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## **Current job description**

I work as head of the Department of General virology of Ivanovsky institute of virology (now unit of the Federal center of epidemiology and microbiology), Moscow, Russia.

Primarily, my work is going in the T-lymphotropic viruses laboratory where I am involved in the studies of HIV molecular epidemiology and drug resistance.

Other activities: consultant of the Russian science foundation, consultant of the Ministry of health, consultant of UNAIDS programs in former USSR countries.

# Why do you want to be a board member?

The ESAR activities should be extended to the East European countries including post-Soviet space. I think my current position and my contacts with clinics and institutes may be useful in facilitating the collaboration between West and East scientists in the field of antiviral research.

#### What is your contribution to ESAR?

Presently country representative (Russia).

Member of the scientific committee of the European HIV & Hepatitis Meeting since 2013.

The contribution to SPREAD is in preparation.

Participating in meetings and conferences.

### What is your vision for ESAR?

Strengthening the connections between scientists across Europe.

Integrating East into the drug resistance studies.

Building bridges between virology science and clinical practice.

Increasing the education level of practitioners.

Making the molecular studies a routine part of the national epidemiological monitoring programs.