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Current job description

CEO of the Luxembourg Institute of Health (340 research staff in the fields of oncology, infection & immunity, population health) and senior researcher in molecular epidemiology. Part-time clinician at the National Service of Infectious Diseases in Luxembourg with focus on treating HIV and HCV/HBV patients.

Why do you want to be a board member?

I strongly believe that ESAR (and some previous programs) has contributed significantly to the progress of molecular epidemiology of HIV. This effort should be sustained and even extended to new viruses. As founding member of ESAR I would like to run for a second term in order to continue building this European effort and contribute with my competences in virology, medicine but also in management.

What is your contribution to ESAR?

I can potentially contribute the following:

1. knowledge in general virology and molecular epidemiology
2. large experience in database building and maintenance
3. knowledge of the clinical needs of the physicians treating patients
4. knowledge in the management of organizations and networks

What is your vision for ESAR?

I would like to see ESAR being developed into one of the main leaders in translational antiviral research in Europe, with the specific capacity of bringing together people from various countries and backgrounds. ESAR has shown its strong potential to set up and maintain networks of collaborations involving people from many countries and is therefore well prepared to extend to new viruses and novel research questions.

ESAR should also be an advisor to public bodies (e.g. ECDC).