

Heraklion, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Sir/Madame,

My name is Anastasia Spartinou and I am an Emergency Medicine (EM) trainee in the University Hospital of Heraklion, Greece. I am writing to apply for the position of the co-Chair of the YEMD section of EuSEM.

During my undergraduate years, I had the opportunity to study near the pioneers of EM in my country, who introduced me to the ideals of Hellenic Society of Emergency Medicine (HeSEM) and EuSEM. Those few dedicated doctors were fighting for a specialty that was not even recognized in our country at the time and I decided to join them. After completing my specialty in Anesthesiology, I had the opportunity to become one of the first 26 EM trainees in Greece in 2020, when the educational program for the supra-specialty of EM was introduced. In the meantime, I tried to seize any available opportunity to learn more in the area of EM and attend educational projects related to EM in Greece and abroad. Since 2019, I am elected member of the Board of Directors of HeSEM and in 2020 I was appointed representative of the Board for the EM trainees of my country. In 2021, I was selected by the International Federation of Emergency Medicine as a voting member of the Core Curriculum and Education Committee and non-voting member of the Specialty Implementation Committee.

In my opinion, the advancement of EM both locally and internationally can only be achieved by a network of health care professionals. EuSEM offers the vehicle for this network to flourish. The YEMD is an amazing opportunity for young doctors and trainees to connect and share thoughts and ideas. I am sure I can offer my enthusiasm, my efforts and my educational and organization experience to preserve an active and expanding network of young EM doctors.

Yours faithfully,

Anastasia Spartinou