects and will enable REPEM to grow. *I am willing to work continuously and closely on this with the EuSEM president and board of directors.* I will also work to foster greater collaboration between REPEM and other research networks

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